

## 10. STRAVEN ROAD – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Community Board of the scheme for kerb and channel renewal in Straven Road from Kilmarnock Street to Weka Street, as shown on the plan **attached**.

Straven Road is a minor arterial with high vehicle (17,250 ADT) and cycle usage (minimum 150 ADT) which bounds Christchurch Boys' High School, therefore the scheme has been developed to cater for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

There is a present congestion problem at the Straven Road and Matai Street intersection due to the Christchurch Boys' High School's cycle stand entrance, a pathway through to Kotare Street (both opposite Matai Street), and vehicles entering and egressing Matai Street.

On the western side of Straven Road between Kilmarnock Street and Te Kura Street there are 13 large plane trees.

Residents were canvassed some years ago and again in March 2001 about their views on the retention of the trees. The result of the latest survey was that 22 responses wanted the trees retained and 8 wanted them removed or replaced. To retain the trees and obtain the desirable road cross section, (cycle lanes, traffic lanes and flush median), parking restrictions are required on the east side of Straven Road between Kilmarnock Street and Te Kura Street.

The scheme will improve the traffic management along Straven Road and will assist pupils travelling to and from school and provide a safer environment for all. The central flush median and islands will increase safety for both motorists turning right into private properties and for pedestrians while crossing Straven Road.

To improve the intersection layout at Kilmarnock Street, widening on the east side with some property purchase (which is not designated) is required. Until the necessary land is acquired the existing layout shall remain as it (as shown on plan).

It is proposed to issue a publicity leaflet for public consultation and comment, which will be reported to the Board and then the City Services Committee with a view to making the necessary changes to parking restrictions on Straven Road and progressing with the design and construction of the proposed works.

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

**Chairman's Recommendation:** For discussion.