

4. "GIVE WAY" SIGN: ST ASAPH STREET AT HAGLEY AVENUE

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The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider placing a "Give Way" sign against St Asaph Street at its intersection with Hagley Avenue.

BACKGROUND

St Asaph Street intersects with Hagley Avenue on an obtuse angle. St Asaph Street is two way at this point and westbound vehicle flows are high, particularly during peak periods.

Although St Asaph Street has been realigned to encourage motorists to veer right before turning left into Hagley Avenue, observations confirm that drivers tend to move into the intersection often without due regard to traffic on their right. There have been many instances both recently and in the past of cyclists travelling west along Hagley Avenue being "cut off" by left turning vehicles entering the intersection from St Asaph Street. A cyclist who had been involved in such an incident recently wrote to the Police suggesting that safety issues at this intersection be addressed.

PROPOSAL

Board members will be aware of a proposal that was considered by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee earlier in the year. The proposal involved the introduction of cycle lanes and a flush (painted) median along Hagley Avenue between Riccarton Avenue and Moorhouse Avenue. Part of this proposal was to improve traffic safety at the St Asaph Street intersection.

One of the features of the plan for traffic management improvements in Hagley Avenue was to install a "Give Way" sign against St Asaph Street traffic. Although this plan is now on hold pending a decision on whether or not to change the one way flow to Oxford Terrace to Tuam Street, it would be appropriate to install a "Give Way" sign at the intersection to assist motorists (who may be inattentive or fail to observe approaching cyclists) when executing a left turn from St Asaph Street into Hagley Avenue.

CONCLUSION

The placement of a "Give Way" sign in St Asaph Street at the Hagley Avenue intersection would improve traffic safety and, in particular, decrease the vulnerability of cyclists who travel west along Hagley Avenue during peak periods.

Staff

Recommendation: That a "Give Way" sign be placed against St Asaph Street at its intersection with Hagley Avenue.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.