8. MARSHLAND ROAD - SHIRLEY ROAD TO PRESTONS ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to consult with the community on the proposal to provide on road cycle lanes in Marshland Road from Shirley Road to Prestons Road. This report was considered by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board on 4 February 2004.

BACKGROUND

Marshland Road is a minor arterial road and runs from Shirley Road to Main North Road. In 2003/04 and 2004/05 budget has been provided to upgrade and place on-road cycle lanes on Marshland Road from Shirley Road to Prestons Road.

The original scope of the project was for cycle lanes to Prestons Road. The Project Team was asked to look at extending this to Turners Road. However, this was beyond the available budget so the project is back to its original scope.

DISCUSSION

As this is a very long section of road the project has been broken down into four sections (see attached maps):

- Shirley Road to Joy Street.
- Joy Street to Briggs Road.
- Briggs Road to Mairehau Road.
- Mairehau Road to Prestons Road.

Section One - Shirley Road to Joy Street

The cycle lanes from Shirley Road to Hercules Street are already marked at the new standard and there are no changes in this section. From Hercules Street to Joy Street the carriageway is 17 metres wide and it is proposed that the cycles lanes be remarked to the new standard (1.6 metres against the kerb, 1.8 metres against parked vehicles). The current lane widths are considered to be significantly substandard. This will result in the traffic lanes being narrower but the flush median and parking facilities will not be altered.

Section Two - Joy Street to Briggs Road

The carriageway width through this section of Marshland Road is only 13.5 metres. This does not allow for parking on both sides of the road, two traffic lanes and cycle lanes. The proposal is to remove parking on the east side and allow parking on the west side where the majority of properties are residential, have two traffic lanes and a cycle lane on both sides, and continue the flush median.

Section Three - Briggs Road to Mairehau Road

This section has no parking on both sides, cycle lanes on both sides and a flush median. The parking is already banned between Briggs Road and Queen Elizabeth II Drive and there is no demand for parking between Queen Elizabeth II Drive and Mairehau Road.

It Is proposed to upgrade the access through and around the roundabout at Queen Elizabeth II Drive by realigning or providing a new pathway across the approach islands.

Section Four - Mairehau Road to Prestons Road

The proposal for this section of Marshlands Road is to continue the cycle lanes on the road shoulder. They will mate into the existing cycles lanes that were established last year from No 382 north.

This section has two areas of red cycle lane surface. They are proposed across the intersections with Mairehau and McSaveneys Roads and will provide safety benefits to cyclists.

It was proposed originally to consult with property owners north of Queen Elizabeth II Drive prior to community consultation as they were the only properties that were affected by the loss of parking in the original proposals. However, the proposal has now changed and at this time no consultation has taken place.

The proposal for cycle lanes on Marshland Road meets the policy for cycle facilities and traffic management on arterial roads, the cycle strategy and the parking strategy.

The estimated cost of this project is $150,000.

CONCLUSION

It is proposed to communicate the proposal to all property owners and residents by the delivery or mailing of a pamphlet. Council Officers intend to visit all properties that will have a loss of on-street parking to explain the proposals.

The Shirley/Papanui Community Board resolved that the staff recommendation be adopted and that consultation take place with Marshland School.

Staff Recommendation: That the proposal for cycle lanes in Marshland Road from Shirley Road to Prestons Road be approved for public consultation.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.