

13. **NORTHCOTE ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – VAGUES ROAD TO UXBRIDGE STREET**

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Corporate Plan Output: Safety Improvements Works	

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the planned work along Northcote Road from the Main North Railway to just east of Uxbridge Street be implemented.

BACKGROUND

The need to make improvements at this location was highlighted through the Redwood West LATMS. There was input from local stakeholders at that time. In addition the problems were also identified through the safety improvement works programme.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists crossing Northcote Road.
2. Improve the safety for all road users in the proximity of Uxbridge Street and Vagues Road.
3. Provide cycle lanes.

OPTIONS

Consideration was given to closing Vagues Road to right turning traffic. However the Shirley/Papanui Community Board had previously received a complex submission from Vagues Road commercial interests requesting that existing access off Northcote Road be preserved or improved (see Board Agenda February 1999).

CONSULTATION

The publicity leaflet (copy of plan attached) distributed to the local community for comment during September 2001 resulted in 18 replies. The majority were in favour of recognising the requirement to minimise the conflict between road users in the area and to provide improved facilities for cyclists and pedestrians.

FUTURE PLANS

1. Road Widening Designations

The Shirley/Papanui Board at its meeting on 3 May 2000 considered a report covering the existing road widening designation for Northcote Road running from the Main North Road to Vagues Road.

The designation was intended to enable the construction of a four lane median divided road, reflecting the function of Northcote Road as a Major Arterial and its importance as part of the western section of the ring road.

The report stated that "present traffic growth on Northcote Road indicates that the road widening designation will not be required until 2012/13."

2. Railway Cycleway

An extension to this cycleway from Northcote Road to the Main North Road is programmed for 2004/06.

It is likely that the provision of cycle/pedestrian signals at the railway will be considered at this time.

3. Traffic Management (Uxbridge Street to Main North Road)

Minor works are also proposed for this section of the road and the subject of a separate report.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the project be approved.
 2. That the parking of vehicles be prohibited at any time in the following areas:
 - i. On the north side of Northcote Road commencing at its intersection with Cavendish Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 127 metres across the railway line to Uxbridge Street.
 - ii. On the north side of Northcote Road commencing at its intersection with Uxbridge Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 38 metres to the existing bus stop.
 - iii. On the south side of Northcote Road commencing at its intersection with Vagues Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 100 metres to the existing bus stop.

- Chairperson's Recommendation:**
1. That the officer's recommendation be adopted.
 2. That joint meetings take place with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board on mutual traffic matters.