

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

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Tony spoke to the Board regarding Transit New Zealands proposals for Main North Road, Belfast. All of the proposals are subject to attracting Transfund funding.

- *Radcliffe Road/Main North Road Intersection to be Signalised*

This is now a viable project since the Supercentre and Northwood subdivision have been established. A footpath and cycleway will be part of the project and the landscaping will incorporate Turning Point 2000 planting. Stage I of the project will be completed in May and finishes at Radcliffe Road. The balance of the project (the duplication of the Styx Bridge) will be completed next year.

- *Johns Road/Main North Road Intersection to be Signalised*

This will be the first stage in traffic signals along Main North Road. This project does not require acquisition of property or resource consents, although some residents' parking will be lost. Gantry lighting will probably be part of this project.

- *Traffic Management Strategy through Belfast*

Transit has a budget for safety works, and four intersections along Main North Road are being considered for signal installation. The Richill Street intersection traffic signals could be installed in the next two to three months. Stage II would include the Belfast Road intersection and the Factory Road intersection. Stage III of this project would include changes to median strips. The signals would be co-ordinated to allow flow through of traffic along Main North Road.

The timing of this project depends on funding allocation.

The Board endorsed all of the proposals and offered to write a letter of endorsement to Transit New Zealand in support of the funding allocation. The Board also offered to help facilitate consultation with the residents of Belfast. To this end staff were requested to arrange a public meeting for late February/early March.