

22. REMOVAL OF THREE SPEED HUMPS AT SOUTHEY/LONGFELLOW INTERSECTION

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of comments received from residents not supporting the removal of the speed humps located at the Southey/Longfellow Streets intersection. The comments were received following a letterbox drop of the Start Work Notice (see attached).

BACKGROUND

Some Board members will recall the lengthy and sometimes very stressful discussions with residents on the controversy surrounding the type and design of traffic restraints implemented in the street. The views of the community were divided and the decision-making process difficult. Even after construction, a significant amount of Council staff and Board members' time was spent trying to mitigate the various concerns of the residents. Following a lengthy process the Board, at its meeting in October 2000, resolved:

- a) *That Southey/Longfellow kerb and channel renewal schedule for 2010 be brought forward to year 6.*
- b) *That City Streets Unit be requested to bring forward kerb and channel renewal work in Southey and Longfellow Streets scheduled for 2010/2011 to year 6 (2006) and that when the next Annual Plan is considered this work be substituted for work currently scheduled in the 5 year plan.*
- c) *That planting plots be replanted in the autumn season.*
- d) *That three speed humps be removed at the Southey/Longfellow junction.*
- e) *That a letter be sent to affected residents advising them of the Board's recommendation.*
- f) *That the Community Advocate and the Asset Renewal Engineer develop a draft policy on the way in which street treatments and associated consultation will be undertaken, and that this draft policy be referred to a Board working party."*

Most of the above issues were either attended to or not considered due to the changes in Council's commitments and priority. Staff changes and the review of the City Streets Unit has led to an oversight in terms of the removal of the three speed humps. This work was brought to the Board's attention in the early part of the year and hence the residents were notified with a Start Work Notice. It was always anticipated that feedback would be received even after two years.

Since the implementation of the traffic restraints, comments received have been encouraging. The reduction of vehicle speeds and the reductions of tyre marks on road surface are the obvious observations. This project has met its purpose and maintaining the status quo will have little or no effect on the intent of the project.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
- 1. That removal of the three speed humps not proceed.
 - 2. That a review of the traffic restraints be undertaken at the time when community consultation commences for the future replacement of kerb and channel for both Southey and Longfellow Streets.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: Not seen by Chairperson.