

9. SPRINGS ROAD : PROPOSED TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND CYCLE LANES

The City Streets Manager submitted a plan of proposed safety improvements in Springs Road between Aymes Road and Awatea Road, and sought approval for the plan to be distributed for community consultation.

This project is budgeted in the Cycleway Budget in the 2003/04 year. It is part of the Branston Intermediate School "bubble" project. As part of the project development the Branston Intermediate School pupils were surveyed to determine locations on their route to and from school they had concerns with. One was the difficulty of crossing Springs Road, between Amyes Road and Awatea Road. It is proposed to address this issue with this work.

On behalf of the City Streets Manager, Brian Boddy was in attendance to discuss this project. His recommendation was that the concept plan be approved and put out for public consultation.

In discussion, concerns were raised that the traffic counts did not necessarily reflect the current usage of the roads in question. Members also sought more information on traffic signals as a viable option for this work.

The Board **decided** that the plan be circulated to a wider community catchment and that the City Streets Unit report back on that consultation together with up to date traffic counts and a full report on the various traffic signal options; to be considered by the Board's Transport and Roding Committee.