

10. MILTON STREET PEDESTRIAN ISLANDS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation for the construction of two pedestrian islands on Milton Street adjacent to the Simeon Street intersection, and one pedestrian island on Selwyn Street adjacent to the Somerfield Street intersection, and to install associated parking restrictions (see attached plans).

BACKGROUND

School travel surveys were carried out by Council officers with students at Cashmere High School and Somerfield School last year to address road safety concerns. Some key issues identified by pedestrians and cyclists from the surveys and verified at meetings with the schools were the difficulty experienced in crossing Milton Street when travelling along the Simeon Street route, and safety concerns over crossing Somerfield Street at Selwyn Street. An assessment by City Streets staff confirms these safety concerns.

Milton Street is an arterial road with 1999 figures showing an average daily total of over 14,000 vehicles per day. Simeon Street is a collector road, with 'Give Way' controls against it on both sides of Milton Street. Observations show a steady use over a period of time of the Simeon Street route across Milton Street by pedestrians and cyclists of varying ages.

Somerfield Street is a 14m collector road with a flow of over 5,000 vehicles per day near the intersection. Selwyn Street is also a 14m collector road, with a flow of over 2,000 vehicles per day near the intersection. After-school counts have found over fifty cyclist and pedestrian movements through this intersection.

Somerfield School, with a roll of 400 children, lies 400m south along Somerfield Street from the intersection. Cashmere High School has a roll of 1450 students, with an estimated sixty percent of them either walking or cycling to school.

PROPOSED WORK

Milton Street

It is proposed to install two 12 metre pedestrian islands on Milton Street, to be located on each side of the Simeon Street intersection. A flush median will be painted on the road to link up the two islands. This will create two crossing options and a larger safety zone for pedestrians and cyclists, and will also allow for right turning vehicles from Milton Street to manoeuvre on to the flush median while waiting to make their turning movements into Simeon Street.

Installing the islands will require the banning of parking along adjacent sections of Milton Street. Consultation with residents directly affected by the required parking restrictions has found support for the proposed works, along with community recognition for the necessity of improving the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in this area.

Selwyn Street

It is proposed to install a 12 metre pedestrian island on Selwyn Street, to be located on the western leg of its intersection with Somerfield Street.

Installing the island will require the banning of parking along adjacent areas of Selwyn Street. Consultation with residents directly affected by the required parking restrictions has found support for the proposed works, along with community recognition for the necessity of improving the safety of pedestrians and cyclists at this intersection.

Funding is available for both safety works, with the Board not being requested for funds. The schools support the proposed works.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board support the installation of a pedestrian island on Selwyn Street adjacent to Somerfield Street.
 2. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited (at any time) on both sides of Selwyn Street west of Somerfield Street commencing at its intersection with Somerfield Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of eighteen metres.
 3. That the Board support the installation of two pedestrian islands, along with a flush median between them, on Milton Street adjacent to Simeon Street.
 4. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the northwest side of Milton Street, commencing at the northwest corner of Simeon Street and extending in a northeasterly direction for a distance of 50 metres.
 5. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the northwest side of Milton Street, commencing at the southwest corner of Simeon Street and extending in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 42 metres.
 6. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the southeast side of Milton Street, commencing at the southeast corner of Simeon Street and extending in a south westerly direction for a distance of 54 metres.
 7. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the southeast side of Milton Street, commencing at the northeast corner of Simeon Street and extending in a northeasterly direction for a distance of 58 metres.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the officer's report be adopted.