6. RICCARTON/WIGRAM WORKS AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT OF 17 MARCH 2000 MEETING

The Board received a report on the Committee meeting held on Friday 17 March 2000.

6.1 Main South Road at Dressmart/Hornby Mall

The Committee received a report from the Community Engineer in which he advised of a joint proposal by Transit New Zealand, Hornby Mall, Dressmart and the City Council to improve the level of safety for pedestrians crossing the Main South Road.

For many years there has been a desire for pedestrians to cross Main South Road 'mid-block' between the traffic lights at Shands Road and Chalmers Street.

The current level of safety for pedestrians crossing mid-block is reasonably low. The vehicle entry/exit locations into the retail premises conflicts, also, with the primary drive lines for crossing pedestrians.

The majority of the Board were in general agreement with the new facility, as it will improve the level of safety offered to pedestrian movements over the Main South Road.

Concerns were also expressed in relation to the need to retain the current level of median landscaping (this proposal requires the removal of one gum tree) which is a feature of the area.

The Board decided to support the proposal, subject to all other existing trees remaining on the median.

6.2 Petition, Racecourse Road/Yaldhurst Road Installation of Traffic Signals

A petition signed by 49 persons has been received, the prayer of which asks:

"...the City Council to seriously consider installing traffic lights on the corner of Yaldhurst Road and Racecourse Road (Coach Corner)..."

Following a submission made by the local residents association, the Board, at its 2 February 2000 meeting, endorsed the installation of traffic signals at this intersection.

The Board decided, in acknowledging the petition, to forward this to the City Streets Unit which is currently investigating the suitability of traffic signals at the Racecourse Road/Yaldhurst Road intersection.

6.3 Local Area Traffic Management Scheme Priorities

The Committee reviewed the schedule of proposed LATM's covering the two wards.

Areas completed to date were: Deans Avenue SD2 7 Hornby Upper Riccarton Broomfield/Hei Hei/Islington

The Board **decided** to accept the Committee's revised schedule, of:

Sockburn Hornby Stage 2 Halswell Avonhead Avonhead East Riccarton Riccarton North

6.4 Islington Residents Association Update on (October 1999) Heavy Vehicle Movement Petition

The Association's Secretary (Alex Cameron) was in attendance and on behalf of the Association he sought an update on their petition which sought relief from heavy vehicle movement through the residential streets of Islington.

The Committee acknowledged the concern expressed by Mr Cameron (a letter was also tabled from the Association), and noted that the Board had initiated a survey on heavy vehicle movements.

In the interim, it was agreed that the Board could facilitate a meeting with the local contracting company and the Association to discuss possible options for the re-routing of heavy vehicles.

This meeting is to be held on Thursday 30 March 2000.