

4. WILSONS ROAD (ST MARTINS ROAD TO CENTAURUS ROAD) TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

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The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council's approval to construct a pedestrian island, with associated kerb extensions and mark on cycle lanes on Wilsons Road (refer attached plans).

BACKGROUND

This project is in response to concerns regarding the safety of school children crossing Wilsons Road to and from the St Martins Christian School, located on both sides of Wilsons Road. The proposal to install a flush (painted) median and marked cycle lanes will continue the arterial road traffic management currently being installed toward the city on Wilsons and Waltham Road as well as assisting pedestrians crossing the roadway. Residents have previously raised concerns about the speed of vehicles travelling along Wilsons Road.

FUNDING

This project is estimated to cost \$35,000 which will be funded from the "Road Safety at Schools" and the "Pedestrian and Cycle Initiatives" budgets.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A leaflet describing the proposals was distributed prior to Christmas with a closing date for submissions at the end of January 2001. A summary of the responses received to date is:

1. Support the plans, great idea to put in cycle tracks.
2. Support. Cycle lanes are most welcome.
3. Looks a lot safer but would like pedestrian crossings reinstated at Centaurus/Wilsons.
4. This project is badly needed and the plans are excellent. Would like stop signs to replace the Give Way controls at the St Martins/Wilsons and Centaurus/Wilsons intersection.
5. Like the plan, but would like to extend the no stopping outside the supermarket.
6. Don't think the road is wide enough.
7. Concern about road width at the school crossing point for cyclists.
8. Would like to see a lower speed limit on Wilsons Road.
9. Flush medians are great and with an island they're even better.
10. Prefer not to lose car parking outside residence, opposite the shopping centre. Could a parking bay be put in?
11. Request for an additional island near the library. Would like road markings similar to those installed in Waltham Road.
12. Concern about the road width for right turning traffic into Gamblins Road.

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board at its 30 January 2001 meeting endorsed the proposal.

Response

3. Pedestrian crossings at the Centaurus/Wilsons intersection. These were removed and replaced with kea crossings (school patrols). The reason for this was due to the high casualty rate between pedestrians and motorists exiting the roundabout.
4. Stop signs at the 2 roundabouts. This would require a fundamental change in the management of roundabouts with the corresponding change to the traffic regulations etc.
5. Extended parking restrictions would require further consultation with adjoining property owners/businesses.
6. The lane widths including parking are sufficient and are in accord with similar treatments around town.
7. The road width at the kerb extensions is not compromised. This is due to marked cycle lanes continue in a straight line from the edge of the parking lane past the extended kerbs. Note the extended kerbs do not protrude further out into the roadway than the parking lane edge.
8. Speed limits below 50 km/h would be subject to further consultation and Council resolution.
10. The construction cost of a bay would be approximately \$10,000. This would provide one car park. The property is a corner property with parking on Gamblins Road. The City Streets Unit does not consider the expense of a recessed bay to be appropriate.
11. There is insufficient road space at this location for an island, cycle lanes and the required parking. The overall road marking will complement Waltham Road.
12. The design of the wider flush median, traffic lanes, and cycle lanes at this location specifically addresses this concern.

SUMMARY

The community response is generally favourable with the one exception of a corner property in regard to parking.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a pedestrian island with extended kerbs (painted) median, and cycle lanes be installed in Wilsons Road between St Martins Road and Centaurus Road.
 2. That the parking of any vehicles be restricted at all times on the north-eastern side of Wilsons Road, commencing at St Martins Road and extending in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 25 metres.
 3. That the parking of any vehicles be restricted at all times on the south-western side of Wilsons Road, commencing at St Martins Road and extending in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 35 metres.
 4. That the parking of any vehicles be restricted at all times to the north-east side of Wilsons Road, commencing at a point 21 metres north-west of Cresselly Place and extending in a south-west direction for a distance of 21 metres.
 5. That the parking of any vehicles be restricted at all times to the south-west side of Wilsons Road, commencing at a point 16 metres north-west of Cresselly Place, and extending in a south-west direction for a distance of 16 metres.
 6. That the parking of any vehicles be restricted at all times to the south-west side of Wilsons Road commencing at the intersection of Gamblins Road, and extending in a north-east direction for a distance of 68 metres.
 7. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 10 minutes on the north-eastern side of Wilsons Road, commencing at a point 25 metres south-west of St Martins Road, and extending in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 27 metres.