

8. BRIDGE STREET - CHRISTCHURCH CITY REGISTER OF SPEED LIMITS - AMENDMENT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to the Council for approval of the proposed amendments to the Christchurch City Register of Speed Limits.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Staff have discovered that the existing resolution that is recorded in the Christchurch City Register of Speed Limits setting the change point for the speed limit on Bridge Street from 50 kilometres per hour to 70 kilometres per hour may not be enforceable because it references Kibblewhite Street, a road that no longer intersects with Bridge Street. When the section of Kibblewhite Street was closed the resolutions should have been corrected in the Christchurch City Register of Speed Limits. No consultation was carried out in regards to Bridge Street as no physical change is proposed.
3. When setting new speed limits the Council must comply with the requirements set out in Schedule 1 of the 'Land Transport Rule (54001), Setting Of Speed Limits 2003' (The Rule). Typically Council staff will engage the services of independent consultants to assess any proposed new speed limit according to criteria in 'The Rule'. In the case of Bridge Street, as no physical change is proposed, no independent assessment was carried out. (Refer **Attachment.**)
4. Before a speed limit is set or changed, Section 7.1(2) of 'The Rule' requires that consultation is carried out with the following persons that may be affected by the proposed speed limit:
 - (a) Road controlling authorities that are responsible for roads that join, or are near, the road on which the speed limit is to be set or changed; and
 - (b) A territorial authority that is affected by the existing or proposed speed limit; and
 - (c) Any local community that the road controlling authority considers to be affected by the proposed speed limit; and
 - (d) The Commissioner (Police); and
 - (e) The Chief Executive Officer of the New Zealand Automobile Association Incorporated; and
 - (f) The Chief Executive Officer of the New Zealand Road Transport Forum; and
 - (g) Any other organisation or road user group that the road controlling authority considers to be affected by the proposed speed limit: and
 - (h) The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).
5. Once the provisions of 'The Rule' have been complied with in relation to determining the appropriate speed and undertaking the necessary consultation, the Council may set that speed limit by passing a resolution under clause 5 of the Christchurch City Speed Limits Bylaw (2010). The new speed limits will then be recorded in the Christchurch City Register of Speed Limits.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The estimated cost of this proposal is \$nil.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

7. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

8. This process is being carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in the Local Government Act 2002, the Land Transport Rule (54001), Setting of Speed Limits 2003, and the Christchurch City Council Speed Limits Bylaw 2010.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Yes, aligns with the Streets and Transport activities by contributing to the Council's Community Outcomes - Safety and Community.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

10. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. Yes, aligns with Council strategies including the Road Safety Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. As stated in paragraph 2 above, no consultation was carried out on the proposed changes on Bridge Street as no physical changes are proposed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board recommends that the Council resolve:

- (a) That it is satisfied that the consultation undertaken by the Council in respect to the proposal to set new speed limits on the roads specified below meets the requirements of Section 7.1 (2) of The Land Transport Rule (54001): Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2003;
- (b) That pursuant to clause 5 (1) of Christchurch City Setting of Speed Limits 2010, speed limits be set as listed below:
 - (i) That the speed limit on Bridge Street, from Bexley Road to a point measured 350 metres west of Cromer Place, be set at 70 kilometres per hour;
 - (ii) That any existing speed limits superseded by the recommendations in this report be revoked;
- (c) That the speed limits in (b) (i) above, come into force on 28 October 2011.