

5. ROAD SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROJECTS

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The purpose of this report is to provide information on projects being undertaken by the Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee.

The following report is on one of the issues identified for action in the Christchurch Road Safety Strategy. Project management groups plan and manage actions for the year as identified in the strategy. A plan for the year is produced by each project group based on research from the Land Transport Safety Authority crash reports and other information available.

At the end of this report reference is made to the actions in the Road Safety Strategy being addressed in the planned activity for the year.

The priority actions identified by the Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee at a recent workshop are listed at the end of the report for reference.

INTERSECTION SAFETY PLAN FOR 2003/04

Orange Light Posters

Posters about stopping for orange/yellow lights were sent out to 2,637 businesses in Christchurch with 10 or more staff. There have been a number of requests for more posters.

Intersection Survey Form

A survey form was sent out with the Star newspaper asking people to tell us about their worst intersection, what is wrong with it and what they think could be done to improve it in terms of engineering, education or enforcement. They were asked to tell us whether they use the intersection as cyclists, pedestrians or motorists.

About 2,000 replies have been received. These are being entered in a database and will be analysed by March 2004, when there will be media publicity about the results.

More FM orange light promotion

Radio More FM has spent three weeks with spotters at Christchurch intersections spotting cars that stop for orange lights. The registration numbers are read out on the radio station and the drivers who responded were given a prize.

Police Enforcement

Police have carried out a four week enforcement campaign on red and orange light running in Christchurch. They used a spotter hidden at the intersection with a radio. Police cars were stationed on the legs of the intersection. When the spotter sighted a motorist doing the wrong thing he radioed the appropriate car. It pulled out with lights flashing and pulled the driver over to issue a ticket.

Planning

A review of section 13 of the City Plan is to be undertaken.

Road Safety Strategy Actions

The actions above address Actions 2, and 12 from the Road Safety Strategy. Actions 6, and 8, are also being implemented.

Priorities identified at the Road Safety Workshop

- Action 4 - Install right turn traffic signal arrows at appropriate locations where right turning vehicle crashes are of concern.

- Action 6 - Identify defects by establishing a system of crash studies and by utilising safety audits of the existing roading network.
- Action 8 - Prioritise remedial/improvement roading work.
- Action 10 - Run a series of seminars to educate councillors, developers and planning consultants on the impact of planning decisions on road safety.
- Action 12 - Audit the City Plan to identify areas of potential conflict with road safety.
- Action 14 - Implement a requirement that all planning decisions state the road safety implications as an integral part of the decision.

New

- Form a team of engineers to make recommendations on problem intersections.
- Investigate current legislation (advocate) to ensure engineers and planners can influence planners/developers' scheme plans, eg Northlands Mall, Shirley Shops, Bus Exchange.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.