

25. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PRACTICUM - FREEMANTLE

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's support for the attendance of the Chairman, Councillor Denis O'Rourke, at the Regional Practicum for Mayors from Australia, New Zealand and Asia to be held in Freemantle, Australia, from 8-10 May 2002.

BACKGROUND

As part of the United Nations Car Free Days: Imagining a New City Series, the City of Freemantle together with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Eco Plan will be hosting a practicum as above.

The practicum will take place over 2¹/₂ days with time being devoted to discussion on sustainable transport issues in the region and the obstacles to creating more efficient and equitable transport systems and to observation of the "Third Scheduled Car Free Day". It is also seen as a precursor to the World Summit on Sustainable Development to be held in South Africa in September 2002.

Members will recall that in June 2001 the then City Services Committee approved further consideration of the possible involvement of Christchurch in the International Car Free Day to be held again in 2002 on 22 September. This workshop would also provide the opportunity for additional information gathering on the issues involved in Christchurch's possible participation in this.

A personal invitation has been extended to Christchurch to send a representative and it is considered appropriate that Councillor Denis O'Rourke, as Chairman of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee, attend.

COSTS

Estimated costs are as follows:

Air travel	\$1,153.00 *
Accommodation	\$509.00
Meals, taxi etc	\$363.00

Total	NZ \$2,025.00
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* Allows for credit already held.

Funding will be available from the budget for elected representatives conferences in the 2002/03 financial year.

Recommendation: That the Committee recommend to the Council the attendance of the Chairman at the above conference in Freemantle from 8-10 May 2002.