

9. BREEZES ROAD - AVONDALE ROAD TO WAINONI ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to consult with the community on the proposal to place cycle lanes in Breezes Road from Avondale Road to Wainoni Road.

BACKGROUND

Breezes Road is a collector road with an 11 metre carriageway and carries 9,000 vehicles per day.

In April 2003 a "Safe Cycling" questionnaire was sent to students at both Chisnallwood Intermediate and Aranui High School. 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 operating 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.
- To encourage the use of cycles.
- To install cycle facilities in Breezes Road between Avondale and Wainoni Roads.
- To 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.

DISCUSSION

The original scheme looked at the implementation of cycle lanes on Breezes Road from Avondale Road to Pages Road. However, due to budget restraints the extent of the scheme has been reduced to the section from Avondale Road to Wainoni Road. This section has a greater volume of cyclists and caters for the students at Chisnallwood Intermediate and Avondale Primary School.

The proposal shows on road cycle lanes on both sides of the road. As a result of the carriageway width, on-street parking has been removed on the north side of Breezes Road from Avondale Road to the golf course. Parking bays have been provided either side of Eglinton Street to accommodate parking requirements at Chisnallwood Intermediate. Parking is also restricted either side of Pembroke Street to accommodate a pedestrian refuge and a flush median. This offers protection to pedestrians and cyclists exiting Pembroke Street and crossing outside the Intermediate.

At Avondale School a parking bay has been provided along the golf course frontage and parking has been removed on the south side of the road leading into the crossing facility. The bus stop on the south side, near the Breezes Road intersection, has been relocated and a parking bay created.

The Avondale Road/Breezes Road intersection has been redefined to increase safety and define the road space for all road users.

The (2004/05) budget for this project is \$247,115 and the estimated cost is \$258,000.

CONSULTATION

Some preliminary consultation undertaken with both Avondale Primary School and Chisnallwood Intermediate and received favourable comments. Avondale Primary School expressed some concerns in regard to the limited amount of parking at the school gate and asked that the Unit investigate extending the parking bay on the north side by 91 metres. The cost of this extension has been estimated at \$40,000 and will increase parking by approximately 12 spaces due to driveways. However, this was beyond the budget available.

The proposal has not yet been communicated to the wider community. The next stage will be to communicate the proposal to all properties owners and residents by the delivery or mailing of a letter and plan. Council Officers intend to visit all properties that will have a reduction in on-street parking or placement of a bus stop to explain the proposals.

Staff

Recommendation: That the cycle lane proposal for Breezes Road from Avondale Road to Wainoni Road be approved for public consultation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.