

10. TRAVIS COUNTRY DRIVE/TRAVIS ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to consider a petition from the residents of the Travis Country subdivision to, “introduce some form of traffic control at the intersection of Travis Country Drive and Travis Road”. The Board requested also that the report include the concern for, “the enforcement of parking and sales of cars on the grass verge area, and proposed solutions”, in front of Travis Country.

The City Services Committee will also consider this report.

BACKGROUND

In a covering letter to the petition, Mr Mark Tolchard reported that:

“The residents are all extremely concerned about the safety of all people, both accessing and exiting the subdivision. Please refer to the accompanying notes on the petition, which expands on these concerns. We all know the traffic situation is only going to get worse!

The residents concerns have been highlighted recently by the near fatal crash at the intersection on Friday 30 June 2000.

There are approximately 120 houses in the sub-division. Over the past two weekends, I have spoken with occupants of 90 of these houses. All residents from these homes were eager to sign the petition to express their concerns about the intersection safety. I was not able to make contact with 30 houses, as there was not anybody home each time I visited.

The tabled petition is of almost 7 pages of signatures, 125 signatures in all.

Please **URGENTLY** look into this situation and come up with a satisfactory resolution before any other major accident or fatality occurs.”

ACCIDENT HISTORY

Travis Road is classified as a major arterial road in the City Plan and carries an average of 19,000 vehicles per day. This volume of traffic is expected to increase by approximately 5% per annum because of the housing development in the area and the improved roading with the completion of the expressway.

From the Land Transport database, two crashes have been recorded at the intersection of Travis Country Drive and Travis Road over the last five years. These involved one injury and one non-injury collision.

However, over the same time period, seven injury/non-injury crashes were recorded at the intersection of Bassett Street and Travis Road, and three non-injury crashes at Parnwell Street and Travis Road. One crash involving a fatality and injuries was recorded at the intersection of Baynes Street and Travis Road during the same period.

TRAVIS ROAD CYCLEWAY PROPOSAL

In a report to the Board at its meeting on 31 January 2000, Alix Newman Transport Planner (Cycling), presented a proposal to provide a cyclepath facility in Travis Road from the Burwood Road roundabout intersection to the Woolston/Burwood roundabout. The proposed cycleway between the Woolston/Burwood roundabout and the bus stop at Corsers Stream was constructed as part of the Expressway contract, and the next section west to 88 Travis Road is currently being constructed.

As part of the design work for this cycleway consideration was given to safety improvement works in Travis Road, which included the intersection of Travis Country Drive, Baynes Street, Parnwell Street, and Bassett Street. Design for this work is yet to be undertaken and will take into account the residents' concerns.

PARKING AND SALE OF CARS ON THE GRASS VERGE

The parking and sale of vehicles on the grass verge in Travis Road, in front of the Travis Country subdivision is not permitted under the City Traffic and Parking Bylaws (numbers 8 and 22). The Parking Enforcement Unit has regularly issued notices to vehicles parked in this area. The Parking Enforcement Unit has been kept informed of the Board's concerns. At this time, it is not proposed to install barriers or similar devices in this area.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

The City Streets Unit intends taking immediate action to introduce low cost safety improvements at the Travis Country Drive intersections with Travis Road, by the use of improved road markings and signage. Median road markings will be painted prior to and after the raised islands in Travis Country Drive and, a recommendation made for 'Give Way' controls to be installed at both Travis Country Drive intersections with Travis Road. The road markings and 'Give Way' control will improve the safety for traffic entering Travis Country Drive, while traffic leaving Travis Country Drive will be able to turn right onto the existing painted median on Travis Road, during breaks in the traffic flow. (See attachment)

CONCLUSION

These short term, low cost safety improvements will be made to reduce the resident's concerns at the Travis Country Drive/Travis Road intersections.

However more permanent designs and strategies for dealing with future intersection controls and other safety improvements for the wider area will take longer to develop and will be included in future Council Capital Works programmes as appropriate.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the identified low cost safety improvements for the Travis Country Drive/Travis Road intersections be proceeded with.
 3. That the 'Give Way' signs be placed against Travis Country Drive at both its intersections with Travis Road.
 4. That Mr Tolchard be informed of the Board's decision.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:**
1. That recommendations 1 to 4 be adopted.
 2. That an overall concept plan for traffic management be developed and presented to the Community Board.