

7. MARSHLAND ROAD: TEMPORARY PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the introduction of the following temporary parking restrictions on the eastern side of Marshland Road in front of The Palms Shopping Centre (see attached plan).

BACKGROUND

Mr Glen Percasky from The Palms has requested a temporary vehicle exit from the southern car park to Marshland Road for approximately one month during the current stage of on-site construction work.

Recently, an elderly woman was injured while walking through the existing access. To eliminate this problem between the new cinema complex and the southern car park building, Mr Percasky intends to close it off to the public. This would mean that vehicles parking in this area would have to turn left into New Brighton Road to exit. Many may choose to turn right against the "no right turn" ban creating a safety issue. The temporary exit onto Marshland Road will be left-turn only and would allow motorists to travel back towards the City.

Construction is progressing as rapidly as possible and to minimise the disruption to the public it is proposed to progress with the temporary exit as soon as possible. This will also ensure that work does not continue into the Christmas period.

This closure will only be in place until an alternative access is provided through the new southern car park building. This is similar to what happened at the northern car park building. Once this alternative access is available the temporary vehicle exit to Marshland Road would be removed and the existing parking restrictions reinstated.

CONCLUSION

The City Streets Unit supports this proposal. To maintain the existing bus and taxi services it is necessary to alter their positions to make the temporary exit safe.

The Red Bus Company and the Taxi Federation have been consulted on this matter. The Golf Links Residents' Association and the Shirley/Papanui Community Board have also been informed of this work.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board support the following temporary parking restrictions:

1. That a "bus stop" be temporarily installed on the eastern side of Marshland Road commencing at a point 76.5 metres from its intersection with New Brighton Road and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 35.5 metres.
2. That a "taxi stand" be temporarily created on the eastern side of Marshland Road commencing at a point 112 metres from its intersection with New Brighton Road and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 25.5 metres.
3. That a "taxi stand" be temporarily created on the eastern side of Marshland Road commencing at a point 161 metres from its intersection with New Brighton Road and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 15.5 metres.
4. That the existing parking restrictions in this area be temporarily removed and restored after the closure of the temporary vehicle exit.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.