

13. **INNES ROAD/RUTLAND STREET INTERSECTION AND INNES ROAD (RUTLAND STREET TO CRANFORD STREET)**

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The purpose of this report is to obtain the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee's acceptance and recommendation to Council to approve the installation of traffic signals at the Innes Road/Rutland Street intersection as a result of the public consultation carried out in May and June 2002.

BACKGROUND

A report was considered at the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee's April 2002 meeting, which provided background information for a proposed traffic signal installation at the Innes Road/Rutland Street intersection. The Committee resolved that the public be consulted on the proposed works.

The Shirley/Papanui Community Board at its May 2002 meeting received a report regarding the feedback from the NROSS study submissions, that related to the Innes Road/Rutland Street intersection.

"NORTHERN ROADING OPTIONS SCOPING STUDY (NROSS)

The NROSS study included the intersection as a site of possible work as work was already programmed for the intersection within the Council's Annual Plan. The preferred strategy indicates the installation of signals at the intersection as part of the plan to relieve congestion on Papanui Road. Integral to this strategy is the connection of Rutland Street and Grassmere Street. Submissions were received from 1630 respondents. Of these only 31 commented on the Innes/Rutland intersection. Initial analysis of these does not indicate a clear community view on what the community would like to see at the intersection.

CONCLUSION

The NROSS submissions provided no clear insight as to the community view for work at the intersection. The NROSS discussion document (Towards a Solution for Northern Christchurch Roading Problems) also failed to indicate the poor crash record of the intersection. Because of this no comments about it were made in the submissions."

From this report, the Board resolved that the community views be sought including a public meeting regarding the proposed works.

A publicity leaflet was circulated to 1,900 households and businesses during May. A public meeting was held on 20 May 2002 and was attended by approximately 76 people including residents, representatives from residents groups, Board members and Council staff. The meeting indicated strong support for the installation of traffic signals.

A report of the public meeting was tabled at the Board's June meeting and they resolved that:

- 1. The installation of traffic signals and kerb and channel as proposed on the pamphlet circulated proceed with budget priority given for traffic calming measures to mitigate any adverse effects caused by traffic signals, and*
- 2. That the feasibility of installing a pedestrian refuge island on Rutland Street be investigated.*

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That traffic signals be installed at Innes Road/Rutland Street intersection.
 2. That the no stopping restrictions as shown on the plan be resolved by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board under their delegated authority.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.