

32. TRAFFIC CALMING RESEARCH PROPOSALS

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The Committee received a report which discussed the future of traffic calming in the city and sought the approval of the Committee to engage consultants to undertake research on traffic calming. At the Committee's September meeting it was decided that a subcommittee of three members would consider traffic calming and develop initiatives for trialing as part of an "action plan". These would include non-engineering traffic calming, travel blending and 40km/hr neighbourhoods. Two separate research projects are now proposed:

Project 1 - Developing a Process for Determining the Most Appropriate Traffic Calming for Various Environments

Project 2 - The Effects of Traffic Calming in Christchurch - An Examination of the Actual Benefits and Costs

The cost of competing Project 1 is estimated at \$35,000 and that of completing Project 2 at \$65,000. No provision has been made in the current Annual Plan for this work and it is proposed to seek funding for Project 1 through either savings or substitutions in the six-month Annual Plan review. Funding for Project 2 will be sought through the next Annual Plan process for the 2000/01 financial year. The Committee endorsed the need to undertake both of the studies.

It was **resolved**:

1. That City Streets staff seek to minimise the installation of speed humps in implementing the current traffic control measures.
2. That the subcommittee decided upon at last month's meeting be Councillors O'Rourke, Buck, Thompson and Wright.
3. That the subcommittee meet to review the consultant's approach described in the report.
4. That a Committee seminar be arranged to include Community Boards in due course to further investigate the programme.