9. DYERS/LINWOOD INTERSECTION UPGRADE

The Committee considered a report from David Robinson, Transport Planning Engineer, regarding the capital works project proposed for the intersection of Dyers Road and Linwood Avenue which sought approval to seek community views regarding the project.

The report noted that the project had been brought forward into the current year's capital programme as a substitution for another item and that as a consequence the construction process for the intersection improvement needed to be "fast tracked" so that construction could begin within the financial year.

The report detailed a proposed timeline for the project commencing from September 2000 to construction in May/June 2001.

Problems identified with the current intersection were the poor accident history, with a social cost for the period from 1996 to 1999 of approximately \$2.6 million, and that significant delays occurred in morning peak traffic with queues extending up to 700m from the intersection.

It was proposed that the existing roundabout be replaced by traffic signals and the available budget for the project in the Financial Plan was \$400,000.

The Committee **decided** to approve public consultation proceeding on the proposed intersection upgrade at Dyers Road/Linwood Avenue intersection.