

17. MARY STREET - PAPANUI EAST CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

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The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Board about proposals for the redevelopment of the streets in the area bounded by Grants Road, Proctor Street and Papanui Road.

The Board has recently received a deputation and petition from residents who have concerns about traffic in Mary Street. There are problems with the number of heavy vehicles still using this street, kerbside parking, increasing volumes of traffic and the speed of vehicles. Continuing expansion of the Northlands Mall and other shopping and business facilities is increasing traffic through this area at a greater rate than others.

The old deep channels force drivers to park further out into the roadway. They also tend to park closer to the bridge crossings into the houses and because of the age of the street these tend to be of substandard width. Manoeuvring is more difficult.

Within the current schedule of 5 Year Capital Expenditure Programme for Kerb and Channel Renewals, substantial funding has been allocated from the year 2003 for the comprehensive redevelopment of Frank Street, Grants Road and Mary Street. The other streets in this cluster are situated in the programme just outside of the 5 years shown so that the area as a whole will be redeveloped in a relatively short sequence. There would be some latitude for programming these streets in a different sequence if the residents and the Board wished. While the City Plan has not defined these streets as a Special Amenity area, it is recognised that there is an opportunity for integrated enhancement works as well as traffic management and particularly with Mary Street. There are some problems with drainage and upgrading of underground services which must be addressed prior to road reconstruction works. The close proximity of the redevelopment of these streets precludes capital expenditure by the City Streets Unit in the mean time.

The time frame for kerb and channel replacement is currently for the programme to commence with Grants Road and Mary Street in the 2003/4 financial year. Consultation and planning will have to be done by about March 2003 to allow preparation for tendering the work and therefore the development processes will have to commence toward the end of 2001. Approximately 10 percent of funding in the budget is allocated to the preceding year to initiate this and for design and supervision work.

It would greatly assist the City Streets Unit with road reconstruction processes if there were a recognised residents association functioning in this area. Residents involvement and ownership of enhancement designs is a primary objective of the Living Streets concept.

The Community Advocate advises that discussion has commenced with local residents with a view to re-establishing either the former residents group or a new group.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the officer's recommendation be adopted.
 2. That the Board support the establishment of a residents' group and that the cluster development proposal be discussed with them.