

8. **WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
- REPORT OF 20 FEBRUARY 2003**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 20 February meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee  
held on Thursday 20 February 2003 at 8.00 am  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

**PRESENT:** Val Carter (Chairman), Sally Buck, George Hampton, Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall and Ron Wright.

**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Cheryl Colley and for early departures from Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart and Sally Buck.

**2. ECAN – NORTHERN CHRISTCHURCH BUS SERVICE - UPDATE**

Matthew Noon and Wayne Holton-Jefferys from ECan provided the Committee with an update on the Northern Christchurch Bus Service Review and answered a number of questions from members.

Details of the service routes under review were elaborated on along with aspects of the consultation so far undertaken and of the feedback received.

Information was also presented on the proposed local route improvements, the details of which were shown on an accompanying plan.

The secondary consultation phase is to begin in March and will take the form of an expanded version of the primary consultation process including also focus groups and public displays.

Members noted the intention to improve the connection service between the Bishopdale Shopping Centre and the Northlands area.

The new Smart Cards would be available through a number of community outlets and later evaluation of this service may also include availability of the cards from Council outlets.

Overall, members expressed their appreciation for the service improvements highlighted during the presentation and extended their congratulations to ECan accordingly.

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

**3. ORBITER BUS SERVICE RE BISHOPDALE SHOPPING CENTRE**

At its meeting on 28 January 2003, the Board decided that the issue of the Orbiter service being extended to include the Bishopdale Shopping Centre be further addressed by the Committee.

With the ECan staff representatives in attendance, the opportunity was taken to revisit the decision made by ECan in February 2002 to decline a service extension.

The Committee acknowledged that from the information just presented on the Northern Christchurch Bus Service Review, some of the lack of service concerns were now allayed at least for the immediate future. Notwithstanding these alterations, it was restated to the ECan staff that the Board's expectations remained for the Orbiter service to be amended later to include the Bishopdale Shopping Centre.

The obvious success of the Orbiter service and its branding was noted by the Committee.

It was **agreed** that arrangements be made for Board members to collectively use the bus service on selected local routes.

#### 4. BOARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2002/03 – BUS PATRONAGE INITIATIVES

The Board had also referred this matter to the Committee for further consideration of a project(s) for which \$10,000 was available to commit by the end of June 2003.

The Committee undertook a discussion with input from the Ecan staff representatives. General support was expressed for further work to be undertaken in collaboration with ECan to develop some reward based initiatives around the soon to be introduced Smart Cards for bus passengers.

Mention was made about utilising some of the funding to provide additional seats at bus stops. It was noted however that corporate budget provision was available for this initiative. Concern was also expressed that the maintenance and repairs to the newer type of bus stop especially on the Orbiter routes, was not being undertaken in a timely manner.

**Recommendation:** That the staff in collaboration with ECan, investigate and report back to the Committee on reward based initiatives aimed at increasing bus patronage.

#### 5. FENDALTON ROAD – MEDIAN PLANTING

The Landscape Architect advised of a change needing to be made to the narrow 0.4 to 1 metre wide section of the median at the Idris/Straven Road intersection. It was explained that it was impractical to have such a narrow portion planted and from the ensuing discussion the provision of pavers to match those in the areas having parking bays was with some reluctance, agreed to.

It was reiterated that the use of quality soil was crucial for the long term wellbeing of the new plantings proposed and that some check needed to be made to ensure that the eventual mature tree canopies would not be damaged as large vehicles moved along the road.

Members were complimentary over the way the contract was being managed and progressed.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received and that the intended planting of the narrow section of the median at the Idris/Straven Road intersection be replaced with pavers to match those used in other areas of the project.

#### 6. JELLIE PARK – CONCEPT PLAN FOR LAKE REDEVELOPMENT

A concept plan was presented for the proposed redevelopment of the lake area at Jellie Park as a prelude to starting the wider public consultation phase.

The Committee indicated its support and acceptance of the plan being circulated to the community.

**Recommendation:** That the concept plan for the lake redevelopment at Jellie Park be circulated for public comment.

#### 7. 2003 MEETING DATES

The Committee **decided:**

1. That the dates and times for the Committee's meetings for the balance of 2003 be as follows:

Tuesday 18 March at 8.00 am  
Tuesday 15 April at 8.00 am  
Tuesday 20 May at 8.00 am  
Tuesday 17 June at 8.00 am  
Tuesday 15 July at 8.00 am  
Thursday 14 August at 8.00 am  
Tuesday 16 September at 8.00 am  
Tuesday 14 October at 8.00 am  
Tuesday 11 November at 8.00 am  
Tuesday 16 December at 8.00 am

2. That the usual venue for the meetings of the Committee to be Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.

The meeting concluded at 9.49 am.

**Chairman's**

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