

## 11. WAIMAIRI ROAD PEDESTRIAN ISLAND AT WENTWORTH STREET - UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the proposal to install a pedestrian island and associated road markings in Waimairi Road south of Wentworth Street. Members will recall considering a proposal to construct a pedestrian island in Waimairi Road with associated traffic management measures in the vicinity of the Greers Road and Wentworth Street intersections. At the meeting of the Board held on 29 February 2001 the proposal was approved for circulation to residents and businesses for comment.

The proposal has met with a good response from residents including those immediately affected by the work. Many of those responding to the leaflet took the opportunity to raise other concerns about traffic in the area including the volume and speed of traffic along both Greers Road and Wentworth Street. There is a real concern in the community about the hazards faced by students travelling to Westburn, Burnside High and Christ the King Schools.

The proposal to improve traffic management along this section of Waimairi Road will assist pupils travelling to and from school and provide a safer road environment for turning traffic (including cyclists) and for pedestrians crossing Waimairi Road and Wentworth Street. Although there are no further works immediately planned for the area, future programmes will no doubt address many of the issues that have been raised by residents, who have responded to the leaflet.

This project, along with the results of the public consultation, will be reported to the City Services Committee with a view to making the necessary changes to kerbside parking in the area and the installation of a pedestrian island south of Wentworth Street.

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

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.