

6. LINCOLN ROAD FOUR LANING

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The purpose of this report is to provide for the Board's input into the formal process required to establish the various traffic management controls required for the commissioning of the four lane section of Lincoln Road between Torrens Road and the Barrington Street/Whiteleigh Avenue intersection. This report will also be considered by the City Services Committee.

BACKGROUND

Board members will be aware of the recent discussions that have been held with the Addington Business Association and business proprietors in the Addington Shopping area. These discussions were generated by the additional work that was required to provide for the safe passage of vehicles (including cyclists) travelling east along Lincoln Road from the four lane section into the Addington Shopping Centre. It was initially thought that there would be no work required east of the Barrington Street/Whiteleigh Avenue intersection as a result of the current project to four lane this section of Lincoln Road.

Board members would have received a copy of the report of the proposed intersection changes and will be familiar with the reasons for the need to confirm the proposed traffic management arrangements at the intersection.

THE PLAN

There have been a number of minor changes made to the scheme plan that was circulated to the local community during April 1998. Most significant of these were the changes to the road alignment adjacent to three separate stands of protected trees along the north side of the roadway. In these areas it has been necessary to remove opportunities for kerbside parking and, in two locations, the cycle lane has been directed onto the pathway area immediately behind the kerb rather than continuing along the road shoulder.

Other changes include the relocation of a bus stop near Lindores Street, the removal of two other bus stops in the area, the reallocation of roadspace for the proposed traffic lanes on the southwest (Torrens Road) approach to the Lyttelton Street/Wrights Road intersection and similar changes along Lincoln Road from Clarence Street South through to the Barrington Street/Whiteleigh Avenue intersection.

Resulting from recent discussions with businesses in the area, it has been decided to cut back an existing kerb extension on the southern corner of the Barrington Street/Lincoln Road intersection adjacent to the service station. A similar alteration to an island on the northern corner of the Lincoln Road/Wrights Road intersection has also taken place. Both of these measures will provide more road space for U-turning vehicles at these locations. The only other U-turn provided for along this four lane section of Lincoln Road is for west-bound traffic at the Twigger Street intersection.

Enhanced pedestrian crossing facilities have been provided near the Torrens Road, Nairn Street, Lindores Street and Taramea Street intersections complemented by the traffic signal controlled facilities at the Lyttelton Street/Wrights Road and Barrington Street/Whiteleigh Avenue intersections. New overhead directional signs will be located on both approaches to the Lyttelton Street/Wrights Road intersection and on the south western approach to the Barrington Street/Whiteleigh Avenue intersection.

A copy of the roadmarking plan for this project is attached to this report.

DISCUSSION

The Board's input into the consultation process has been appreciated along with the support for the four laning of this section of arterial road. The project is now well advanced with the contractor presently reconstructing the roadway itself. Most of the new kerbs and channels are now in place along with the relocation of services and the construction of footpaths/off road cycle facilities. New street lights have been installed and all overhead reticulation undergrounded.

It is expected that this project will be completed by 30 June 2000 therefore it is important to formally adopt the traffic management plan including reallocation of kerbside space and the installation of various traffic controls.

The process is for the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to consider the erection of additional "Give Way" signs at the various T-junctions along this section of Lincoln Road. The City Services Committee will consider the various changes to kerbside parking controls in Lincoln Road and make appropriate recommendations to the Council.

CONCLUSION

The work involved in the converting of the section of Lincoln Road (between Torrens Road and the Barrington Street/Whiteleigh Avenue intersection) from a two lane, to a four lane facility, is well under way. The traffic management plan originally adopted in 1998 has undergone some minor changes which will lead to an improvement of service for motorists and increased safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Formal resolutions from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board and the Council are now required to allow the plan to be fully implemented.

- Recommendation:**
1. That "Give Way" signs be erected in the following locations:
 - a. Against Torrens Road at its intersection with Lincoln Road.
 - b. Against Nairn Street at its intersection with Lincoln Road.

- c. Against Lindores Street at its intersection with Lincoln Road.
 - d. Against Spencer Street at its intersection with Lincoln Road.
 - e. Against Clarence Street South at its intersection with Lincoln Road.
2. That the Board support the traffic management changes in Lincoln Road including the banning of parking in certain areas of Lincoln Road that form part of the traffic management plan.