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NOTICES OF MOTION

1. COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS TO MAKE THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY TRAFFIC AND PARKING ALTERATION BYLAW 2002

The City Streets Manager has submitted the following report, seeking approval for the adoption of the foregoing bylaw, to provide for the installation of 40km/h school zones at three sites around the city:

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The purpose of this report is to update the Council on the installation of 40km/h school zones at three sites around the city and to commence procedures to replace the Seventh Schedule (Part-Time Speed Limits) of the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991.

BACKGROUND

New school zones are to be established at the following locations:

- In Sparks Road outside Hoon Hay and Our Lady of Assumption Schools*
- In Prestons Road outside Marshland School*
- In Kirk Road and Banks Road outside Templeton School*

In October 2002, tenders were invited for the supply and installation of electronic variable speed signs for these school zones. Following evaluation of the tenders, the tender submitted by Traffic Control Systems (\$111,046) was accepted. Reflective signs are to be provided under a separate contract at an estimated cost of \$7,500.

DISCUSSION

Budget provision for the installation of the school zones was \$100,000. The estimated cost of installing the new zones was based on the cost of implementing the original trial sites in 1999/2000. Since this time there has been a sharp increase in the cost of installing the electronic signs. The sign manufacturer has now developed a more advanced product that is being marketed in Australia as well as New Zealand.

Based on the current cost of installing the electronic signs, the future cost of establishing each school zone will be between \$30,000 and \$40,000, depending on the number of electronic signs required. Site conditions such as speed environment and whether signs need to be provided on side streets, dictate the number of electronic and reflective signs required for each installation.

BYLAW

Special order procedures to alter the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 will need to be commenced to enable the Council to install the new school zones. Rather than adding new clauses to the existing Seventh Schedule (Part-Time Speed Limits) in the bylaw, it is proposed that the schedule be revoked and replaced with a new Seventh Schedule. This will enable the Council to tidy up minor drafting errors in the existing schedule while adding the four clauses required to establish the new School Zones.

CONCLUSION

The signs for the new school zones will be installed by the end of January 2003, prior to the commencement of the school year. It is proposed to officially launch the School Speed Zones on 29 January 2003. Notification of the launch (at the three sites) and the seminar at "Our City" will be distributed to Councillors shortly.

The Council is therefore requested to consider and if thought fit to adopt the following resolution:

- “(a) That in pursuance of the powers vested in it by the Local Government Act 1974 and the Transport Act 1962, the Christchurch City Council makes the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking Alteration Bylaw 2002 (copy attached).*
- “(b) That the Council Secretary be authorised to give public notice that the foregoing resolution will be submitted to a meeting of the Council to be held on Friday 20 December 2002, for confirmation by way of Special Order.”*