10. SINCLAIR STREET - TRAFFIC CONCERNS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of concerns from a resident of Sinclair Street over vehicle speeds in the street, and the outcome of the investigations undertaken.

Sinclair Street is a residential street that runs between Keyes Road and Rawson Street, with a roadway width of 14 metres and a right angle bend near its northern end. The southern end of Sinclair Street joins Rawson Street with a 'T' intersection, which provides access to New Brighton Road. Motorists were observed using Sinclair Street and Rawson Street as a short cut from Keyes Road to New Brighton Road.

A speed survey was carried out in Sinclair Street over a seven-day period during February 2000. The average speed in the street was 42 km/h and the 85th percentile speed was 53 km/h. A copy of the speed survey data has been forwarded to the NZ Police at New Brighton for its information and appropriate enforcement action.

The North New Brighton Neighbourhood Improvement Plan identified that traffic-calming measures be installed in Sinclair Street at Keyes Road, and in Rawson Street at both Keyes Road and New Brighton Road. At this time funding for traffic calming work in Sinclair Street has not been available, due to its low priority for funding in the Neighbourhood Works Improvement Programme.

However kerb and channel renewal work is expected in Sinclair Street in 2004/05 which will allow an opportunity to consider the installation of traffic calming work in the street.

As Sinclair Street is a residential street that is being used as a short cut for vehicles with some motorists travelling at high speeds, it would be appropriate to use the speed check trailer in this area for a period of time. The City Streets Unit will shortly be placing an order for a speed check trailer that could be used for this purpose. This will help demonstrate to motorists and residents the extent of the problem in this street.

Recommendations: 1. That the information be received.

2. That the speed check trailer be used in Sinclair Street.

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Recommendation: That the aforementioned recommendations be adopted.