

RICCARTON/WIGRAM TRANSPORT AND ROADING COMMITTEE REPORT OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2003 MEETING

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Transport and Roothing Committee meeting held on Friday 12 September 2003.

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

1 KAURI STREET, CLOSURE AT RICCARTON ROAD REQUEST

The Community Advocate advised the Committee that the local residents' association is looking to promote the closure of Kauri Street at its intersection with Riccarton Road.

It was **agreed** to invite the association to the next meeting of the Committee, Friday 10 October 2003.

2 HARAKEKE STREET/ROCHDALE STREET TRAFFIC ISSUES

Back in 1999 the Community Board, through this Committee, gave consideration to some traffic issues that had been raised by local residents. The issues related to speed of traffic, erratic behaviour and safety issues around the bridge site where the carriageway is narrowed and there is no pedestrian facilities.

Other issues raised at the time included tourist buses using this route to by-pass the Kilmarnock/Straven intersection, and general rat-running by motorists to avoid the same intersection.

A site meeting was held on Wednesday 10 September 2003 with local residents who consider that some of these issues are still relevant today.

At the Committee meeting it was acknowledged that the issues were (still) of concern to the deputation of residents.

Accordingly, the Committee recommended various traffic measures and these are recorded in clause 11 of this report.

3 TOTARA STREET (KAHU ROAD TO PURIRI STREET) KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

Lee Kelly, on behalf of the City Streets Unit, reported on the outcomes of the community consultation for this major reconstruction work, and to seek the approval of the Board to proceed to final design, tender and construction.

Arising from the August 2003 consultation, all submissions received supported the proposed work.

The recommended option is for a reconstructed carriageway width of 9 metres, raised platforms at the Hinaiu Street and Kahu Road intersections and complete street tree replacement.

Street lighting will be upgraded also; only one resident was able/willing to fund their share of undergrounding, so this will not be part of the reconstruction.

City Streets Unit anticipate that construction would start in early 2004 and be completed by the end of June 2004.

The Committee recommendation is recorded in clause 11 of this report.

4 STRAVEN ROAD (KAHU ROAD TO RATA STREET) KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

Lee Kelly reported on the outcomes of the community consultation for this work and to seek the approval of the Board to proceed to final design, tender and construction.

Following receipt of the consultation, some minor design changes have been incorporated into the plans.

The recommended option is to renew the kerb and channel in Straven Road, from Rata Street to Kahu Road, traffic calming measures on Rata Street and Bradshaw Terrace (at their respective intersections with Straven Road).

A dedicated left turn lane will be installed on the west side of Straven Road to allow turns into Kahu Road. A new pedestrian refuge island on Straven Road just south of the Straven Road/Bradshaw Terrace intersection is planned also.

City Streets Unit anticipate that construction would start in January 2004 and be completed by February 2004.

The Committee recommendation is recorded in clause 11 of this report.

5 CLYDE ROAD, KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

City Streets Unit has been promoting this major reconstruction work, along the Creyke Road to University Drive (including to Avon Stream bridge), together with traffic management improvements through to Riccarton Road.

An on-site meeting had been held on Friday 29 August 2003; at the Community Board meeting of 3 September 2003 power to act was given to today's meeting to receive a new consultation plan and to make a decision on the plan for community consultation.

At this meeting of the Committee, speaking rights had been given to two homeowners to address members with issues relating to the Avon Stream Bridge site.

The new City Streets plan had taken more width on the west side, but were not suggesting any changes to the east side; sight and safety issues were in accordance with Council-design standards.

This "new" plan was titled "Clyde No. 2". Following the participation of the deputations, members agreed to promote Clyde No. 2 plan with a community catchment of Riccarton Road to Creyke Road, side streets to a depth of 10 houses, and Hinau Street to its intersection with Puriri Street.

Local schools (Kirkwood Intermediate and Ilam Primary) and the University would receive the plan also.

Exercising its power to act, the Committee **resolved** to accept the Clyde Road No. 2 plan for community consultation.

6 CARMEN ROAD/BUCHANANS ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE

David Gardiner, a consultant engineer and David Robinson (CCC Transport Planner) were in attendance to discuss this Transit New Zealand project; it replaces the current roundabout with full traffic signalisation.

Following community consultation, the final design plan was discussed at this meeting. It was favourably endorsed by members.

The Committee recommendation is recorded under clause 11 of this report.

7 TIRANGI STREET : REALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDS

At the July 2003 meeting of the Board it was decided not to proceed with the Tirangi Street traffic improvement work.

The Board asked the City Streets Unit to review its capital works programme to identify a possible substitution project.

Whilst it would not now be possible to identify, research, consult on and construct a new NIP project in the current financial year, the City Streets Unit asks the Board to look for an alternative NIP project for 2004/05.

The Committee were supportive of the request; their recommendation is recorded under clause 11 of this report.

8 RICCARTON SERVICE LANE – PARKING AND ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES

Following a recent meeting between the Community Advocate and some local business persons on-site, it is apparent that the full usage of the service lane is not being achieved. As members are aware, there is a mixture of private and Council parking available and various parking time-restricted areas which all add up to some confusion and the conclusion that the service lane is not working as efficiently or as originally intended.

This Committee has undertaken on-site inspections previously but any follow-up action appears to have been inconclusive in respect of improvements.

The Committee believed that this issue needed to be revisited; their recommendation is recorded under clause 11 of this report.

9 TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND ISSUES

An invitation will be extended to Colin Mackay, Regional Manager, to attend the next meeting of the Committee, Friday 10 October 2003.

10 OTHER MATTERS RECEIVED

- Straven Road
Relocation of lamppost at a narrow footpath section; still to be undertaken.
- Southern Motorway Delay
Following discussions with interested parties, the Committee reaffirmed the need to facilitate a meeting.
- Bicknor Street, Templeton
Letter received concerning heavy vehicle parking and vehicle crossing maintenance. Being followed up.

11 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 In respect of Harakeke Street, that the City Streets Unit be asked to undertake a traffic count survey to ascertain the level of heavy vehicle usage and that they provide a report on a proposal to place a traffic restraint at the Rochdale Street/Straven Road intersection (this work to be done in conjunction with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board.)
- 2 That the Community Advocate, Sockburn write to all local bus operators to dissuade the use of the Rochdale/Harakeke route for buses, and to point out that the Straven Road/Kilmarnock Street intersection has now been upgraded to take such vehicles.
- 3 That the Board approve the Totara Street kerb and channel renewal project for final design, tender and construction.
- 4 That the Board approve the Straven Road (Kahu Road to Rata Street) kerb and channel renewal and traffic calming project for final design, tender and construction.
- 5 That the Board endorse the Transit New Zealand plan for the Carmen Road/Buchanans Road intersection upgrade.
- 6 That the Board confirm the cancellation of the Tirangi Street project, and identify an alternative neighbourhood improvement project for City Street investigation and funding.
- 7 In respect of the Riccarton service lane, that the City Streets Unit be asked to initiate a report on the lane to address the following issues so that the lane can operate as efficiently and effectively as originally intended:
 - reconfiguring the current Council parking areas
 - current landscaping, versus the need for more vehicle parking
 - upgrading and maintenance of the service lane
 - discussing these issues with private property owners and their financial contribution

Chairman's

Recommendation:

That the report be received and that the recommendations contained in clause 11 be adopted.