

5. **WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
- REPORT OF THE 16 AUGUST 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 16 August meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee  
held on Friday 16 August 2002 at 8.00 am  
in the Board Room, CCC Fendalton**

**PRESENT:** Mark Kunnen (Chairman), Sally Buck, George Hampton,  
Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku, Barbara Stewart and Mike Wall.

Val Carter arrived at 8.50 am, Barbara Stewart left at 9.00am and Sally Buck and George Hampton departed at 10.30 am.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence was received and accepted from Cheryl Colley and from Val Carter for lateness.

**2. GREYKE ROAD – A LIVING STREET - UPDATE**

Members of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Works Transport and Roading Committee were in attendance to participate in the consideration of this item.

Paul Burden of the City Streets Unit and Andrew MacBeth of Montgomery Watson Harza, elaborated on the work in progress including the tabling of the intended scheme plan as a basis for completing the public consultation process.

It was explained that the project had been vigorously scrutinised with regard to safety issues, planning aspects and costing reviews with the result that the project was now within the allowable budget. Savings had been made through changes to the surface treatments, in the parking areas and across the footpaths at tree locations plus reductions in landscape planting.

The concept was now at a stage where approval was needed for the distribution of a publicity pamphlet to the local and wider community. This would include a tear-off section for returning comments and placement of the plan in the metropolitan and local newspapers. Responses received to this final stage of consultation together with a detailed design plan would be reported back to both Boards and to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee for a final decision. Subject to these approvals, construction was scheduled to commence in May 2003.

Members of both Committees asked a number of questions in relation to the process including seeking clarification of responses put forward by the University of Canterbury.

Staff indicated that the function of the road corridor would remain unaffected and that the vehicle capacity needs at intersections at both ends of the intended work would continue to meet present and future demand.

It was stressed that the plan was at the consultative stage and that feedback received would have a bearing on the final design details.

It was requested that details of the consultation costs be made available to members at the conclusion of the process.

The recommendation that follows has the support of both of the Board's Committees.

**Recommendation:** That the draft Plan as presented, be approved for circulation and public comment.

Members of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Work, Transport and Roading Committee left the meeting.

**3. MERIVALE LANE – LANDSCAPE PLANTING**

The Landscape Architect, Dennis Preston, provided for the Committee's information, details of the intended on-street planting proposed as part of the kerb and channel renewal project about to be commenced in Merivale Lane.

Information on the planting types was tabled and Members indicated their support for what was proposed.

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

#### 4. HAREWOOD ROAD – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Committee received representations from Clayton Cosgrove M.P. and Mr D P Barkle of 1/254 Harewood Road on behalf of local residents concerned about a number of traffic safety related issues in Harewood Road in the immediate vicinity of the Bishopdale roundabout (Harewood/Farrington/ Highsted).

The representatives called on the Council via the Board, to initiate major improvements to the roundabout and immediate area for which concerns had existed for several years.

The Council's Traffic Engineer elaborated on a pending consultants report which with the consultation undertaken, had identified a number of safety issues regarding the four lane section of Harewood Road. These included:

- speeds through the roundabout
- loss of control crashes at the roundabout
- difficulties pedestrians have in crossing the road in the vicinity of the roundabout
- red light running at the Greers Road intersection

Representatives of the appointed consultants (Beca, Carter, Hollings and Ferner Ltd) were in attendance to elaborate on the research findings and they spoke of possible remedial short and long term options to address the matters identified.

Members asked various questions and staff indicated that initial focus would be given to the immediate area of the roundabout with the remaining sections to be addressed progressively thereafter.

**Recommendation:** That the City Streets Unit report to a future meeting of the Committee on the issues raised by the deputation and the consultants, and on the short and long term options, and costs, available for improvements on the section of Harewood Road covered by the interim and final reports.

#### 5. COLLISIONS WITH ROADSIDE HAZARDS – PRESENTATION

Wayne Osmers, Regional Engineer with the Land Transport Safety Authority in Christchurch presented research data on injury and fatal road accidents in the Fendalton/Waimairi area over the past ten years.

Members asked a number of questions and it was requested that the material presented be circulated for information.

The Committee **received** the information.

#### 6. STEWARTS BUSH RESERVE – GUM TREES

At its meeting on 30 July 2002 the Board inter alia, requested that those residents who had expressed concerns be surveyed on work undertaken (to the trees) and the results be reported back to the Committee along with a further review of the trees and comment on a replacement programme.

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate reported on the feedback received to the further communication initiated with the signatories to the earlier Clarke petition and advised that the majority of the replies received wanted the trees to be retained.

A recent inspection of the trees found them to be sound and healthy with no visible decay or evidence of root heave.

On the aspect of a replacement programme, it was indicated that if both trees were to be removed then one deciduous tree would be considered for planting in the area between the

existing gum trees. If only the boundary tree was to be removed, no replacements would be supported as there were already sufficient trees and shrubs in the immediate vicinity.

Overall therefore the Committee was advised that there was strong support within the surveyed area to retain the trees.

Members agreed that the matter had been well aired and considered by the Board and that the increased levels of ongoing maintenance to remove the tree litter, had improved the overall situation.

**Recommendation:** That neither of the two gum trees at the Stewarts Bush Reserve be removed and that the enhanced maintenance regime continue to be carried out.

## **7. GENERAL ISSUES - UPDATE**

The Committee reviewed the earlier prepared list of key issues for ongoing consideration by the Committee throughout the current Board term.

It was **agreed** that over the next few months attention be given to further considering the western leg of the Ring Road ie Greers/Grahams/Waimairi coupled with the Council's involvement in considering the northern roading options. The addition of local schools onto the Council's list for temporary 40km/h speed signs was also highlighted as was the need to continue to address the future of the Bishopdale Shopping Centre.

Mention was also made of the need to progress the various projects for which Board project funding had been allocated for the 2002/03 year.

The meeting concluded at 11.17 am.

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.