

9. WAINONI ROAD - AVONSIDE DRIVE TO HAMPSHIRE STREET

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to consult with the community on the proposal to renew the kerb and channel, footpaths and grass berms in Wainoni Road from Avonside Drive to Bexley Rod.

BACKGROUND

Wainoni Road is a minor arterial road and runs from Kerrs Road to New Brighton Road. In 2004/05 and 2005/06 the kerb and channel on the section of Wainoni Road from Avonside Drive (northern side of Porritt Park) to Hampshire Street is to be renewed. This will complete the kerb and channel for the whole length of Wainoni Road.

At the northern end of the project the new kerb and channel will be mating into the completed work at Bexley Road/Anzac Drive.

The estimated cost for the project is \$2,190,000.

DISCUSSION

As Wainoni Road is a minor arterial and part of the designated cycle network, it is proposed to install cycle lanes and a flush median throughout the entire length of the project. Where there is a demand, and to create a consistent traffic environment, pedestrian refuges have been placed in the flush median throughout the length of the project. This will result in a loss of parking in some areas.

Avonside Drive to Shortland Street

The kerb and channel on the eastern side was renewed some time ago, so this project will only be dealing with the western side for this section of road. The kerb to kerb distance is only 14.1 metres and to allow for the cycle lane and flush median there is a need to remove parking on the eastern side. The existing pedestrian refuges will be renewed as part of this work and additional ones placed either side of Shortland Street. The bus stops outside 120/120A/120B and 144/146 will be indented.

Shortland Street to Breezes Road

The kerb has been built out at the Shortland Street intersection to increase visibility and ease access at the intersection. There will be no stopping throughout the intersection and either side for a distance of approximately 120 metres. An additional pedestrian refuge is to be installed outside the service station. The bus stop outside 155 has been moved with the realignment of the Shortland Street intersection to outside 159. The signalised intersection at Breezes Road will be relaned to allow a dedicated right turn, a left turn and a through lane on the south approach and a dedicated right turn on the north approach.

Breezes Road to Bexley Road

With the relaning at the intersection the bus stop on the east side, outside 202 has been repositioned south of the intersection outside 184 and the bus stop at 172 has been removed. With this proposal the bus stops in this section have been rationalised and the pair outside 217 and 222 are to be removed and the one outside 288 has been repositioned south outside 284 to provide a better service to residents of Orrick Crescent.

Several pedestrian refuges have been included in this section and this has resulted in a reduction in parking in the vicinity of these.

At Orrick Crescent the kerb has been built out to give better definition to the intersection. It also results in a loss of parking.

To add to the enhancement of the area, it is proposed to plant trees in the footpath for the whole length of this project. The footpath will be 2.3 metres wide and approximately every 20 metres a tree will be planted. The trees will be planted in a area 2 metres long by 900 mm wide. This area will be landscaped with hardy plants that require little maintenance. This work will reduce the footpath width to 1.4 metres.

CONCLUSION

The proposal has not yet been communicated to the wider community. The next stage will be to communicate the proposal to all property owners and residents by the delivery or mailing of a letter and plan. Council officers intend to visit all properties that will have a reduction in on-street parking or placement of a bus stop to explain the proposals.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposal to renew the kerb and channel, footpaths and grass berms in Wainoni Road from Avonside Drive to Bexley Road be approved for public consultation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.