

10. NEW BRIGHTON ROAD: BOWER AVENUE TO PAGES ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the proposal for kerb and channel renewal in New Brighton Road between Bower Avenue and Pages Road.

INTRODUCTION

Funding has been allowed in the Annual Plan for the renewal of the kerb and dish channel on the north side of the road in 2002/03 (see attachment). The underground conversion of existing services is also proposed in the draft budget and will be completed prior to the roading works commencing.

New Brighton Road is a minor arterial carrying approximately 8,000 vehicles per day, and is part of several bus routes. The road is bounded by the river on the south side, and mainly residential properties on the north, with the exception of two commercial properties and the Returned Services Association (RSA). Adjacent to the river on the south side is an informal walkway.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives for this project are:

- Renew kerb and dish channel.
- Maintain minor arterial road status with improved traffic management.
- Maintain or improve vehicle, pedestrian, and cycle facilities.
- Maintain or enhance public transport facilities.
- Optimise residential parking on street.
- Landscape enhancement compatible with surrounding environment.
- Improve storm water drainage at RSA, otherwise maintain existing drainage standards.
- Meet Parks and Waterways Unit requirements for riverbank and Cockayne Reserve.
- Incorporate safety works at the New Brighton roundabout if possible.
- Complete budget within allocated budget.

PROPOSAL

The proposal retains two vehicle lanes, and the footpath on the north side adjacent to the properties. On road cycle lanes are proposed as this is a recognised link in the cycle network.

Painted medians and pedestrian islands will improve pedestrian safety and provide a suitable traffic management device to assist with the control of vehicle speeds.

The treatment of side road intersections is included in this project. Also included in this project, but funded from the minor safety works budget, is the realignment of existing kerb and flat channel at the eastern end of New Brighton Road extending around into Hawke Street. This work is part of a proposal identified in an accident investigation study carried out on the intersection. The realignment of the kerb and channel will increase the deflection for vehicles travelling from Pages Road into Hawke Street, the aim being to reduce the speed of those vehicles carrying out this movement.

It will be necessary with this proposal to relocate the existing bus stop between Baker Street and Rawson Street to the new location shown on the plan attached. The owners of the property affected have been contacted and have not voiced any objection to the proposal.

Landscape enhancement works will be carried out wherever possible, and will be designed to be compatible with the surrounding environment.

Improvements to the carriageway will be undertaken in conjunction with the kerb and channel renewal. The proposal is to repair areas where the carriageway construction is failing and then resurface the entire carriageway with an asphaltic concrete surface.

In weighing the objectives and concluding that the facilities proposed are desirable, it has been necessary to ban parking along the river side of the road where the demand for on-street parking is low, and in some areas on the north side. The areas affected are shown on the plan attached. Members of the RSA (556/557 New Brighton Road) often park their cars on the river side of the roadway. They have stated their preference for the retention of riverside parking. However, if the proposed plan is implemented it will not be practicable to allow parking on the river side of the roadway. As a mitigating solution to this problem, access to the RSA off-street parking area will be improved (widened) and parking bays constructed along the north side of the roadway either side of the entranceway.

CONSULTATION

The scheme proposed has been reviewed by the City Streets Advocates and meets their objectives. It is now intended to issue a publicity leaflet on the proposal. Feedback from the leaflet will be reported to the Board before design work for this project is commenced.

This report meets the Community Board's Objective 6 for 2001/02.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That a summary of feedback from the publicity leaflet on the proposal for kerb and channel renewal in New Brighton Road between Bower Avenue and Pages Road be reported back to the Board.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.