11. TRAVIS ROAD CYCLE PATH

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Community Board of a proposal to develop a cycle path alongside Travis Road, and obtain the Board's comment on the proposal.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

The Board will be well aware of the progress of the Woolston/Burwood Expressway project. The expressway will be built with an off-road cycle and pedestrian path on its western side. The path will terminate just west of the Travis/Frosts roundabout, on the south side of Travis Road.

There is already an off-road cycle and pedestrian path on the south side of the QEII Expressway, terminating at the QEII/Burwood roundabout.

The cycle network plan has identified the linking of these two paths as an excellent functional route in the cycle network - if completed there would be an off-road pathway extending for over 8km, from Main North Road to Wainoni Road.

Preliminary design investigations would indicate that a path on the south side of the road is possible. Given that the QEII path is on the south side of the road, and the Woolston/Burwood path will be on the south side, it is most practical for the new path to be on the south side as well - it will eliminate dangers associated with road crossing if the path is on the north.

PROJECT STATUS

The project is in its earliest stages. The design team are investigating, in more detail, the technical feasibility of developing this path. In particular they are looking at:

- drainage and water table issues associated with the type of land;
- impacts or effects on, or from, adjacent subdivision development work; and
- issues associated with road space and the carriageway condition.

A consultant has been engaged to contact all of the local residents along the south side of Travis Road, and the local residents' groups. At this early stage he is simply notifying them of the project, indicating that the use of the road-space outside their properties may change, and asking them to identify any concerns or problems they may have both with the proposed project, and this section of Travis Road generally. At a later stage he will discuss the design proposal with them and consult through to the final design decisions.

The final path design will take into account as many of the issues identified as possible.

A simple plan of the path area is attached (see page 39).

COMMUNITY BOARD INPUT

This Community Board is asked for the following input:

- whether any Community Board members wish to be involved in any group meetings in the consultation process; and
- whether Board members can identify any technical issues or other constraints which need to be considered in the design process.

The Community Board is asked to support the investigation of this project. The final project design, with a full report of consultation issues, will be reported back to the Board in due course.

Recommendation: That the Board support investigation into the development of a cycle path on Travis Road.

Chairperson's

Recommendations:	1.	That the Board strongly support the development of an off-road
cycle path adjacent to Travis Road.		

2. That all Board members be advised of any group meetings in the consultation process.