

7. **TRAFFIC SAFETY WORK – GARLANDS ROAD, OPAWA ROAD INTERSECTION**

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Corporate Plan Output: Fixed Assets City Streets	

This report was referred to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board for information.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the transfer of 11 Council owned properties at the intersection of Garlands Road and Opawa Road to Transit New Zealand to accommodate the installation of traffic signals and associated road widening as part of the transit upgrade of the State Highway.

Details of the Council’s properties are as follows:

Address: 179 – 191 Opawa Road
197 – 203 Opawa Road
97 Garlands Road

Legal Description: As described on the tabled agreement entry

Zone: Living 1 & B4

Current Use: Vacant land

The existing roundabout is to be replaced with traffic signals and the associated road widening will necessitate the widening of Opawa Road onto the land originally purchased jointly by the Council and Transit New Zealand for the Opawa Expressway.

As the roundabout has been a bottleneck to Opawa Road for some years, Transit New Zealand have advanced the project to the 2000-2001 financial year but unfortunately have made no budgetary provision for the reimbursement of the Council interest in the affected properties.

It is proposed to carry out the work over the next three months and settle the outstanding project ownership details in the 2001–2002 financial year as follows.

Government Valuation: Following the completion of the design work by the Council for Transit, negotiations will commence for the compensation for the land required in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, i.e. compensation to be assessed by independent valuers appointed by the respective parties and all legal, valuation and survey costs to be met by Transit New Zealand.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the properties be transferred subject to agreement on valuation.
 2. That Transit New Zealand be given right of entry to the land prior to transfer being effected.
 3. That the Property Manager be authorised to effect settlement at a sum to be negotiated between the respective valuations.
 4. That all legal, valuation and survey costs including the redefinition of the balance area of Council land be met by Transit New Zealand.