14. CHRISTCHURCH SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS 1999

A report from the Traffic Engineer advised the proposed new speed limits for roads and state highways in the city and asked for recommendations for the February meeting of the City Services Committee.

Discussion centred on the consultation process and the difficulties experienced by pedestrians in Redwood and Belfast in crossing the Main North Road. A representative from Transit New Zealand who was present advised that funds have been requested for next year for treatment of the Main North Road/Johns Road intersection and this should result in a scheme for the area. Traffic lights would most probably be considered, but the disbenefits for traffic flows in the area would need to be studied.

The Board **decided**:

1. That no increase in speed limits on the Main North Road and Cranford Street be approved until the issues of crossing facilities and right-turning at Queen Elizabeth II Drive and Cranford Street intersections with Main North Road were resolved and the necessary work implemented.

(Morgan Fahey recorded his vote against this resolution.)

- 2. That an informal meeting be held with members of the City Services Committee to discuss the issues outlined.
- 3. That the Board make a delegation to the City Services Committee seeking to delay the increase in speed limit on the Main North Road.