

**15. CHRISTCHURCH SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY:  
PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS 1999**

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The purpose of this report is to apprise the Committee of new speed limits for roads and state highways in the city. The results of feedback from the leaflet and newspaper publicity for the 1998 Speed Limit Review is being considered by Community Boards, recommendations from which will be conveyed to the Committee at this meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

In July 1998 the Committee approved a schedule of locations in the city where speed limits were being reviewed. All data collected as part of the review has undergone computer analysis to check against the Land Transport Safety Authority's guidelines for the setting of speed limits in New Zealand.

Community Boards have been informed of progress in reviewing speed limits on roads and state highways in the city and have received a number of submissions from the community and local interest groups. The roads and state highways are spread through four Community Board areas.

**Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board**

- C5            Ensors Road (Brougham Street to Ferry Road) 60 km/h
- C6            Linwood Avenue (Jollie Street to 150 m south east of Dyers Road) 60 km/h

### **Shirley/Papanui Community Board**

B5	Main North Road (Dickeys Road to Chaneys Corner) 80 km/h
C1	State Highway 1 (Main North Road) and 74 (Main North Road and Cranford Street) (Dickeys Road to McFaddens Road) 60 km/h
A8	Turners Road (outside Ouruhia School) 80 km/h
A3	Kainga Road (at Brooklands) 50 km/h
D1	Styx Mill Road (400 m west of Main North Road) 60 km/h

### **Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board**

A1	Masham Road (450 m south of Yaldhurst Road) 60 km/h
D2	Wooldridge Road 50 km/h

### **Riccarton/Wigram Community Board**

A1	Masham Road (450 m of Yaldhurst Road) 60 km/h
A2 & A11	Wigram Road 70 and 80 km/h
A6	Shands Road 70 km/h
A7 & A10	Halswell Junction Road 60 and 80 km/h
A9	State Highway 73 Halswell Road 60 km/h
B1	Awatea Road 80 km/h
B2	Wilmers Road 80 km/h
B3	Carrs Road 80 km/h
B4	McTeague Road 80 km/h
B6	Haytons Road 80 km/h
C7	State Highway 73 Curletts Road 70 km/h

### **Central City Area**

D3	Farmers car park building 10 km/h
D4	Cathedral Square 30 km/h

The schedule detailing proposals for speed limit changes on the roads or state highways listed above provides a summary of data collected for the speed limit review. The recommendation is that all the speed limits that were proposed in the report to the Committee in June 1998 be confirmed with the addition of four new proposals that have emerged as part of the consultation process:

#### **1. Styx Mill Road**

If the speed limit along State Highways 1 and 74 (Main North Road and Cranford Street) is confirmed at 60 km/h then the short section (400 m) of Styx Mill Road west of Main North Road should be changed from its present 70 km/h limit to 60 km/h.

## 2. **Wooldridge Road**

Wooldridge Road, running between Wairakei Road and Harewood Road passes through a residential area, a business zone and, for much of its length provides access to Nunweek Park. At the present time the speed limit along Wooldridge Road is 70 km/h which is no longer appropriate due to the amount of activity generated by the park and businesses in the area. The proposal is to reduce the speed limit on Wooldridge Road to the urban speed limit of 50 km/h.

## 3. **Farmers Car Park Building**

The new Farmers car park building which is operated by the Christchurch City Council has an entrance off Oxford Terrace between Armagh Street and Gloucester Street. A 10 km/h bylaw speed limit should be imposed on vehicles entering the parking building. All other parking buildings in the city have a similar speed limit.

## 4. **Cathedral Square**

A temporary 30 km/h has been imposed on traffic entering Cathedral Square from the intersections of Gloucester Street, Manchester Street, Hereford Street and Oxford Terrace. The proposal is to confirm this "temporary" restriction as a permanent speed limit.

It is recommended that the above additions be included in the recommendations to the Council.

### **LEAFLET AND NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY**

In November the Committee considered a report that summarised the results of the questionnaires that were widely circulated to residents and road users in the city. There was an excellent response to the request for opinions on whether speed limits should be altered and correspondence was generated on specific proposals. A full listing of the results and findings of the consultation process is included in a summary of results from the 1998 Speed Limit Review which has been separately circulated with this agenda.

Community Boards have had the opportunity to discuss these results and will be making appropriate recommendations to the Committee for the adoption of proposals for speed limit changes within the Board's areas.

### **PROCESS**

The Committee will need to consider the recommendations from Community Boards and confirm the roads and state highways that are to be included in the schedule of proposed speed limits. Recommendations will then be made to the Council to proceed with the appropriate gazette notice and bylaw changes required for the introduction of the new speed limits.

## **TIME FRAME**

- **February** - Adoption by the Council of a schedule for proposed speed limits on roads and state highways in the city.
- **March** - Documentation completed and approvals gained from the Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA) for gazette notice changes. Transit NZ Christchurch to gain required approvals from Transit NZ head office and the Transit NZ Board.
- **April** - The Council to commence appropriate Christchurch City Traffic and Parking Bylaw changes. New speed limit maps prepared and agreed with LTSA. Appropriate gazette notices (LTSA) prepared.
- **May/June** - Complete the legal processes. Prepare implementation programme including educational and publicity material and order signs etc.
- **June/July** - Erect signs and distribute publicity information. This will need to be linked with planned speed campaigns and the proposed 40 km/h part time speed limits outside schools trials.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the recommendations from the Hagley/Ferrymead, Shirley/Papanui, Fendalton/Waimairi and Riccarton/Wigram Community Boards be received.
  2. That the Committee approve the schedule of proposed speed limits 1999.
  3. That the Council be asked to adopt the schedule of proposed speed limits 1999 and commence the legal processes altering speed limits on the roads in the city listed in the schedule.

### **Chairman's**

- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.