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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the investigations arising from a petition requesting that a pedestrian refuge island be installed in New Brighton Road at the Kate Sheppard Retirement Village. A petition of 80 signatures was presented to the Board at its May meeting.

The petition asked, “the Community Board to place an island in New Brighton Road near the intersection of Barkers Road to allow safe access for people from Kate Sheppard Retirement Village to the bus stop.”

New Brighton Road is classified as a minor arterial road and has an average daily traffic count of 12,000 vehicles per day. This section of New Brighton Road will link with a roundabout at the new Burwood/Woolston expressway that is expected to be completed in the year 2000. The average daily traffic volume is then estimated to be 6,000 vehicles per day.

New Brighton Road is provided with a regular bus service, and there are two bus stops outside the Kate Sheppard Retirement Village, one for each direction of service. Also a bus shelter has been provided at the bus stop opposite the retirement village, on the riverside of the road.

A pedestrian survey was carried out at this location on Friday 11 June 1999, between 9.15 am and 4.20 pm. Only two pedestrians were recorded as crossing from the north side of New Brighton Road to the bus stop. The bus company confirmed that the patronage from this stop was not high. However 16 people were observed crossing New Brighton Road between the area of the Pump House and Waygreen Avenue.

It is considered that local residents would infrequently use a pedestrian refuge at this location, but residents of the retirement village, consider it would provide a safer pedestrian facility for crossing New Brighton Road to the bus stop.

Because of the low usage rate, the installation of a pedestrian refuge island at this location would not be given a high priority on a citywide basis at this time. The City Streets Unit, receives a large number of similar requests for pedestrian facilities, and must prioritise funding for this type of work.

The estimated cost of this work is \$9,000.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the organiser of the petition be informed of the Board's decision.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That the aforementioned recommendations be adopted.
 2. That the Board give this matter urgency in the Capital Works Plan, and in the meantime request an assessment of potential increases in bus stop usage should a pedestrian refuge island be installed.