

8. MARSHLAND SCHOOL

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to fund the cost of one fluorescent yellow/green permanent warning school sign outside the Marshland School on Prestons Road. The cost of the sign would be about \$275.00.

The Board will be aware of the new fluorescent green/yellow signs being used outside the five schools in the new 40km/h part-time school speed zone trial and at other school locations. These new signs have gained approval from the school and local communities where they have been installed and from the motoring public in general.

It is believed that these new signs are very effective in alerting motorists that they are entering a school zone and must reduce their speed, and therefore are contributing to the safety of children. It has been suggested that all schools in the city should have these fluorescent signs installed as an added safety measure. The estimated cost of doing this on a city wide basis could be in the vicinity of \$250,000 and at this stage we do not have provision within the budget to achieve this.

At the 10 February 2000 meeting of the Coordinating Committee for Traffic Safety at the Civic Offices, Chaired by Councillor Sally Thompson, the Schools' Advocate asked for clarification as to whether or not schools in the city could fund their own signage. It was agreed at this meeting that that was possible, but schools would need to be advised that the signs would become the property of the Council and would need to be installed by the Council and at a place determined by the Council.

Marshland School was advised of this and is prepared to provide some funding towards the purchase of the new fluorescent signs to provide a safer roading environment for the pupils at the school.

Recommendation: That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board support the Marshland School by sponsoring the cost of one fluorescent yellow/green PW-32 school sign at a cost of \$275.00.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and the Marshland School be commended on its proactive stance on road safety on the busy Prestons Road.