

17. TUCKERS ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Board to proceed with design and construction of the Tuckers Road project.

Members will recall the Board endorsed a consolidated consultation process for the traffic calming of Tuckers Road. The process used ("Charette"), involved a project team working from a site office with residents' views being incorporated throughout a three-day consultation period. The process was celebrated with a BBQ where the plan that evolved over the three days was displayed.

The plan (attached) received significant support and enthusiasm from residents. Given this support and the opportunities that were made available for the public to have their say, it is considered that the plan be distributed back to the community for information purposes only. The project has a budget of \$268,000 and is scheduled for construction July – September 2004.

The objective for this project is "To use both physical and social initiatives to enhance the quality of life for people living, working and travelling in Tuckers Road." The plan currently portrays the "physical" initiatives of the objective only. The social initiatives require further work. There is a strong community spirit building and a good core of residents that are eager to contribute to this project. To progress the social component it is intended to have further meetings with the core group of residents to establish an action plan that will include such things as creating/sourcing street furniture for placement within the reclaimed road spaces. The Leisure Unit have granted \$5,000 in the next financial year towards a community art project for the street with the possibility of further funds the following financial year. Ideally it would be good to "empower" this community to manage the creation and implementation of the art and other furniture. The ever-changing nature of both is a key component to sustaining slow vehicle speeds and the residents are best positioned for maintaining/replacing the furniture. Involving the community in the planting of the trees and shrubs identified in the plan has also been identified as possible and would reduce the costs of the project.

The project team will be reconvened within the next two months to consider the finer details of the concept.

David Engwicht will be returning to Christchurch in March/April to launch the "Traffic Tamers" programme at Northcote School. David is developing material for Northcote that can subsequently be used at other schools in Christchurch. The programme looks to be low cost and can be driven by the school with a minimum of Council involvement and will be integrated with the physical works planned for the street. The City Streets Schools Co-ordinator will have further details on this programme if members are interested.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board support the proposed plan for Tuckers Road for design and construction.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the staff recommendation be adopted.
 2. That the Board provides \$5,000 for artwork in Tuckers Road, and that the local community be approached to provide the artwork.