

7. HEAVY VEHICLE MOVEMENTS - ISLINGTON

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the status of two projects under consideration.

HALSWELL JUNCTION ROAD/WATERLOO ROAD INTERSECTION

The option preferred by the Board has recently received a favourable “scheme Plan” safety audit from within the City Streets Unit. Subject to the availability of funds the project could proceed to the public consultation stage. The estimate for the project is \$45,000. If finances become available and the community view is favourable then a report would need to be submitted to the City Services Committee for resolution of the “stop” and “giveaway” controls. Members should be aware of the City Streets Unit suggestions with respect to the following project – “Gilberthorpes/Roberts” that may influence any decision to proceed further with this project in the interim.

Gilberthorpes Road/Roberts Road Intersection

The Scheme Plan was recently “peer” reviewed by the City Streets Unit. There is considerable opposition to the concept being proposed. This stems from the following considerations:

- Would divert heavy vehicles along Gilberthorpes Road past the School and through the school crossing.
- Would create erratic and potentially unsafe manoeuvres by heavy vehicles still trying to use the intersection, particularly the left turn in from Gilberthorpes Road.
- Roberts Road acts as a “pseudo” Collector Road and when residentially developed it will obtain a formal “collector” road classification.

The City Streets Unit suggests that a comprehensive study on heavy vehicle patterns desirelines and destinations in the area be commissioned with a view to establishing a heavy vehicle route(s) through the area. In the interim it was suggested that the funding be utilised to reduce the speed of heavy vehicles in Roberts Road rather than deter them.

Officer's

Recommendation:

1. That the Board reconsiders the Gilberthorpes/Roberts and Halswell Junction/Waterloo Road projects in the light of the comments from the City Streets Unit.
2. That the Board supports a study of heavy vehicle movements in the area with a view to developing a strategy and having it accepted by the Community and heavy vehicle users alike.
3. That the Project Funds set aside for "Traffic Management" (\$20,000) be used to fund the study.

Chairperson's

comment:

I believe that the Local Area Traffic Management Plan gives the Board the authority to pursue the work at the Gilberthorpes/Roberts Road intersection.

Chairperson's

Recommendations:

For discussion.