

4. RICCARTON ROAD – PROPOSED “NO STOPPING” RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval to install a single section of broken yellow “no stopping” restriction on the north side of Riccarton Road, west of the Kauri Street intersection (refer to **attached** plan).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received complaints from road users and local businesses regarding safety issues associated with on-street parking on Riccarton Road, west of the Kauri Street intersection.
3. Riccarton Road is classified as a minor arterial road in the City Plan, accommodating traffic volumes of approximately 27,000 vehicles per day. Adjacent land on Riccarton Road east of the Matipo Street intersection is commercial, with the Westfield Riccarton Shopping Centre located on the south side and motel complexes located on the north. The north side of Riccarton Road, between the Matipo Street and Kauri Street intersections, is a major passenger transport hub with a bus stop measuring 27 metres in length, accommodating two buses.
4. On-street parking is prohibited on the north side of Riccarton Road between Puriri Street and Kauri Street, with the exception of five car parking spaces and a bus stop located immediately west of the Kauri Street intersection.
5. Two of the five on-street car parking spaces are located between the Kauri Motel and the Kauri Street intersection and are afforded the protection of the kerb build out at the Kauri Street intersection. Therefore, vehicles parked in these spaces are not blocking visibility or compromising road safety. It is proposed that this remain unchanged. The remaining three on-street car parking spaces are located directly east of the bus stop between the vehicle entrances to the Kauri Motel and the Deans Bush Motel. Removing these spaces through the installation of a section of broken yellow “no stopping” line would improve ingress and egress for the buses and improve the safety and visibility of vulnerable road users including pedestrians and cyclists around the buses. The installation of a section of broken yellow “no stopping” line would also improve visibility for vehicles exiting the Kauri Motel and the Deans Bush Motel. Observations have shown that vehicles turning left or right onto Riccarton Road from the motels have to move well into the road to check that the road is clear before completing their manoeuvre, due to a lack of visibility predominantly attributed to the presence of parked cars and buses on Riccarton Road.
6. A search of the Land Transport database revealed one reported crash within the last five years, where a vehicle turning right onto Riccarton Road from a motel did not see and/or look when required to give way and hit a vehicle east bound on Riccarton Road. However, local business owners have reported several unreported crashes at this location and numerous near misses predominantly attributed to a lack of visibility and congestion associated with parked cars and buses.
7. The preferred option to improve road safety is the installation of a section of broken yellow “no stopping” line and the removal of three of the five remaining car parking spaces on the north side of Riccarton Road west of the Kauri Street intersection. This option will improve ingress and egress for buses, improve safety for vulnerable road users around the buses and improve visibility for vehicles exiting neighbouring commercial properties as well as being cost effective.
8. Consultation has been carried out with the affected motel proprietors and support has been forthcoming.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. The installation of road markings is within operational budgets.
10. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions including broken yellow (no stopping) lines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Riccarton Road commencing at a point 38.5 metres east of the Kauri Road intersection and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 15.5 metres.