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**SUBJECT: UPGRADES TO TWO EXISTING ZEBRA CROSSINGS ON THE FISH
HOEK MAIN ROAD (HIGH STREET)**

COMPLIMENTS

The addition of the new pedestrian crossing between Video-rite and the Arcade has proven to be a great success. Similarly, the zebra crossing behind the Arcade leading to the First Avenue parking area is also highly functional.

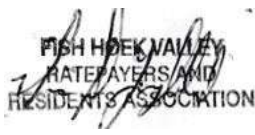

Both designs rely on high visibility road markings and features that highlight their presence, without the use of traffic lights.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To safely improve the traffic flow through Fish Hoek, we propose changes to the two existing traffic light controlled crossings on Fish Hoek's Main Road and request the relevant council department and decision-makers to consider the following points towards making the changes:

1. The two traffic light controlled pedestrian crossings on the Main Road being referred to are the Town Square crossing and the Shoprite crossing (reference Annexure A);
2. These traffic light controlled pedestrian crossings frequently restrict traffic flow due to remaining red for longer than it takes for pedestrians to cross, or due to someone having crossed or passed by pressing the button and therefore no-longer requiring the lights' function;
3. The new crossing at the Arcade only stops traffic when pedestrians use it, and therefore does not restrict traffic unnecessarily;
4. Some may point out that the lights often support vehicle ingress into main road, or egress from the main road; this is moot since traffic will also halt when pedestrians cross;
5. It may also be pointed out that the light programming may be changed to stay red for shorter and then flash amber; this does not alter the second part of point 2 above; and
6. It's therefore proposed that the two traffic light controlled crossings be converted to the same design-type as the recently implemented Video-rite to Arcade pedestrian crossing.

In addition, should both these crossings be redesigned as per the new one, it may be worth considering painting a short left turn and right turn feeder lane into De Waal and Central Roads respectively. This will further reduce traffic restriction along Main Road.

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ANNEXURE A: SHOPRITE AND TOWN SQUARE CROSSINGS

