11. MONTREAL STREET AND SALISBURY STREET: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to alter the parking restrictions at the corner of Montreal Street and Salisbury Street (see attachment).

BACKGROUND

NZ Post has relocated its retail shop at the corner of Montreal Street and Salisbury Street, from a frontage on Montreal Street to Salisbury Street. The existing kerb side parking in front of the new shop is controlled by parking meters with a time limit of 60 minutes. NZ Post has expressed concern at courier vehicles and motorists double parking in front of its new shop for short periods and causing traffic safety issues at the intersection.

DISCUSSION

The shop owners/operators on the north eastern corner of Salisbury Street and Montreal Street are agreeable to a "Loading Zone with a time limit of 5 minutes" being installed at this location.

Recent retail changes to the shops on the north eastern corner of Montreal Street and Salisbury Street indicate it is also timely to review the existing P30 parking restriction at this location. The shops owners/operators would prefer some shorter term parking for this area and suggested a time limit of 10 minutes.

The changes to the parking facilities in front of the shops on the north eastern corner of Montreal Street and Salisbury Street will provide for some short term parking for the shops and improve the traffic flow and safety at this intersection.

CONCLUSION

The installation of some short time parking in this area will improve the safety of motorists, pedestrian and cycle movements in this area.

The Council's proposed Draft Parking Strategy provides guidance for the allocation of kerbside parking. For commercial/retail areas, Policy 7G refers to the use of a *"mix of pricing regimes, time and parking restrictions to encourage the turnover of on-street parking in areas of high demand".*

The Strategy suggests that kerbside parking space should be allocated in general accordance with the table below:

	Commercial/Retail Centres
1	High occupancy vehicles
2	Loading zones
3	Short-stay private vehicle parking for business and retail needs including taxis
4	Parking for people with disabilities
5	Resident and visitor car parking
6	Commuter parking

The proposal to install a "P5 Loading Zone" and a "P10" parking restriction on the north eastern corner of Montreal Street and Salisbury Street fits with the proposed strategy.

The Parking Operations Manager and adjacent businesses support the parking restriction changes.

Staff Recommendation:

That the Board approves the following parking changes:

- 1. That two parking meters with a time limit of 60 minutes installed on the northern side of Salisbury Street commencing at a point 20 metres from its intersection with Montreal Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres, be removed.
- 2. That a "loading zone time limit 5 minutes" be created on the northern side of Salisbury Street commencing at a point 20 metres from its intersection with Montreal Street and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres.

- 3. That the parking restrictions on the eastern side of Montreal Street commencing at a point 15 metres from its intersection with Salisbury Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 20 metres, be revoked.
- 4. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 10 minutes on the eastern side of Montreal Street commencing at a point 15 metres from its intersection with Salisbury Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 20 metres.

Chairperson's Recommendation:

For discussion.