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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the outcome of a public meeting held to discuss traffic management issues in Wadeley Road.

### **BACKGROUND**

Members will recall the recently held seminar on the proposed traffic signal installation at the Maidstone Road/Waimairi Road intersection. The seminar was held so that members of the City Services Committee, Riccarton/Wigram and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Boards could make some informed recommendations on the options for traffic management both at the Maidstone/Waimairi intersection and the associated Wadeley Road route.

The recommendations that came out of this seminar follow:

1. That the proposal to install the Option 2 traffic signals at the Maidstone/Waimairi intersection proceed without the loss of car parks in front of the shops.
2. That planning and consultation for the restriction of the traffic volume on Wadeley Road in conjunction with associated capacity improvements at the Maidstone/Waimairi intersection continue.
3. That subject to the acceptance of the Recommendation 1 hereof, the additional amount of \$62,000 be sought from the 1999/2000 budget process for the allocation to the Maidstone/Waimairi intersection improvement project.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board supported these recommendations and sought to continue the planning process by calling a public meeting of local residents and property owners in Wadeley Road, Ashfield Place and Ilkley Place. The meeting was held on Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting the public was briefed on the relevant issues particularly the relationship between Wadeley Road and the Maidstone/Waimairi intersection. It was explained how changes to the traffic carrying capacity of Wadeley Road would affect the capacity and life expectancy of the proposed signal installation at the Maidstone/Waimairi intersection.

The residents were reasonably receptive of this information and were able to comprehend the complexity of the situation. From this basis there was a firm belief and desire to focus on the traffic speed in Wadeley Road rather than endeavouring to significantly affect the volume. From here a series of options was presented, one of which drew the most support from the meeting. This option was refined at the meeting with the end result being a proposal that the vast majority of residents supported. A plan of this proposal, which is to be considered by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board at its meeting on 2 June, is attached to this report.

The view of the City Streets Unit is that this proposal should proceed as it is targeted at reducing traffic speed and not volume. In fact the proposal allows for easier turns in and out of Wadeley Road. The precise effect on traffic flow of the proposal is not known. There may be some motorists that will be discouraged due to the road humps but there will also be some motorists more inclined to use the road due to improved turning facilities at both the Maidstone Road and Waimairi Road intersections.

#### **CONCLUSION**

An amicable solution (with local residents) to the problem, in the short term at least, has been found. In the longer term it is still recognised that the traffic volumes in Wadeley Road should be reduced. However, this can only be achieved when more significant capacity improvements at the Maidstone/Waimairi intersection are attainable.

The City Streets Unit is, following the meeting with residents, able to proceed with the traffic calming measures for Wadeley Road. It is likely that work on this local road, funded by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board, will commence in June or July 1999.

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

**Chairman's  
Recommendation:** For discussion.