9. WORKS, TRAFFIC & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 14 AUGUST 2003

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

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

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairman), Sally Buck, George Hampton, Mark Kunnen and Pat

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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cheryl Colley, Yiyi Ku, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall and Ron Wright.

An apology for early departure was received and accepted from George Hampton who left at 9.05 am and was not present for clauses 5, 6 and 7.

2. KERB AND CHANNEL PRIORITISATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE

Ken Stevenson of the City Streets Unit, provided the Committee with an update on the progress of the kerb and channel prioritisation programme for the next five years.

An initial list of streets for prioritisation in the Fendalton/Waimairi area was presented, with the final schedule to be submitted to the Committee in September.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3. NORMANS/STROWAN INTERSECTION - ST ANDREWS/HEATON SCHOOLS CYCLE BUBBLE

The Project Consultation Leader (Brian Boddy) submitted a report outlining the feedback received on the proposed cycle facility improvements at the Norman/Strowans Road intersection and the local shopping centre.

The proposed plan, TP 156901, reflects the outcomes from the May public meeting and the Committee was advised that there still were some concerns from residents about a lack of onstreet parking with the intended extension of no stopping restrictions outside their properties in Normans Road.

The City Streets Unit was now requesting approval to undertake more widespread public consultation on the submitted plan.

An alternative view was expressed however that enough consultation had taken place and the plan should now be approved for construction.

Recommendation: That the proposed work as shown on plan TP156901 be approved

for consultation.

4. WAIMAKARIRI ROAD – PINE TREES

Walter Fielding-Cotterell, the Council's Arborist, submitted an options report concerning the pine trees located in the former Waimakariri Road gravel pit arising from the site visit and meeting of the Committee undertaken in April 2003.

The report set out several operational options and the environmental impact of these on the community as a whole. It was his recommendation that a wider public consultation take place to assist the Board in its decision making.

The Committee agreed as a first step, that the Property Unit be urgently requested to formalise their agreement with City Care before any work was done on the trees or any further decisions made over the future of the trees.

Recommendations: 1. That the report be received.

 That the Property Unit be urgently requested to arrange the formalisation of an agreement between the Council and City Care Ltd regarding the implementation of any works should this occur, associated with the pine trees on the southern boundary of the former gravel pit site in Waimakariri Road.

5. RAILWAY BARRIER ARMS MALFUNCTION - 1 JULY 2003

The Principal Transport Planner, City Streets Unit submitted a report on the malfunction of the railway barrier arms on the northern Main North rail-line on 1 July.

Tranzrail and the Police have initiated new procedures to minimize future problems of the type experienced.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

6. CHRISTCHURCH-ROLLESTON AND ENVIRONS TRANSPORT STUDY UPDATE

The Committee was provided with an update report on the Christchurch-Rolleston and Environs Transport Study.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

7. WESTERN SECTION OF THE RING ROAD ROUTE - JOINT BOARDS' SUBMISSION

At the respective meetings of the Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards on 1 and 2 July 2003, the Boards each resolved that the Board Chairs request approval to present a submission to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee voicing concerns and seeking that Committee's support for a more urgent evaluation of the issues regarding the western section of the ring road route.

The submission (**attached**) was presented to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee on 12 August and members were advised that the submission was well received. The Boards were commended on their combined work.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

The meeting concluded at 9.20 am.

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