

10. MATIPO STREET/PRINCESS STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

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The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider placing a “give way” sign against Princess Street at its intersection with Matipo Street and introduce appropriate bans on kerbside parking adjacent to the intersection (see attached).

BACKGROUND

Management staff from Skope Industries are concerned about the hazards posed by an increasing number of trucking movements along Princess Street which is a direct (local road) link between Clarence Street and Matipo Street. The company operates out of premises near the intersection of Matipo Street and Princess Street. On the south-eastern corner of the intersection a trucking company (Bascik Transport) generate a high number of local movements to and from their yard which adds to the mix of traffic using Princess Street in the centre of a B4 business zone.

DISCUSSION

Over recent years, Princess Street has been reconstructed to a suitable standard to accept trucking movements within the B4 zone where a number of heavy industries have been established. At present there are no controls at the Matipo Street/Princess Street intersection. It would be appropriate to introduce traffic management measures that would overcome some of the problems associated with corner cutting and establish right of way between turning vehicles.

Translink operate out of a large freight forwarding and storage complex on the west side of Matipo Street with a roadway entrance within 100 metres of the Princess Street intersection. When articulated trucks pull over to the middle of the roadway to execute right turns into the complex, following traffic is often forced to stop due to a small number of cars that are often parked opposite the Translink roadway.

At the present time there is little demand for kerbside parking immediately adjacent to the two intersections. Appropriate bans on kerbside parking would assist trucking manoeuvres and serve to channel traffic moving into and out of the Bascik Transport and Translink freight forwarding depots.

PROPOSAL

Bans on kerbside parking are recommended on both the north-east and south-east corners of the Matipo Street/Princess Street intersection and at the Translink roadway entrance. It is also recommended that a “give way” sign with appropriate lane markings be placed on the Princess Street approach to the Matipo Street intersection to establish right of way for right turning traffic entering Princess Street from Matipo Street.

CONCLUSION

The traffic management measures proposed will assist in overcoming concerns expressed by businesses located near the Matipo Street/Princess Street intersection.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That a “give way” sign be placed against Princess Street at its intersection with Matipo Street.
 2. That the parking of vehicles be prohibited at any time in the following areas:
 - (i) On the east side of Matipo Street commencing at its intersection with Princess Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 100m.
 - (ii) On the east side of Matipo Street commencing at its intersection with Princess Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 20m.
 - (iii) On the south side of Princess Street commencing at its intersection with Matipo Street and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 47m.

- (iv) On the north side of Princess Street commencing at its intersection with Matipo Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 20m.
- (v) On the west side of Matipo Street commencing at its intersection with the Translink roadway entrance and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 20m.
- (vi) On the west side of Matipo Street commencing at its intersection with the Translink roadway entrance and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 20m.

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Recommendation:

That the above recommendations be adopted.