

10. BUCKLEYS ROAD PROJECTS - SUBSTITUTION

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The purpose of this report is to seek the agreement of the Strategy and Finance Committee to the substitution of the above projects as recommended by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee at its meeting on 12 February 2002.

EXISTING POLICY

The current policy, as adopted by the Council on 27 May 1999, regarding alterations to capital budgets is:

“The reallocation of budgeted expenditure from the delivery of a service or asset which has been identified in the Annual Plan to something new or to a totally different expenditure activity requires the Strategy and Resource Committee approval on the recommendation of the appropriate Standing Committee.”

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 12 February 2002 the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee considered a report from the City Streets Manager recommending the substitution of two projects in Buckleys Road to the Milnes/Sparks/Sutherland realignment project.

This matter had been considered at the 30 January 2002 meeting of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board which recommended that the following projects not proceed:

1. Buckleys Road/Kerrs Road Traffic Signals: Pedestrian Crossing Extension - \$30,000 budgeted
2. Buckleys Road at Eastgate Mall: Pedestrian Traffic Signals - \$50,000 budgeted

The decision was made on advice from Brian Neill and Bill Greenwood from the City Streets Unit. Essentially, studies have shown that there is minimal demand for the facilities at Kerrs Road. At Eastgate Mall the improvements to the pedestrian facilities made last year have significantly improved the crossability of Buckleys Road and installing traffic signals is unlikely to provide any additional benefit.

DISCUSSION

These two projects are in the safety improvements section of the City Streets budget. Another project in this section, “Milnes/Sparks/Sutherland intersection realignment”, has increased in costs from \$163,200 to \$240,000. It is proposed that the funding for the two deleted projects be transferred to the Milnes/Sparks/Sutherland intersection realignment.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the following projects be deleted from the 2001/02 Annual Plan:

Buckleys/Kerrs pedestrian signals	\$30,000
Eastgate pedestrian signals	\$50,000
 2. That the budget amounts for these two projects be transferred to the Milnes/Sparks/Sutherland realignment project.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.