

## 9. PURCHAS STREET ROAD WIDENING DESIGNATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the recommendation to the Council to uplift a number of redundant road widening designations in the north of the City.

### BACKGROUND

Road widening designations on the corners of Madras Street and Purchas Street and Barbadoes Street and Purchas Street were held by Transit New Zealand under the Transitional City Plan in conjunction with other designations for the Northern Arterial. At the request of Transit NZ all of the designations for the urban section of the Northern Arterial were uplifted on 2 June 1994. At this time the Council re-imposed a road widening designation in the Proposed City Plan (attached) on a number of the properties in the Purchas Street area, which had been the subject of a Transit NZ designation, to retain the ability to provide for a future high capacity link between Madras Street and Barbadoes Street.

### DISCUSSION

The land was designated by the Council to enable a study of all the options for access to the City from the north to be undertaken before abandoning the connection along Purchas Street between Madras Street and Barbadoes Street. The assessment phase of the Northern Roding Options Scoping Study (NROSS) has now been completed and no requirement has been identified for the road widening designations under any of the options studied. Therefore, there is no longer any reason to retain the designations over the land or to purchase the land from the current owners.

The land over which the road widening designations are imposed is owned by Transit NZ (461 and 465 Barbadoes Street, 464 Madras Street) and Orion New Zealand (496 Madras Street, 109 Purchas Street). Both organisations have recently requested that the Council either purchase the land that is the subject of the designation or uplift the designation to enable them to dispose of the land which is excess to their requirements.

### CONCLUSION

A request has been received by the Council from the affected landowners to remove the road widening designations or purchase the land at the intersections of Purchas Street with Madras Street and Barbadoes Streets. The land is not required by the Council for roading purposes and it is therefore recommended that the designations be uplifted to enable the owners to dispose of the land for development.

#### Staff

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

#### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the staff recommendation be adopted.