

## 20. CITYWIDE PARKING STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of work that has been undertaken in the development of a Citywide Parking Strategy for Christchurch City and the next steps as proposed.

### BACKGROUND

The need for a Citywide Parking Strategy was recognised and promised as part of the City Council's Metropolitan Transport Strategy and City Plan process. The desired outcome is to produce a citywide framework and direction for parking issues in the city. This means that the focus will not be just on the City Centre but will deal with the whole city context, the effects of regulatory and non-regulatory methods, on street and off street, short term and long term parking. The strategy will be used to contribute to the wider transportation planning objectives of the city, guide Community Board decision making and resolve an outstanding Environment Court reference by Environment Canterbury.

Christchurch City Council has already produced Strategies for public transport, road safety, cycling and pedestrians. Work began on the Citywide Parking Strategy with the a consultation document entitled "The Ultimate Solution to City Parking? *Hagley carPARK*" which received 219 submissions and highlighted a number of issues in respect to parking (May 2000).

This strategy will provide an opportunity to look beyond the Central City and consider the parking issues citywide. It provides an opportunity to bring together policies and focus on the future of parking for Christchurch. The Strategy will be a non statutory document but an outcome of its development may result in changes to the City Plan.

### NEXT STEPS

The second stage of consultation has been in the form of 7 focus groups with a mixture of representatives from business, recreation, educational, transportation and staff from Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council. Each group has been involved in 3 meetings. The first meeting (Dec-Feb 02) identified issues relating to parking for that group, the second meeting (Mar-Apr 02) discussed options available for resolving issues and the third meeting (May 02) presented draft policies and methods for a strategy. These meetings have guided the initial development of the draft strategy.

The Draft Strategy is now being developed into a consultation document. This will be presented at a seminar for Community Boards (July) to inform them of the proposed content and provide an opportunity to comment before the draft goes to print and public consultation (August-September). This draft will also be going before the Sustainable Transport & Utilities Committee for sign off.

### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Not seen by Chairperson.**