

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1 DECEMBER 2003**

REPORT ON: ROAD SAFETY MEASURES – IMPLEMENTATION 2003-2004

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report advises committee of all the locations in the city where road safety intervention measures have been requested from various sources; and seeks committee approval for a prioritised programme of road safety initiatives and pedestrian facilities in 2003-2004.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Road Safety schemes as set out in Appendix B are implemented.
- 2.2 It is recommended that a pedestrian crossing facility be implemented at Queen Street, Broughty Ferry.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of implementation of the road safety initiatives and pedestrian facility identified in this report will be met from within the Planning and Transportation Department's 2003-2004 Capital Budget of £180,000 for Traffic Calming/Provision for Pedestrians.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Road safety initiatives promote a safer environment for all road users and encourage walking and cycling, which are environmentally benign modes of transport.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Road safety initiatives promote safety, especially for vulnerable groups such as the elderly and children, thus ensuring that the local road network meets the transport needs of all road users.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 Introduction

The Road Traffic Act 1988 places a statutory duty on the Council as the Roads Authority to carry out a programme of measures to promote road safety and prevent road accidents.

The importance of road safety is further emphasised within the Council's Local Transport Strategy (LTS) where Safety is given prominence as one of five overarching Higher Level Objectives. The road safety component itself has the

objective “to improve the safety of all travellers, giving particular emphasis to the safety of vulnerable road users, particularly children.”

6.2 Government Targets

In March 2000 the Government set national road accident casualty reduction targets underpinned by a national road safety strategy. These targets are, compared to the average for 1994-1998, by the year 2010 to achieve a:

- 40% reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI);
- 50% reduction in the number of children killed or seriously injured (KSI); and
- 10% reduction in the slight casualty rate (slight injuries per 100 million vehicle kilometres).

Dundee City Council, through the Local Transport Strategy, adopted these targets.

6.3 Progress

Through an integrated partnership approach involving a number of Council Departments, Tayside Police and Tayside Health Board a range of engineering, enforcement, education and encouragement initiatives have achieved a significant reduction in road casualties in Dundee.

A 39% reduction in all KSI casualties and a 55% reduction in child KSI casualties has been achieved to date compared to the average for 1994-1998. The road safety engineering measures promoted by the Planning and Transportation Department have contributed significantly to this reduction in casualties.

6.4 Strategy

Report 488-2002 “Road Safety Measures Implementation 2002-2003” approved at Planning and Transportation Committee on 24 June 2002 set out a strategy that concentrated on Pedestrian Injury Prevention and Accident Cluster Sites throughout the city. It is proposed to continue with this strategy.

6.5 Identification and Prioritisation

The Council receives requests for Traffic Calming/Road Safety Measures from various sources: elected members, general public, community councils etc. These are assessed using a computerised accident database. Appendix A lists all the requests received. The computerised accident database is also used by the Council to identify sites in need of road safety measures in addition to requests received.

The computerised accident database is used again to prioritise all sites that would benefit from road safety intervention measures (identified by the Council and/or requested). Priority is based predominantly on the scheme’s potential to save injury accidents. Appendix B shows the locations recommended for road safety intervention measures as a result of this prioritisation.

6.6 Provision for Pedestrians

In addition to accident prevention there is a need to improve accessibility to local facilities and such a need has been identified at Queen Street, Broughty Ferry, where high traffic volumes cause severance between local residents and local facilities. It is proposed to install a pedestrian crossing facility at this location.

7 **CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and the Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 Report No 488-2002, Road Safety Implementation Measures 2002-2003, Planning and Transportation Committee, 24 June 2002.

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APPENDIX A**TRAFFIC CALMING/ROAD SAFETY REQUESTS**

Arklay Street
Balbeggie Street, Douglas
Ballater Place, Douglas
Blacklock Crescent
Bright Street, Lochee
Brington Road
Buttars Road
Byron Street – St Peter and Pauls PS
Court Street
Covenanters Pend, Claverhouse
Durriss Loan
Dykehead Place
Findchapel Place
Finella Place
Finmore Street, Fintry
Fintryside
Gowrie Court
Greendykes Road
Haldane Crescent
Harestane Road
High Street, Lochee
Hyndford Street
Kerrystone Court
Lintrathen Gardens
Murrayfield Drive
Overgate Centre – Peds
River Crescent
Riverside Drive
Sherbrook Crescent
St Fillans Road
St Kilda Road
St Mary PS, Lochee
St Marys Road
Victoria Road, Broughty Ferry
Woodside Terrace area

APPENDIX B**LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED FOR ROAD SAFETY MEASURES**

Arbroath Road – West of Scott Fyffe Roundabout

Hawkhill – West of West Port Roundabout

Hawkhill – West of Peddie Street

Ballindean Road at Ballindean Place

St Kilda Road