

**11. HALSWELL ROAD/HALSWELL JUNCTION ROAD/  
KENNEDYS BUSH ROAD/ SPARKS ROAD INTERSECTION**

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the proposal to install traffic signals at the intersection of Halswell Road (State Highway 75), Halswell Junction Road, Kennedy's Bush Road and Sparks Road.

Members will be aware of the on-going concerns of residents in the Halswell and Kennedy's Bush areas of a need to improve traffic management at this intersection. Last year, at a well attended public meeting, residents were asked to consider proposals for either a roundabout or traffic signals to control traffic. Because of pedestrian issues and technical considerations, the meeting decided that traffic signals were the best option for controlling traffic.

At a meeting held in St Mary's Church Hall on Tuesday, 6 June 2000 residents confirmed their support for a proposal put forward by Transit NZ to install traffic signals at the intersection. A plan illustrating this proposal is attached to this report.

A leaflet outlining features of this project has been circulated to residents and businesses in the area with a view to ascertaining support for the plan by the end of June. Transit NZ are confident that, following acceptance by the community, funding would be provided by Transfund to enable the project to proceed next year.

Another proposal in the area which has a bearing on traffic management is the realignment of a bend in Sparks Road at the Milnes Road/Sutherlands Road intersection. A residential subdivision in Milnes Road has enabled the Council to obtain some road widening in the vicinity of the subdivision and land at the intersection to provide for the future realignment of Milnes Road onto Sparks Road. The realignment of the Sparks Road bend has been included in the draft Capital Works programme for 2001/02. Every endeavour will be made to complete the traffic signals project and the work in Sparks Road next year.

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

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Board look at the wider implication of the traffic improvement on the surrounding area/roads.