

7. SNOWDON ROAD - PROPOSED KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board approve for construction, the plan for the renewal of the dish channels for the full length of Snowdon Road.

BACKGROUND

Snowdon Road is a local road with a traffic flow of 300 vehicles/day (measured in August 2003 after the median was constructed in Fendalton Road). It is on the Capital Works Programme to have its kerb and dish channel renewed in the 2004/05 financial year. Two publicity pamphlets have been circulated and a residents' meeting has been held. The feedback to the last publicity pamphlet distributed in late February is as follows: -

- Several supported the new proposal.
- Several requested that the overhead wiring be undergrounded.
- Several expressed the strong desire to retain the present carriageway width of 14 metres.
- Three responses request the splitter island is removed or shortened.
- One asked that the new road surface be hotmix.
- A request was made that the proposed landscaping outside No. 7 be replaced with grass.
- Another desires lamp posts similar to those installed in Wai-wetu Street.
- A request was also received that the carriageway is not narrowed to 6 metres at the speed humps.

DISCUSSION

The **attached** plan addresses the concerns raised and desires expressed by the majority of the responders to the original publicity plan. In response to the above feedback it is advised that: -

- No allowance has been made for the undergrounding of the overhead wiring although the project is to be held until August 2004 to allow residents and property owners the opportunity to make a cost-sharing agreement with the Council.
- There is a desire for a twelve metre or wider carriageway while the normal carriageway width for a local road is nine metres. The project team has already widened the carriageway width to ten metres as a compromise. The extra metre width in the carriageway will increase the cost of the project by an estimated \$17,000; if the carriageway were widened to 12 metres it would add an additional \$34,000 over the ten metre wide option.
- The need for and length of the splitter island has been checked. It should not be removed or reduced in length for safety reasons.
- The new road surface will be chip seal, which is the Councils' standard for local roads.
- The landscaping outside No. 7 will be replaced with grass.
- The lamp post design will depend on whether the wiring is undergrounded or not.
- As the majority want the oak trees at the speed humps retained, the carriageway cannot be made any wider. Allowance must be made for the trees future growth in the positioning of the proposed kerb.

The amount of \$275,005 is budgeted for this project, which is less than the present estimated cost of \$319,000 for the ten metre wide carriageway. Additional funding will be transferred to Snowdon Road from the Capital Works Programme to cover the shortfall.

Work is planned to start in November 2004 depending on whether the overhead wiring is undergrounded. If the wiring is undergrounded the project will be delayed twelve months approximately.

The key objectives for this proposal is to replace the existing kerb and dish channel (which is at the end of its economic lifespan) with kerb and flat channel while improving traffic safety and the streetscape. Having met these objectives the project is recommended to the Community Board for construction.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Community Board approves plan TP 159307 for construction.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.