

14. SHIRLEY ROAD - SHIRLEY INTERMEDIATE FOOTPATH FRONTAGE

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board about the transfer of part of the frontage of Shirley Intermediate School. A strip of the School land is being sought to enable construction of a wider footpath in this area.

At the time that planning was being done for the Shirley Schools Cycleways scheme it was realised that road space for pedestrians on Shirley Road was limited. The traffic capacity requirements on the Shirley Road leg of the intersection with Marshland Road necessitated some form of road widening. It was proposed that a metre of the school frontage be taken for use as additional footpath.

The Headmaster and Board of the Intermediate School recognised the advantages of a wide footpath to provide for the peak times when school pupils are travelling to and from all the schools in this area. They have supported the Council in efforts to have this strip of land transferred to legal road. Attempts to get a settlement through the Education Department, who are the legal landowners, have until very recently failed to gain response. Currently however there is a good rapport between the Council Property Unit and the Department and progress is being made with settling this issue.

We have obtained legal advice that confirms the City Streets Unit cannot authorise construction on this strip until at least a formal agreement to transfer the land is made. In this instance there is no practical way of circumventing the requirement.

The work involved with widening the footpath can be carried out at any time as an extra to either the current road construction contract or during the next contract for Shirley Road that covers Petrie Street to Hills Road. It would be most advantageous if it could be done at the same time as the kerb and channel is being replaced along the School frontage. This section is likely to be started about the second week in June, and will probably be the last area of work carried out within this current contract.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.