



6. RICCARTON/WIGRAM WORKS AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT OF 24 NOVEMBER 2000

The Board was in receipt of the report of the Works and Traffic Committee meeting of 24 November 2000.

1. DEANS AVENUE/RICCARTON AVENUE/RICCARTON ROAD INTERSECTION

The proposal to undertake various safety improvement works at this major accident intersection was received by the Committee.

Improvement features included the doubling in size of the roundabout, the “drawing back” of the traffic splitter islands on all four legs of the intersection, and the provision of cycle lanes on Riccarton Road.

The Committee’s concerns in relation to the design layout had related to cycle and pedestrian users.

Bill Greenwood, Safety Auditor with City Streets Unit, was in attendance to discuss the safety concerns of the Committee.

Following discussion, members were more appreciative of the physical constraints of the site being a barrier to a more complete configuration; the proposed improvement works were acknowledged as a positive move towards greater safety for all users.

2. TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND, TRAFFIC ISSUES

On behalf of Transit NZ, Tony Spowart was in attendance to discuss various traffic issues with the Committee.

The Committee had invited representatives from the local residents’ groups to attend this meeting to discuss these issues. Messrs Alex Cameron, Stephen Shimmin and Trevor Herron were in attendance.

Sites discussed included:

- Carmen/Waterloo
- Carmen/Main South
- Yaldhurst/Pound
- Pound/Waterloo/Main South
- Pound bypass
- Halswell Junction/Halswell/Sparks/Kennedys Bush
- Southern Arterial
- Four-laning SH1 to Rolleston
- Four-laning Memorial to Main South, along Russley Road/Carmen Road

3. SHAND CRESCENT AND PIKO CRESCENT TRAFFIC CONTROLS

On behalf of the Middleton/Matipo Association, Ms Justine Mouat was in attendance.

Various traffic management options were discussed; these would be given further consideration by the Association and brought back to this Committee.

4. HORNBY/HEI HEI HEAVY VEHICLE STUDY

The Board was in receipt of the City Streets Unit’s response to the Board’s recommendations on the recently-completed study.

For several years residents of Hornby, Hei Hei, Broomfield and Islington have experienced the adverse effects of heavy commercial vehicle movements through the area. There was an increasing infiltration and short-cutting of these vehicles through local residential streets.

A petition was presented to the Board in September 1999. In response, the Board commissioned a study of heavy vehicles in the area.

The Board, in receiving the study, recommended a three-staged strategy, beginning with:

1. Encouraging a reduction in engine braking usage throughout the study area.
2. Initiating truck bans in the following local streets:
 - Foremans Road (Parker Street to Halswell Junction Road)
 - Wycola Avenue
 - Taurima Street
 - Hei Hei Road
3. Seeking better enforcement of speed limits in Parker Street, Gilberthorpes Road, Buchanans Road, and Waterloo Road (between Gilberthorpes Road and Carmen Road).

The City Streets Unit asked that the issue of banning heavy vehicle movements on lower level network roads (ie Wycola Avenue, Taurima Street and Hei Hei Road) to be considered under its "Living Streets Charter". The second and third stages were generally supported by the City Streets Unit.

The Board **decided** to reaffirm its earlier recommendations, subject to one minor amendment, and to seek speaking rights when this is presented to the City Services Committee in the new year, the Board to be represented by Mike Mora and Helen Broughton.