

6. CRANLEY STREET PEDESTRIAN FACILITY

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to proceed to final design, tender and construction of a pedestrian facility in Cranley Street.

BACKGROUND

A request was made to the Board in 2002 asking the Council to consider providing a pedestrian facility between Linwood Library and the Eastgate Mall in Cranley Street. The Board allocated \$9,000 from its 2003/04 project funds for this purpose.

A concept plan has been distributed to the community through the Library, the Mall, the Linwood Service Centre and was also delivered to the surrounding businesses and properties.

DISCUSSION

The response to the proposal to place a pedestrian facility within a flush median in Cranley Street has been positive. Fourteen responses were received, and of those 11 indicated they were in favour. Two responses were against the proposal and one did not state either for or against.

Of the two responses against the proposal, one felt it was a waste of money and the second felt the proposal did not go far enough in protecting pedestrians because of the volume of traffic in this area. The second response against also asked that we investigate making Cranley Street "one way".

One of the responses in favour asked about the use of the flush median and information on this topic has been forwarded to them.

CONCLUSION

As the overwhelming response is in favour of the work being carried out, Council Officers are recommending that the work goes to final design, tender and construction.

Staff

Recommendation: That the installation of a pedestrian facility in Cranley Street proceed to final design, tender and construction.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.