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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the system that is being used for prioritising Neighbourhood Improvement Works in the 5 year Capital Expenditure Programme.

This expenditure item in the Programme is for designated *Local Road* traffic improvements and in the past there has been very little prioritisation at a technical level. Previously two works for each Board area were included in the programme for each year. The priority of each of these was usually set by the Residents' Association/Community Board upon completion of a Local Area Traffic Management Scheme. The capital expenditure amount which the City Streets Unit has been allocated for neighbourhood improvements has decreased or remained static while LATMS coverage is progressing city wide. The LATMS process does, however, also identify areas where improvements can be included and be funded for construction with other streetworks such as kerb and channel renewals.

With the present extreme limitations on City Streets Unit funding, it is seen to be critical that the money available is spent in the most cost-effective manner and in the locations where the greatest benefits can be obtained. For this reason the need has arisen to introduce a technical prioritisation process across the city.

The introduced process involves both existing and new projects being assessed against eight factors to give a score out of 100. The factors have been weighted to more accurately reflect the severity of any situation. Traffic speed and volume accounts for 45% of the final score. A copy of the assessment factors and associated values is attached.

There are currently approximately 39 projects and/or proposals on Local Roads within the Shirley/Papanui wards. These will all be reassessed using the new criteria and a top prioritised list will be developed. It is important that the Area Engineer is made aware of any requests for work on Local Roads so that they can also be assessed and plugged into the programme. Proposals with low scores will not appear on the programme as such but will remain on the 'project wish list' and will be reassessed each year.

The list of Neighbourhood Improvement Works in the recently released 5-year programme will alter for the years after 2000/2001 as a consequence of this "city wide" ranking system. You will note that there are currently only two projects within the Shirley/Papanui wards for the 2000/2001 year. Reassessed projects scoring higher than "70" would probably move into the following year at the expense of lesser-ranked projects throughout the city.

The prioritised list will be used as a guide to indicate the severity of a particular problem and consequently as to when the project is likely to be funded by the Council. Should the Board consider any particular project to be of a higher priority than the position assigned using this system, then consideration could be given to funding that project through the Board's project funds.

**Chairperson's**

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