

**7. WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
- REPORT OF 14 OCTOBER 2003**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 14 October 2003 meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee
held on Tuesday 14 October 2003 at 8.00 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.**

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairman), Sally Buck, Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall and Ron Wright.

Ron Wright arrived at 8.16 am and along with Sally Buck departed at 8.45 am and both were present for clauses 2, and 3 (part).

George Hampton retired at 9.16 am and was not present for clauses 4 (part) and 5.

Cheryl Colley retired at 9.30 am and was not present for clause 5.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Mark Kunnen and from Sally Buck and Ron Wright for early departure.

2. WINCHESTER STREET – PROPOSED KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

The Committee considered a report from the Project Consultation Leader requesting that the concept plan for the renewal of the kerb and channel in Winchester Street between Merivale Lane and Andover Street be approved for consultation.

Changes to the plan had been made as a result of the earlier contact made with local residents and St Margarets College inviting them to identify issues they would like to see addressed as part of the project.

Undergrounding of the overhead wiring would be undertaken at the same time but funded from a separate budget.

The Committee discussed a number of issues associated with the plan including on street parking provision in the general vicinity of St Margarets College and a preference was made for the same street trees to be used as for the recently completed section of Winchester Street.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the proposed works in Winchester Street be approved for consultation.
 2. That, for uniformity, the same street trees be used as in the already completed section of Winchester Street.

3. KERB AND CHANNEL PRIORITISATION PROGRAMME

Ken Stevenson of the City Streets Unit, presented for the Board's consideration, the proposed five year kerb and channel renewal programme.

In line with the new prioritisation process the community boards had an opportunity to re-prioritise streets in their area within years two and five of the programme.

The Committee reviewed the submitted programme and noted the rating scores applicable for each street and the supporting notations covering such issues as clustering, economic and other considerations.

The Committee was in general agreement with the programme presented albeit that a closer assessment at the next meeting would be beneficial.

Recommendation: That further consideration of the kerb and channel prioritisation programme be undertaken by the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee at its next meeting.

4. CYCLEWAY NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME - FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI WARDS

The Transport Planner Cycling (Michael Ferigo) provided the Committee with details of the national and regional cycling perspectives along with the Council's policies and the processes used in developing the cycleway capital programme including the works proposed to be undertaken in the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

In the delivery of its cycle strategy, the Council allocates approximately \$750,000 per year towards improving the cycleway infrastructure.

The various issues of ongoing concern to the Board regarding the implementation of the Council's cycleway programme were mentioned along with examples of different techniques used in some European countries to physically separate cyclists from the general vehicular traffic.

The Committee favoured more resources being allocated both through government sources and by the Council to undertake more extensive publicity campaigns encouraging greater cycle usage thereby contributing to more sustainable transport modes.

Greater input from the Board in the development of the local programme was also requested.

In **receiving** the information submitted, the Committee asked that copies of the cycleway maps presented be made available to Board members as a resource for future use.

5. ROYDVALE AVENUE – TELECOM POLES

The Committee considered a report on the outcome of the investigations into the Roydvale Avenue Telecom poles and overhead wires as earlier raised by Peter Simmonds of 120a Roydvale Avenue.

The discussions held with Telecom revealed that the poles and wires were in good condition and as such there was no justification on a condition basis to replace them. As a company, Telecom was charged with making decisions on sound asset management practices and as such could not replace overhead services solely for "beautification" purposes at a cost estimated to be \$58,000.

Recommendation: That the information be received and that Mr Peter Simmonds be informed that no further action can be taken albeit that Telecom be written to urging some further consideration beyond the asset management aspect with a view to being a good corporate citizen.

6. GENERAL

Matters raised for later consideration were to review the planting undertaken along the Aikmans Road frontage of the Merivale Mall carpark and the recently installed boundary fence on the property at the Memorial Avenue/Russley Road corner.

The meeting concluded at 9.50 am.

Chairman's

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