

5. COLOMBO STREET: TENNYSON ST TO CASHMERE RD

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The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Board on feedback resulting from the public consultation phase regarding the project to improve cycle and pedestrian facilities on Colombo Street, between Tennyson Street and Cashmere Road.

The leaflet was distributed just before Christmas. Due to printing and distribution delays the time for feedback was extended until the end of January 2000. At the time of writing this report, 10 responses had been received.

A summary of the responses is listed as:

1. General agreement.
2. Excellent proposal.
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4. May encourage more cyclists.
5. - Widen Colombo Street bridge over the Heathcote.
- Construct the island like a fort to protect it.
- Impose 30 km/hr speed limit on Colombo Street.
6. Concern about slowing traffic.
7. Concern about access to one property when towing a trailer, adjacent to the island.
8. Concern about the relocation of the bus stop near Thorrington Road.
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Access: The one property owner concerned with right turning with his trailer has easy alternatives to gain access, and avoid the island.

Island Construction: There is no evidence to suggest it is safer to construct any substantial structure in the centre of the roadway. An island situated on Riccarton Road by the original Riccarton Mall resulted in a fatality due to the size of structure when a motorist collided with it.

Bus Stops: The relocation of the bus stops, is causing concern due to perceived lack of privacy, obstruction to visibility exiting Thorrington Road and proximity to other bus stops. The bus stops are proposed to be relocated to improve parking opportunities at the shops. The resulting distance between stops is relatively unaffected. Any person wishing to exit Thorrington Road would be required to wait a matter of seconds, rather than minutes for the bus to leave.

The City Streets Unit believe the effect of relocation of bus stops and the effect on one property's access due to the island to be minor. The affect on the residents is outweighed by the benefit in safety to persons crossing the roadway. Any comments received after writing this report and before the Board meeting will be tabled at the meeting.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board support the project as originally proposed to the community.
 2. That the City Services Committee be informed of the Board's support for the project, and consider proposals to relocate bus stops and prohibit kerbside parking in certain areas.