

**6. COLOMBO STREET TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT  
CASHMERE ROAD TO TENNYSON STREET**

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The purpose of this report is to outline to the Council a proposed traffic management scheme that will address safety issues relating to a zebra pedestrian crossing in Colombo Street at Malcolm Avenue and provide additional crossing points adjacent to Remuera Avenue and near Hunter Terrace.

This report was considered also by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board.

**BACKGROUND**

The City Streets Unit responded to a request to provide information to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board on the safety of the zebra pedestrian crossing in Colombo Street at Malcolm Avenue. In a report to the Board in August it was resolved that a scheme plan be prepared for removing the existing zebra pedestrian crossing, extending the flush (painted) median along Colombo Street from Tennyson Street to Cashmere Road and constructing up to two pedestrian islands strategically located to assist people crossing Colombo Street. A copy of this report is attached to this report.

Some time ago the City Streets Unit had identified this section of roadway for traffic management improvements to cater for cyclists and pedestrians. The community has expressed concerns about pedestrians crossing Colombo Street at the shops adjacent to Remuera Avenue, at Malcolm Avenue and near Hunter Terrace.

Difficulties faced by cyclists right turning into Ashgrove Terrace during morning peak traffic and the lack of cycle facilities in general have also been identified as matters requiring attention.

**SCHEME PLAN PROPOSAL**

Attached to this report are three (preliminary) plans that indicate priorities for developing pedestrian crossing points along the section of Colombo Street between Cashmere Road and Tennyson Street. A larger plan of the traffic management scheme for this section of roadway will be available at the meeting.

### **PLAN 1**

Proposed pedestrian island and kerb extension in Colombo Street between Remuera Avenue and Woodbridge Road. The proposed flush median is also shown on this plan along with cycle lanes, bus stop locations and the recessed kerbside parking area outside the shops.

### **PLAN 2**

Proposed pedestrian island and kerb extensions. This pedestrian island would replace the existing zebra pedestrian crossing at the Malcolm Avenue intersection. There will be some changes to kerbside parking arrangements in this area including more parking space near the shops with the shifting of the bus stop to near the intersection of Thorrington Road. The proposed flush median is also shown on this plan along with cycle lanes and bus stop locations.

### **PLAN 3**

Proposed pedestrian island and kerb extension adjacent to Earnlea Terrace. The proposed flush median is also shown on the plan along with cycle lanes and proposals to limit kerbside parking where the roadway approaches the Heathcote Bridge adjacent to the Beckenham Service Centre.

### **FLUSH (PAINTED) MEDIAN**

The proposed flush median will provide route continuity along Colombo Street from Brougham Street through to the roundabout at the intersection of Cashmere Road/Centaurus Road and Dyers Pass Road. The extension of the median south from Tennyson Street will provide road space for the construction of three new pedestrian islands and will provide a safety zone for right turning traffic as well as cyclists heading south and turning right into Ashgrove Terrace.

### **CYCLE LANES**

Cycle lanes, when introduced along both sides of Colombo Street, will form part of the on road cycle facility linking Colombo Street through to the proposed Tennyson Street and Strickland Street/Antigua Street cycle facilities. The cycle lane report on Strickland and Antigua Streets was received by the Board at its meeting in August.

### **PROCESS**

Following consideration by the Board and the Committee, the scheme plan can be refined and circulated to residents and businesses in the area as part of the seeking community views process. Funding for the work would be obtained from the capital works programme and has been tentatively set for the 2000/01 financial year.

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board supported the Committee's recommendation to the Council and requested further consideration of safety issues for cyclists travelling north over the Heathcote Bridge.

**Recommendation:** That the scheme plan for traffic management along Colombo Street between Cashmere Road and Tennyson Street, involving the removal of the zebra pedestrian crossing at Malcolm Avenue and the construction of three pedestrian islands, a flush median and cycle lanes be supported by the Council subject to the satisfactory completion of the seeking community views process.