

#### 4. MARSHLAND ROAD – ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the traffic management proposal for Marshland Road south approach to the roundabout at Prestons Road as shown on the attached scheme plan.

##### BACKGROUND

The proposed traffic management plan will address the road safety issues along the frontages of the properties in Marshland Road on the south approach to the roundabout at Preston Road. A crash reduction study of Marshland Road was completed in February 2001 and the results of the study were the subject of a report to the Committee at its meeting on 26 November 2002. A copy of the report is tabled.

##### DISCUSSION

As recommended at the November 2002 meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee, further consultation has been carried out. All property owners affected by the proposal have been contacted and agreement has been reached to proceed with the plan. The business at No. 410 'Marshlands Produce', who had made a presentation to the Burwood/Pegasus and Papanui/Shirley Community Boards, has agreed to parking being banned for part of his property frontage and parallel short term parking being available on a loading zone until long term plans for Marshland Road and their development of the produce business are complete.

A comprehensive on-site inspection resulted in some changes to the original proposal. Parking along both sides of the road will be banned, except outside the produce market at No. 410. On the east side the shared 2.5m cycle/pedestrian pathway will be reformed with a high quality surfacing that will provide a smooth running surface and the 2.8m shoulder will be marked with broken yellow no stopping lines, an edge line, and chevrons to allow vehicles to pull out of the traffic stream to turn left into property entrances.

Along the west side of Marshland Road broken yellow no stopping lines will be marked at the edge of the seal, a 1.7m cycle lane and a 3.5m traffic lane.

The painted median has been widened and extended to beyond the driveway at No. 375 as requested by the property owner. The length of roadway involved in the traffic management proposal is now 540 metres.

The long term proposal for traffic management along Marshland Road would be to continue the ban on parking along both sides of Marshland Road to the QEII Drive intersection. This would result in all of Marshland Road from Briggs Road to Prestons Road having no on-street parking.

##### CONCLUSION

After the consultation had been carried out, and adjustments made to the scheme plan, the findings were reported to a combined seminar meeting of the Papanui/Shirley and the Burwood/Pegasus Community Boards which was held on Wednesday 22 January 2003. The meeting resolved that the following recommendations be presented to the next Board meetings:

1. *That the Board support the installation of a flush median, traffic lanes, cycle lanes markings on Marshland Road commencing at the Prestons road roundabout and extending in a southerly direction for 500m.*
2. *That a no stopping restriction be installed on the west side of Marshland Road commencing at the Prestons Road roundabout and extending in a southerly direction for 500m.*
3. *That a no stopping restriction be installed on the east side of Marshland Road commencing at the Prestons road roundabout and extending in a southerly direction for 500m and that the provision of a loading zone in the vicinity of No. 410 Marshland Road is supported.*
4. *That a high standard of maintenance be maintained once the installation of the footpath/cycleway is completed.*

5. *That the speed limit be reviewed from Briggs Road to Prestons Road.*
6. *That a review of signs be carried out once the work has been completed.*

At the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board meeting on 27 January 2003 the above recommendations were adopted and another added – *‘That six months after the completion of the work, the outcome be reported to the Board.’*

Having gained agreement with the property owners, businesses and the Community Boards, it is recommended that traffic management along Marshland Road from Prestons Road for a distance of 540 metres proceed.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the traffic management plan as attached be approved.
  2. That the parking of vehicles be prohibited at all times in the following areas:
    - i) On the west side of Marshland Road commencing at its intersection with Prestons Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 540 metres.
    - ii) On the east side of Marshland Road commencing at its intersection with Prestons Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 206 metres.
    - iii) From a point measured 246 metres south of its intersection with Prestons Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 260 metres.
  3. That a ‘P5 loading zone at anytime’ be installed on the east side of Marshland Road commencing at a point 206 metres from its intersection with Prestons Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 40 metres.