

19. CONTROL AND SIGNAGE OF LEFT TURN SLIP LANES AT SIGNALISED INTERSECTIONS

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Corporate Plan Output: Street Markings and Signs 9.6.0	

The purpose of this report is to gain approval to change the control of signalised intersection slip lanes where required, in accordance with the national guideline. These slip lanes are most commonly used to assist left turning traffic, however, in some locations right turning traffic may benefit from such designs, ie one way streets.

There has been a general lack of consistency in the control and signing of slip lanes. Conflicting signage has resulted in a lack of understanding by many motorists, particularly of the meaning of the 'Free Turn' sign. By signing slip lanes consistently and in accordance with the 'Road and Traffic Standard No 9' (Guidelines for the Signing and Layout of Slip Lanes), motorists will become more aware of their obligations when using slip lanes.

The Land Transport Safety Authority and Transit New Zealand are working towards complete removal of all 'Free Turn' signs and replacing them with either 'Turn Left at Any Time With Care' signs or installation of 'Give Way' controls for the turning traffic where appropriate. All slip lanes associated with traffic signals on City Council controlled roads have been upgraded to comply with the standard. Transit New Zealand, through their consultants, have requested that the Council resolve the following give way control on a State Highway intersection. ([attached plan](#))

Recommendation: That the Council be asked to approve that the left turn traffic movement on the Cranford Street approach, at its intersection with the Main North Road, be controlled by a 'Give Way'.

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Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.