

2. SCHOOL ZONE IMPLEMENTATION 2004/05 YEAR

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The purpose of this report is to:

- Advise the Council of a review of the school zone selection and prioritisation process.
- Identify and recommend for approval, three sites for the implementation of school zones in the 2004/05 financial year.

BACKGROUND

Given the previous involvement of the Road Safety Coordinating Committee in this matter, a copy of this report was also presented to its 9 June 2004 meeting, and the recommendation in this report is supported by that Subcommittee.

Prior to the current 2003/04 financial year, the Road Safety Coordinating Committee received and approved, a report recommending the installation of two school zones in Breezes Road for four schools, and one zone in Innes Road for two schools. The Committee recommended those three zones to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.

Incorporated into that report was a process detailing the prioritisation of 153 school frontages in Christchurch City. Over the past year, further requests for school zones have been received. Many of these requests have involved roads adjacent to a school but not necessarily the road which has the main entrance to the school. We have, therefore, expanded the database to include all roads with a school access. The number of potential school zone candidates has as a consequence risen from 153 to 278. At the same time the 'community interest' factor in the prioritisation process was reviewed to better recognise whether the concern expressed could be mitigated by the introduction of a school zone, rather than by other traffic management or safety remedial works.

The attached 'Selection and Prioritisation' document further describes the philosophy used to determine priorities for these 278 candidates. Also attached is a list of the top scoring sites (candidates) ie 21 sites that scored 26 and above. This list is a 'living' document which will be periodically reviewed, and should conditions change at a particular site, the scores and therefore relative priority, will change accordingly.

This list identifies the three sites that rank highest among the sites scoring 26 and above, excluding high ranked sites that have other more effective traffic control devices (eg traffic signals), or where there are other developments pending.

The three recommended sites are:

- Waimairi Road at Westburn School
- Ilam Road at Cobham Intermediate and Burnside Primary
- New Brighton Road at Burwood School.

Committee

Recommendation: That the Council approves three school zones on Waimairi Road at Westburn School, on Ilam Road at Cobham Intermediate, and on New Brighton Road at Burwood School as the next to be installed in the 2004/05 financial year.