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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on progress on the capital works item for Rangatira Terrace.

For many years now residents at Rangatira Terrace have requested that the Council carry out work to make Rangatira Terrace safer. Budget provision of \$122,400 has been allocated for 1998/99.

Rangatira Terrace is very steep and very narrow. There is no footpath and residents and their vehicles are in the traffic path the instant they leave their gateways. Some drivers find this road a challenge and travel at excessive speeds which sometimes results in the vehicle becoming airborne. There have been several loss of control situations where vehicles have left the road. Because of the height of the banks, vehicles have sometimes landed on their roof.

The Parks Unit is also addressing the issue of a lack of parking for people using King Park. Vehicles drive in and park on the grass. The proposal is to form and seal a parking area with landscaping and post and cable fencing on King Park.

To prevent vehicles from leaving Rangatira Terrace and going through the wire netting fence and landing in King Park, a guard rail was proposed. Because of the weak nature of the edge of the road it would be necessary to construct a structural beam to support the guard rail, as the guard rail would reduce the width of an already narrow road. The additional cost to widen the cantilever and provide sufficient road width (6 metres) for two cars to pass still comes within the budget allocation. This also allows space for pedestrians to walk on the road.

In addition to the wider road and guard rail it is proposed to install a landscaped area behind a kerb build out, at the junction of the road from King Park, to slow down any through traffic. A realignment at this junction will also improve the gradient and sight distances.

It is proposed to combine the Parks Unit proposals with the City Streets proposals and let the work as a single contract. See attached publicity pamphlet.

The publicity pamphlet was distributed in August 1998. There were 11 responses with 50% in favour of the work proposed and 50% expressing some concern. Because of this, a public meeting was held at the Mt Pleasant Community Centre on Tuesday 10 November 1998, to obtain a clearer picture of the residents wishes.

The reasons for the work were explained along with more detail on the construction and how it would look, and the process to obtain budget provision (ie it was not appropriate to reallocate the funding to other projects). Those present at the meeting were happy for the work to proceed.

Design work is proceeding with a proposed tender date in February.

**Recommendation:** For information

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**Recommendation:** That the information be received.