

2. NORMANS ROAD/STROWAN ROAD – PROPOSED CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

At its meeting on 2 March 2004, the Board decided that representatives of all parties involved in the consultation to date be invited to attend a working partnership meeting to work through with staff the options available and develop an overall community driven road design plan for reporting back to the Board.

The Project Consultation Leader (Brian Boddy) presented a report on the outcomes of a meeting held on Wednesday 10 March 2004, where the majority of attendees agreed to propose to the Board the following courses of action:

“That:

1. (a) *The proposed cycle lanes and pedestrian island be constructed with the addition of two “raised cobbled platforms” as shown on the appended plan as one project; or*
(b) *If “raised cobbled platforms” are not permitted in Normans Road, flush platforms would be acceptable as a second option.*
2. *Double yellow centre lines be considered for the length of Normans Road from Alpha Avenue to Papanui Road.*
3. *Sometime in the near future the cycle lanes be extended from Alpha Avenue to Papanui Road along Normans Road.*
4. *Parking spaces be defined with parking ‘ticks’ through the shopping centre in Normans Road”.*

Technical aspects relating to the favoured proposals were elaborated on in the accompanying agenda report as well as an assessment of the effectiveness and authorisation requirements for such works, cost options and funding and consultation arrangements.

In consideration of the meeting outcomes, members asked a number of questions and sought clarification on aspects of the agreed outcomes. Technical queries regarding the favoured proposal and funding arrangements to implement what was being requested were also raised.

(4.37 pm. The Chairman suspended the meeting for 15 minutes and shortly after its resumption, Mark Kunnen retired, having been requested to leave the meeting by the Chairman.)

The Project Consultation Leader, in reply to a question, confirmed that representatives from the first petition against the Council’s proposal, the second petition supporting the Council’s scheme, and representatives from Heaton Intermediate School and SPOKES had attended the 10 March meeting.

The Chairman in an accompanying agenda comment, proposed that the Board proceed to confirm its decision of 2 September 2003 and that the platform treatment options along with the funding related aspects now be processed by the Council.

Also referred to was a Board decision made in November 2002 aimed at enhancing the shopping precinct in partnership with the shopkeepers on a cost share basis. Board project funding of \$10,000 in 2003/04 was available to support any such arrangement.

The Board **decided:**

1. That the proposal for two flush cobbled platforms in Normans Road, at the two traffic islands, be supported for inclusion in the Council’s Capital Works Programme, under the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme.
2. That discussions be initiated with the shopkeepers to explore opportunities for streetscape enhancement within the shopping precinct, on a cost share basis.

Clause 11 (Part C) of this report sets out the Board’s substantive decision on this project.

The Chairman agreed to the members’ request for Mark Kunnen to return to the meeting if he was still in the building, or if contact could be made with him by cellphone.