

12. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD TRANSPORT AND ROADING COMMITTEE REPORT OF 7 NOVEMBER 2003 MEETING

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Transport and Roading Committee meeting held on Friday 7 November 2003.

The meeting was attended by Bob Shearing (Chairperson), Helen Broughton, Ken Cummings, Peter Laloli and Mike Mora.

Plans are **attached** in respect of the Clyde Road, Hornby Mall/Chalmers Street, Waterloo Road, Cashmere/Hendersons Road and Springs Road items.

1 KERB AND CHANNEL REPLACEMENT PRIORITISATION PROCESS

At the 13 June 2003 meeting of this Committee, members were introduced to the new City Streets prioritisation process for kerb and channel replacement works.

At today's meeting a full schedule of kerb and channel works were discussed.

The Committee sought the advancement of the Harakeke Street project, which is currently scheduled for 2008/09.

Currently the Board (in conjunction with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board) is looking at various traffic issues in Harakeke Street. Any new traffic management proposals identified may be best tied in with any proposed kerb and channel work.

Accordingly, City Streets staff will be looking at a possible advancement for Harakeke Street kerb and channel.

2 CLYDE ROAD – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The City Streets Unit reported back on the community consultation feedback in respect of this project. Approval of the Board was being sought to proceed to final design, tender and construction.

The consultation pamphlet was circulated over a wide (pre-determined) catchment; 41 replies were received. Only two replies responded that they did not agree to the plan.

Ms H Thacker (of 43 Clyde Road) had been granted speaking rights; she reiterated her concerns in relation to the Avon Stream bridge site, addressing safety and visibility issues.

The Committee supported that the work now proceed, but a second recommendation was added; their recommendations are recorded under clause 10 of this report.

3 PROPOSED CHANGES TO SPEED LIMITS

The Committee was in receipt of a report from the City Streets Manager which provided information on the consultation process for establishing new speed limits on roads in the city and sets out the procedures for amending the relevant schedule in the Council's Traffic and Parking By-law for creating the new speed limits.

The proposed changes to speed limits on roads in the Board area were reported in August 2003. The Committee was in receipt of the results of the consultation, and the recommendations for appropriate actions.

The Committee **received** the information and supported the recommended changes to the speed limits on three roads within the Board's area.

4 HORNBY MALL AND CHALMERS STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City Streets Manager requested the support of this Committee to the seeking of changes to Chalmers Street as a result of the proposed expansion to Hornby Mall and to seek approval to remove the existing on street parking on the western side of Chalmers Street.

The owners of Hornby Mall are proposing to extend the mall to link the two groups of buildings into a single identity. They are proposing to develop an upper level for part of their parking requirement, which will be accessed from an internal access ramp from the existing car park. The building development will extend from Chalmers Street in the west, to Carmen Road in the east, and will be centred on the northern portion of the site.

Associated with the development are some changes to Chalmers Street which are planned to improve the facilities in the street. These improvements are proposed in two stages. The first stage, which is associated with the western section of Chalmers Street, is to enable larger vehicles to turn into the new complex, to provide cycle lanes between the Main South Road and the entrance to Denton Park and the pedestrian/cycle underpass, the widening of the footpath, and the provision of street trees. At the same time that these works are to be carried out it is proposed to realign the kerb on the western side of the street to provide a footpath along this side of the street to provide a link to Main South Road and the entrance to Denton Park. An impact of these changes is to remove the existing long term parking along both sides of this section of street.

The second Stage, which has yet to be developed, is the linking of the Mall Complex to the Hornby Working Men's Club Development to the north. This will include widening of the footpath, measures to slow traffic, improvements for pedestrians to cross the road, better facilities for buses and their patrons. This will need to be a joint development between these two parties and the Council. The Mall is keen to develop this footpath area, which has a northerly orientation for future outdoor activities.

The changes to Chalmers Street which have been discussed with the adjacent property occupiers and there is no objection to the proposed changes.

The City Streets Manager was seeking the following decisions from this Committee:

1. That a "no stopping restriction at all times" parking restriction be imposed on the western side of Chalmers Street between a point opposite the northern kerb line of the Main South Road and extending in a northerly and easterly direction for a distance of 163 metres.
2. That a "no stopping restriction at all times" parking restriction be imposed on the eastern side of Chalmers Street between a point opposite the northern kerb line of the Main South Road and extending in a northerly and easterly direction for a distance of 201 metres.

The Committee had concerns that the approvals being sought were in isolation to the wider implications of the mall upgrade.

The Committee **agreed** that the report lie upon the table and that more information be sought on traffic movements and volumes around the whole site; also, a suggestion to "one-way" Chalmers Street and the entry point being located on the bend of Chalmers Street.

A motion to investigate the linking of Chalmers Street through to Waterloo Road lapsed through want of a seconder.

5 WATERLOO ROAD AT HORNBY HIGH SCHOOL – PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The City Streets Pedestrian Advocate (Michael Thomson) sought the agreement of the Committee to seek public consultation on a proposal to place a pedestrian island on Waterloo Road on the road frontage outside the school.

Members were supportive of the proposal. Accordingly, the Committee **agreed** that it be circulated for public consultation.

6 CASHMERE ROAD/HENDERSONS ROAD – PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

In September 2003 the Board approved the proposal, for this work, to be circulated for public consultation.

The City Streets Manager reported the outcomes of the consultation to the Committee. Feedback and support for the work was very positive.

The aims of the project are to:

- Reduce the existing accident rate by realigning the approaches to the Hendersons Road/Cashmere Road intersection and improving the layout
- Provide on-road cycle facilities by widening the carriageway
- Improve pedestrian facilities with the construction of a footpath to link into two existing footpaths

The project is now ready for tendering, with construction planned for February 2004.

The Committee were supportive of the work proceeding; their recommendation (to go onto the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee) is recorded under clause 10 of this report.

7 YALDHURST ROAD/RACECOURSE ROAD INTERSECTION

Speaking rights were granted to Mr Arthur Grey; he addressed the Committee on the desirability of installing traffic signals at this intersection.

This issue had been reported on by City Streets Unit previously and it was accepted that traffic signals were not warranted.

The Committee **agreed**, however, to seek a review of the situation and to report back to this Committee.

8 GILBERTHORPES ROAD – SCHOOL PATROL AT GILBERTHORPE SCHOOL

The City Streets Manager requested that the Board support the installation of a school patrol (on the existing zebra crossing) at the school entrance; also that a Council resolution being sought to authorise the school to be able to operate the patrol.

A school patrol is warranted at this site, based on the volume of traffic and the number of children crossing the roadway.

The Committee was supportive of the request; their recommendation is recorded in clause 10 of this report.

9 SPRINGS ROAD – PROPOSED TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

In September 2003 the Board approved the proposal for this work to be circulated for public consultation.

The City Streets Manager reported the outcomes of the consultation to the Committee. Of the 24 submissions received, 25% of respondees were against the proposal as it stood.

The aim of the work is to improve traffic safety for all users of Springs Road, but principally to provide for safer pedestrian crossability and cycle access along the road for the Branston Intermediate School pupils.

The project is now ready for tendering.

The Committee were supportive of the work proceeding; their recommendation (to go onto the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee) is recorded under clause 10 of this report.

10 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 That the Board approve the Clyde Road kerb and channel/traffic management project to now proceed to final design, tender and construction.
- 2 In respect of this Clyde Road project, that the Board give consideration to the widening of, or other works to, Clyde Road if concerns relating to safety and/or accidents occurring on the road are received at some future date.

- 3 That the Board support the Cashmere Road/Hendersons Road intersection improvement project for final design, tender and construction, to be considered by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee for their adoption.
- 4 That, in respect to the Gilberthorpe School patrol, the Board recommend to Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Regulation 97(1) of the Traffic Regulations 1976 or by any enactment made in substitution, and pursuance to the powers vested in it by the Local Government Act 1974, the Christchurch City Council hereby authorises the head teacher of Gilberthorpe School to appoint appropriately trained persons in accordance with Traffic Regulation 97(4) to act as School Patrols at the school crossing point as specified at the following location:

Gilberthorpes Road, located at a point, more or less 34 metres south westerly generally of Aurora Street.
- 5 That the Board support the Springs Road Traffic Safety Improvements project for final design, tender and construction, to be considered by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee for their adoption.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the Committee Recommendations be adopted.