

11. DUNDAS STREET

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the background to the proposed work in Dundas Street and seek approval to proceed with public consultation.

BACKGROUND

As part of the work carried out in Colombo Street to introduce the green bus and cycle lane there was a reduction in parking between the bus stop and Moorhouse Avenue.

A further reduction in parking also occurred with the introduction of cycle lanes in Manchester Street.

Problems have also been encountered with traffic cutting through the street at speed.

DISCUSSION

Because of the reduction in parking in both Colombo Street and Manchester Street, an agreement was reached with businesses that, where possible, angle parking would be introduced in Dundas Street.

The carriageway width in Dundas Street allows for angle parks to be introduced on one side and parallel parking to be retained on the other side. Smith's City Market also requested that we investigate some short term parking for their customers and a safe crossing point.

A proposal was drawn up that included a crossing facility in Dundas Street at the entrances to the two sections of Smith's City Market but in recent discussions with them, this is no longer appropriate with the redevelopment of their site which is due to happen in the next twelve months.

As there is no crossing facility at the Manchester Street/Dundas Street intersection, this was included in the terms of reference for this project.

CONCLUSION

A splitter island has been proposed for the intersection of Manchester and Dundas Street. This will provide a crossing point for pedestrians, stop corner cutting, and give direction to traffic entering Dundas Street.

Kerb extensions are proposed to define the angle parking precinct, provide a safe traffic environment to road users, reduce the road space and will result in slower speeds through the street.

The angle parking has been positioned between the entrances to the two main businesses that access the street – Pak and Save supermarket carpark and Smith's City Market ramp carpark.

The existing angle parks at the Colombo Street end of Dundas Street are to be returned to parallel parking but will still be short term parks. A plan of the proposed changes is attached.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposal be approved for public consultation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.