

12. CHRISTCHURCH SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY –PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS 1999

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The purpose of this report is to appraise the Board 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 to be considered by Community Boards, recommendations from which will be conveyed to the City Services Committee at its meeting in February 1999.

BACKGROUND

In July 1998 the City Services 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 community and local interest groups. The roads and state highways in the schedule (**attached**) 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 Chaney's 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 carpark 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. After receiving recommendations from Community Boards the City Services Committee will be asked to approve the schedule of proposed speed limits 1999.

Four new proposals that have emerged as part of the consultation process have been added to the July 1998 schedule of proposed speed limits.

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 Carpark Building**

The new Farmers carpark 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 will be recommended to the City Services Committee that the above additions be included in the recommendations to the Council.

LEAFLET AND NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

In November the City Services 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 in the Board's area is **attached** in a summary of results from the 1998 Speed Limit Review.

The Board is requested to discuss these results and make appropriate recommendations to the City Services Committee.

PROCESS

The City Services Committee will consider the recommendations from the 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: That the Board consider the results and findings of the consultation process in the Board's area and make appropriate recommendations to the City Services Committee.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the proposed changes to speed limits in the Board's area be supported.
 2. That the various responses received in relation to the Masham area be referred to staff for study and report to the Works and Traffic Safety Committee, if necessary.