

7. WEKA STREET - KERB AND DISH CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve for construction the renewal of the dish channels on both sides of Weka Street from Straven Road to Tui Street subject to the undergrounding issues being resolved.

The Community Board approved for distribution in April 2002 a proposed kerb and channel renewal publicity pamphlet. 100 pamphlets were distributed in Weka Street and the neighbouring streets with nine responses being received. A meeting of Weka Street residents (twenty-two attended) was also held on 21 May 2002 at CCC Fendalton.

Feedback from the publicity pamphlets and meeting requested that the works in Weka Street include: -

- The installation of speed humps (3 for, many against).
- Maple street trees that do not grow to more than eight metres in height.
- More landscape planting outside my property and less grass (No's 13-15).
- Less/no landscape planting outside my property and more/all grass (No's 2,3,12, and 14).
- Undergrounding of the overhead wires.
- A carriageway width of ten metres.
- Upgrade the street lighting.
- The kerb and channel be renewed as per the plan.

In response to this feedback it is proposed that: -

- No speed humps shall be installed.
- Maple trees that grow to less than eight metres shall be planted on both sides of the street.
- Landscaping and grass berm installation shall be installed as requested by the owners of the properties whose frontages they are on.
- The residents shall submit to Council a request that the residents and Council fund the undergrounding of the overhead wires on a 50/50 cost-sharing basis.
- The carriageway shall be constructed to a width of ten metres between the kerbs. However this is likely to result in higher vehicle speeds in the street than with a nine metre wide carriageway.
- Exiting street lighting levels shall be investigated and the lighting upgraded if it is below standard.
- The kerb and channel shall be renewed as per the original plan subject to the above alterations.

These alterations are shown on the **attached** plan.

There is the one outstanding matter of the undergrounding of the overhead wiring. An amount of \$287,765 has been budgeted for this work, which excludes the undergrounding of the overhead services. The residents hope to submit to the Council as part of the draft annual plan, a proposal that the Council enter into a 50/50 cost sharing agreement with them. It is recommended that the Community Board approve the submitted plan for construction, but the work be put on hold until the matter of undergrounding the overhead wiring is resolved.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the renewal of the dish channel in Weka Street between Straven Road and Tui Street as shown on the submitted plan, be approved for construction.
 2. That the work be put on hold until the matter of the undergrounding of the overhead wiring is resolved.

Deputy Chairman's Recommendation: That the foregoing recommendations be adopted.