

## 7. BREEZES ROAD CYCLE LANES - AVONDALE ROAD TO WAINONI ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the results of the community consultation on the Breezes Road cycle lanes from Avondale Road to Wainoni Road and to seek the Board's approval to proceed to final design, tender and construction.

### BACKGROUND

In April 2003 a "Safe Cycling" questionnaire was sent to students at both Chisnallwood Intermediate and Aranui High Schools. From the information students supplied, cycle and pedestrian counts and site visits to observe parking, cycling and pedestrians at the school gates, some proposals have been developed to increase safety for cyclists and pedestrians in the vicinity of the schools.

A new 40 km/h school zone has been installed in Breezes Road covering both Chisnallwood Intermediate and Avondale Primary Schools. A further school zone has been installed in Breezes Road outside Aranui Primary and Aranui High Schools. Both of these zones commenced operation on 15 March 2004. The proposal for the cycle lanes has taken these new school zones into account when developing the project.

The objectives of the project are to:

- Improve safety for cyclists.
- Encourage the use of cycles.
- Install cycle facilities in Breezes Road between Avondale and Wainoni Roads.
- Maintain or improve the current access provisions for all modes of transport associated with the schools.
- Maintain and improve safety for pedestrians and motorists.
- Ensure the works are compatible with the new school speed limit zones and the Wainoni Road kerb and channel renewal at Breezes Road.

### CONSULTATION

The Board gave approval at its 29 March 2004 meeting to consult with the community and up until 21 May 12 comments mostly supporting the project were received.

The table attached lists the comments and the responses to these.

Letters have been sent with responses from the table to the eight of the 12 residents who submitted their name and address with their comments.

It is proposed to arrange an education programme for the school pupils in the area to enable them to fully understand the changes being made to the traffic lane markings.

The report to the Board in March 2004 indicated that "*all properties that will have a reduction in on-street parking or placement of a bus stop*" will be visited to explain the proposal. Owners of properties in this category have been contacted.

### CONCLUSIONS

There is general support for the installation of the cycle lanes.

The loss of parking is still an issue for some residents.

The updated plan which incorporates many residents' suggestions fulfils the objectives of the project.

#### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the Breezes Road cycle lanes - Avondale Road to Wainoni Road project proceed to final design, tender and construction.

#### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.