

**7. WORKS, TRAFFIC & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
- REPORT OF 17 SEPTEMBER 2003**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 17 September meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee
held on Wednesday 17 September 2003 at 8.30 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.**

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairman), George Hampton, Pat Harrow, Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall and Ron Wright

Mark Kunnen arrived at 8.45 am and departed at 9.58 am and was absent for clauses 1, 5 and 6.

Ron Wright departed at 9.55 am and was absent for clauses 5 and 6.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Sally Buck, Cheryl Colley and Yiyi Ku and for lateness and early departure from Mark Kunnen, and from Ron Wright for early departure.

2. WAIMAKARIRI ROAD – PINE TREES

At its meeting on 2 September 2003 the Board adopted the Committee's 14 August recommendations as follows:

1. That the report be received.
2. 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.

The report referred to in 1. above was recirculated with the present meeting agenda to assist the Committee's ongoing consideration of this matter.

The Council's Arborist and Property Manager were both in attendance to advise the Committee.

With regard to 2. above, the Property Manager confirmed that City Care Limited were prepared to carry out any requested works associated with the pine trees including cleanup work at their cost. Any consequential re-planting however would need to be arranged via the Property Unit.

The Property Manager advised that the site was in effect surplus to the Council's requirements and as such should ideally go through the formal disposal process which would then enable Council Business Units to submit expressions of interest.

He explained that this process would allow for any strategic and longer term issues to be identified and that such known information would greatly assist the Board in coming to a decision regarding the future of the Pine trees.

Differing views from members emerged from the resulting discussions ranging from preferring the strategic approach to others wanting a staged programme to be introduced whereby trees be removed over time with an agreed replacement strategy to occur co-incident with the removal programme.

Aspects of dust nuisance occasioned by any significant removal of the existing trees were also mentioned.

Recommendation: That staff be requested to develop a long term strategic plan identifying planning and management options for the former gravel pit site in Waimakariri Road.

(**Note:** Pat Harrow and Mike Wall asked that their votes be recorded against the above decision.)

**3. HAWTHORNE STREET – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL
(PAPANUI ROAD TO WATFORD STREET)**

The Roding Projects Consultation Leader (Lee Kelly) reported on the consultation feedback and invited the Committee to recommend to the Board that the project now proceed to final design, tender and construction.

In reviewing the feedback from the local community, the Committee focused attention on the proposed 8 metre threshold at the Hawthorne/Papanui intersection.

As with other similar situations in the past, members indicated a desire to ensure that vehicles wishing to turn left and right into Papanui Road be able to undertake these manoeuvres simultaneously ideally by providing an off-set centre line.

Technically, it was explained, that this option was not favoured due to the accident history at this particular intersection albeit that reversion to a 9 metre threshold would be a variation acceptable to the City Streets Unit.

Recommendation: That the Hawthorne Street (Papanui Road to Watford Street) kerb and channel project be approved for final design, tender and construction subject to a 9 metre threshold being provided at the Hawthorne/Papanui intersection.

4. SNOWDON ROAD – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

The Project Manager (Murray Angus) requested approval to initiate the consultation process for the renewal of the existing dish channel in Snowdon Road.

Submitted for the Committee's consideration, in response to a decision made by the Board on 2 September, were a series of plan options in addition to the initial plan which had been earlier rejected by the Board.

Details of the alternative concept plans as included in the accompanying agenda report were explained.

Specific attention was given to the treatment options at the Snowdon/Fendalton intersection one of which provided for the left turn out only into Fendalton Road whilst the other discussed option allowed for left turns to be made from Fendalton Road and from Snowdon Road into Fendalton Road.

The consensus view was that a single plan based on Option C be prepared for consultation and that this include both treatment options at the Snowdon/Fendalton intersection.

Recommendation: That Option plan C for the kerb and channel renewal project in Snowdon Road together with the two Snowdon/Fendalton intersection treatment options be approved for public consultation.

5. NORTHCOTE ROAD – PROPOSED TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND CYCLE LANES

The Committee was asked to approve the Greers Road cycle lanes (west side) south of Sawyers Arms Road for recommending to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee for implementation. Other associated traffic safety improvements were being considered concurrently by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board given the boundary road status of Greers Road.

Members were appreciative of receiving the detailed assessment of the feedback results and staff were asked to ensure that this practice occurred for all such projects in the future.

Recommendation: That the traffic safety and cycle lane improvements for the section of Greers Road within the Fendalton/Waimairi community be recommended to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee for implementation as shown on plan TP152801.

(**Note:** Pat Harrow asked that his vote be recorded against the above decision for the reason that he did not support the Council's practice of painted cycleway lines being marked on collector, minor and major arterial roads on the grounds that he considered that these were dangerous especially for young cyclists.)

6. ROCHDALE STREET/HARAKEKE STREET TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Community Advocate reported on a meeting held on 10 September involving the Board Chairman, Committee Chairman, representatives of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board, Council staff and Harakeke and Rochdale Street residents regarding a number of traffic concerns in the immediate area. A number of associated issues and possible solutions were also raised at the on site meeting.

Recommendation: That the City Streets Unit be requested to urgently prepare a report for joint consideration by the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee and Riccarton/Wigram's Transport and Roading Committee on the issues highlighted in the accompanying agenda report.

The meeting concluded at 10.05 am.

Chairman's

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