

10. STATE HIGHWAY 1 – ISLINGTON TO TEMPLETON PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

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Corporate Plan Output: Speed Limits	

The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council's support for speed limit on State Highway 1 through Templeton.

The existing speed limit through Templeton is 80 km/h.

The residents of Templeton have expressed concern at the speed of vehicles through the township and in particular the Kirk Road intersection.

A speed limit warrant survey has been carried out in accordance with Land Transport Safety Authority's Guidelines for Setting Speed Limits' through Templeton township. The results of the survey indicate that an 70 km/h speed limit is warranted over the section of State Highway located 590 metres generally in a north easterly direction from the intersection with Marshes Road/Barkers Road to point located 200 metres generally in a south westerly direction from the intersection with Trents Road, a distance of 1.90 kilometres.

There is a total of 44 crashes recorded in Land Transport Safety Authority's database for the period 1995 – March 2000. Twelve mid block injury crashes, 12 mid block non-injury crashes, six crashes at the intersection of Barkers/Marten Road and 15 at the intersection of Kirks Road and Trents Road.

Subject to substantial support form the Automobile Association, the Territorial Local Authority and the NZ Police, Transit New Zealand the Road Controlling Authority propose to recommend to the Land Transport Safety Authority a 70 km/h speed limit on this section of State Highway 1.

Recommendation: That the Council support Transit New Zealand's proposal to install a 70 km/h speed restriction on SH1 through Templeton.