


4. RICcarton ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT



The City Streets Manager reported to the Board on the status of the Riccarton Road cycle project, and sought support for scheme plans for two sections of Riccarton Road which the City Streets Unit proposes to take to the community for consultation.

The STU Committee and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board were advised of the City Streets Unit's intention to investigate potential cycle and pedestrian projects along Riccarton Road in February 2002 and October 2002 respectively.

Subsequent to those reports, the City Streets Unit has reviewed the project objectives, and done several drive-throughs of the road. As a result of the survey of the road, and feedback from the Board in particular, it is clear that the simple development of cycle facilities will not meet the needs of the road environment.

The City Streets Unit has proposed to the six monthly budget review process and the Annual Plan process that the various budgets for Riccarton Road cycle project, pedestrian crossing project and traffic management project be combined into one multi-year project, so that the range of issues for Riccarton Road can be more effectively and efficiently managed.

A proposed scheme plan has been developed for Riccarton Road, between Waimairi and Ilam Roads. The plan was developed primarily in response to community concerns for a pedestrian crossing point opposite Auburn Reserve, and the opportunity has been taken to propose cycle lanes at the same time. Some consultation on this project has already been completed in the local area with a good level of support. The Unit recommends the scheme plan proceed to wider consultation.

A proposed scheme plan has been developed for Riccarton Road, between Mandeville Street and Deans Avenue. The scheme primarily provides cycle safety benefits, and the opportunity has been taken to include additional footpath improvements. The Unit recommends the scheme plan proceed to wider consultation.

The Unit is also recommending that the first stage of consultation for Riccarton Road between Ilam and Clyde Road proceed – being a survey of adjoining property issues and concerns.

The Board **decided**:

1. That the information on the budget structure change be received.
2. That the scheme plan for Riccarton Road, between Waimairi and Ilam Roads, now proceed to community consultation.
3. That the scheme plan for Riccarton Road, between Mandeville St and Deans Ave, now proceed to community consultation.
4. That the first stage of consultation – issues identification – for the section of Riccarton Road between Ilam and Clyde, proceed.
5. That Bob Shearing's appointment to the STU Working Party be reaffirmed.

(Helen Broughton asked that her vote against the above decision be noted.)