4. ROBERTS ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Paul Burden, consultant, will be in attendance to discuss the report he has prepared on the issues raised by residents of Roberts Road and Matangi Street. The report has been circulated to Board members previously, and the views of the Committee are now sought on the report's conclusions.

In May 2004 the Community Board received a petition from a number of residents living in Roberts Road and Matangi Street. The petition was presented to and discussed with the Transport and Roading Committee on 21 May 2004. The petition sought relief from the adverse effects associated with the use of Roberts Road by heavy commercial vehicles. A summary of the issues raised in residents' comments to the Committee included:

- Excess speed of heavy commercial vehicles.
- Extended hours of truck operations.
- House damage, noise and dust issues.
- Children's safety.
- Suggestions for speed humps or other traffic management works to slow heavy vehicles.

An onsite meeting was held with the residents, Community Board Members and Council staff on 28 May 2004. At this meeting residents reinforced the above concerns and raised further concerns as follows:

- High number of heavy motor vehicles.
- Rural threshold ineffective.
- Need for alterations to the Gilberthorpes Road/Roberts Road intersection including a "stop" sign.

The outcome of this was that the Committee met with staff from the Transport and City Streets Unit to discuss any possible improvements. The Transport and City Streets Unit commissioned a report to examine the issues raised and explore remedial options. A copy of the report has been circulated separately to Board members.