

5. CHAPTER STREET - KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board recommend to the City Services Committee the distribution of the publicity plan for the renewal of the kerb and channel (with speed humps) in Chapter Street.

BACKGROUND

Chapter Street is in the capital works programme to have its kerb and dish channel renewed from Papanui Road to Bretts Road in the 2000/2001 financial year. Different options have been considered and following traffic and resident surveys the proposal shown on the attached plan has been prepared. The proposal features two splitter islands with associated speed humps to address residents' requests that vehicle speeds in this section of Chapter Street need to be reduced. Threshold widths at Papanui Road and Bretts Road are set at 8 metres to allow left and right turning vehicles to exit at the same time. The thresholds are designed to slow down traffic entering Chapter Street and identify it as a local road.

It should also be noted that the Council's policy at present is that no more speed humps be constructed until the City Streets Unit's consultants have finished their report with its associated findings and recommendations on traffic calming for the future. However in the interests of:

- efficiency it is better to construct the speed humps as part of the whole job rather than later when the cost could be 50% higher.
- traffic safety, for the bends may be used by some irresponsible drivers as a racetrack type chicane to test their speeding skills on.

For the above reasons, it is better to install the speed humps when the kerb and channel is renewed. Should the Board desire to retain the speed humps as part of the work, the proposal will therefore need to be approved by the City Services Committee before being released as a publicity pamphlet.

PROPOSAL

To distribute the publicity plan showing the location of the proposed kerb and channel and associated works in Chapter Street for public comment.

Recommendation: That it be recommended to the City Services Committee that the publicity plan (incorporating proposed speed humps) be circulated for public comment.

Chairman's Recommendation: For discussion.