

21. WESTON ROAD – PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the costs of the work requested at the Weston Road resident’s meeting held in the Rutland St Church hall on 18 October 2001. The meeting report is **attached**.

The Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui Boards had given a commitment to the InnesMay Neighbourhood Group to try and find funding, in the interests of traffic calming, for three planter islands this financial year and consideration of the Bretts Road intersection works next year, subject to a traffic safety audit.

The public meeting was held to report back to the residents on the results of the traffic safety audit on the proposed works, and possible funding timetables for that section of Weston Road between Papanui Road and Rutland Street. The Safety Audit recommended that the number of landscape islands be increased from the original three to eight and for a flush median to be installed at the same time as the islands, and suggested that kerb extensions be installed on all approaches to the Bretts Road intersection. The **attached** plan refers.

As a result of the meeting and the previous discussions the majority of the meeting requested the following traffic calming measures be installed as a complete package: -

- Four kerb build outs at the Bretts Road intersection.
- Compulsory stop signs on all approaches to the Bretts Rd/Weston Rd intersection.
- Thresholds with Give Way signs at the Papanui Road and Rutland Street intersections.
- Eight planter islands along Weston Road.

The breakdown of estimated costs for the proposed works is: -

ITEM	COST	COMMUNITY BOARD
Papanui Rd/Weston Rd threshold	\$42,500	Fendalton/Waimairi
Landscape islands (5) from Papanui to Bretts Roads	\$35,000	Fendalton/Waimairi
Landscape islands (3) from Bretts Rd to Rutland St	\$21,000	Shirley/Papanui
Kerb extensions with Compulsory Stops on all approaches to the Bretts/Weston intersection	\$72,500	Both Boards (shared)
Rutland St/Weston Rd threshold	\$42,500	Shirley/Papanui
TOTAL COST	\$212,500	

There are no monies allocated for any of the above works in the Council’s Capital Works Programme at present.

In September the Fendalton/Waimairi Board decided to allocate \$14,000 to provide for two islands and for the matter of a threshold at the Papanui/Weston intersection to be considered for project funding early in the new year.

Recommendation: That in the light of the substantial increase in the Board’s share of the project’s cost, the Board now reconsider its position.

The Community Advocate Comments: The Board’s commitment has, as a result of the safety audit, risen from \$14,000 (plus a Papanui Road intersection threshold) to \$71,250 (plus a threshold). The funding of this work is no longer a possibility from the Board’s currently available funds.

The only option now available would appear to be for the consideration of part funding of the Board’s share through the upcoming 2002/03 project funding exercise. Any resolution by the Board for the use of project funding could provide for a start to work after 1 July 2002.

Community Advocate’s

Recommendation: That the matter of funding for the traffic calming in Weston Road be considered, along with other priorities, in the February/March consideration of 2002/03 Project Funding.