10. RICCARTON/WIGRAM TRANSPORT AND ROADING COMMITTEE REPORT OF MEETING OF 15 AUGUST 2003

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Transport and Roading Committee meeting held on 15 August 2003.

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

Helen Broughton was present for clauses 1 to 4 inclusive, only.

1. NORTONS ROAD PROPOSED TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The Board resolved (at its June 2003 meeting) that the concept plan for the construction of four platforms in Nortons Road be approved for consultation. Two hundred and thirty five publicity pamphlets were distributed in the area surrounding Nortons Road in June. The Council has received forty-one responses; for 24, against 9, requesting alterations (eg wanting more or less platforms than the proposed four) 7, and non-committal 1.

Following consideration of the residents' feedback the original proposal was amended as follows:

- The landscaped shoulders have been removed on each of the three platforms in the narrow section of the carriageway.
- The platform outside No. 63 will be repositioned slightly to improve access into and out of this property.

Speaking rights had been granted to Mrs E Chamberlain of 63 Nortons Road; she had expressed concerns about the proposal to position a raised platform outside her property (associated matters of concern related to water runoff, access/egress, loss of property value, etc).

Mrs Chamberlain did acknowledge her discussions with City Streets Unit Officers (a tabled letter acknowledged this) and the raised platform had been (slightly) repositioned. She considered that the raised platform would create more traffic noise and would not discourage motorists to travel at lesser speeds.

On behalf of the City Streets Manager, Brian Boddy was in attendance to assist the Committee.

In discussion, members were advised that the placement of the raised platforms were sited to effect a slowing down of traffic speeds on that section of Nortons Road where it curved and dipped; also, to assist in the safe crossing point for the school.

The Committee was supportive of the plan to now proceed; their recommendation is recorded in clause 13 of this report.

2. SPRINGS ROAD, PROPOSED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND CYCLE LANES

On behalf of the City Streets Unit, Axel Wilkie was present to discuss the Board's request for the inclusion of traffic signals at Amyes Road and Awatea Road as part of the Springs Road safety works.

At the July 2003 meting of the Board, members were asked to consider the project proposal for this work, designed to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles in Springs Road.

At that meeting the Board decided to seek more information on the traffic signal option, as well as receiving current vehicle counts. The Board had also sought a wider community catchment for when the consultation was initiated.

In his presentation, Axel advised of all the relevant statistical data researched, the cost of traffic signals and other matters. All of this led to the conclusion that the original proposal was sustainable, and that traffic signals could not be justified.

Members noted that the consultation phase will be reported back, to which the issue of traffic signalling can be further debated.

The Committee's recommendation is recorded in clause 13 of this report.

3. LOCHEE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS

At its July 2003 meeting the Board decided to proceed with this work, being the placement of traffic islands at Middleton Road and Wharenui Road and four speed humps within Lochee Road.

Following a meeting with some residents, the Committee was asked to consider a variation to the work, being the placing of a further four speed humps; the residents concerned considered that these were needed to effectively reduce vehicle speeds in Lochee Road.

A majority of members were of the view that the previous approved scheme plan should be reaffirmed; their recommendation is recorded in clause 13 of this report. (Helen Broughton asked that her vote against the recommendation be recorded.)

4. CLYDE ROAD, KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Speaking rights had been granted to Miss H and Mr R Thacker to address the Committee on this project, specifically issues around the Avon River crossing at Clyde Road.

At the traffic committee meeting in July 2003 a report was tabled seeking approval to consult with the community on a proposal to renew kerb and channel and undertake traffic management in Clyde Road from Riccarton Road to Creyke Road.

After a deputation from one of the adjoining neighbours (Miss and Mr Thacker) the Board asked Council Officers to undertake some further investigations where University Drive meets and the Avon River crosses Clyde Road.

The issues raised were:

- Width of the carriageway across the bridge
- The capacity of the bridge and the costs involved to widen it
- The need and cost of resource consent to work on the bridge
- Sight lines from adjoining property driveways and side streets
- The University Drive/Clyde Road intersection
- The ownership and lease arrangements for those owners occupying road reserve

A full discussion ensued on these matters. It was agreed to have an on-site meeting with Miss and Mr Thacker, set down for Friday 29 September 2003 at 8.30 am.

The "waterway" issues needed to be separated from the roading improvement issues, members considered.

The outcome of the meeting would be reported through to the October 2003 meeting of the Board.

Please refer to clause 5 of today's Order Paper.

5. CASHMERE/HENDERSONS ROADS, PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

On behalf of the City Streets Manager, Brian Boddy sought approval to circulate this proposal for community consultation.

The work involves intersection and road realignment improvements to Cashmere Road, from Brookford Place to Hendersons Road, together with the construction of a footpath to link up with the existing footpaths.

The project sought to:

- Reduce the existing accident rate
- Provide cycle facilities
- Provide pedestrian facilities

The Committee was very supportive of the proposal; their recommendation is recorded in clause 13 of this report.

6. CHRISTCHURCH-ROLLESTON AND ENVIRONS TRANSPORT STUDY UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the progress of the Transport Study and noted that a draft interim assessment report had been received by the City Streets Manager and that a presentation would be given to the Elected Member Contact Group prior to releasing the report publicly.

7. BOARD PROJECT FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THIS COMMITTEE 2003/04

Of the \$15,000 approved, a sum of only \$700 had been committed to date (from 13 June 2003 meeting of this Committee for the speed trailer annual charge).

8. SCHEDULE OF ISSUES RECEIVED BY THIS COMMITTEE, 2003 The Committee received a schedule of all business matters considered from March 2003.

9. APPROVED PROJECTS, COMMENCEMENT OF WORK The information was received.

10. STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT PROJECTS A full schedule of current projects under consideration or being reported on was received by the Committee.

11. COMMUNITY BOARD SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL'S DRAFT 2004 FINANCIAL PLAN AND PROGRAMME

The issues identified in the Board's submission to the 2004 Financial Plan will be rescheduled into the "Status Report on Current Projects".

It was **agreed** that the Community Board should pursue the rescheduling of the southern arterial with the Council as it is considered that this work is of major regional importance and that the Council should pursue this with Transit New Zealand as a matter or urgency.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 12 September 2003 at 8.30 am.

13. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Board approve the Nortons Road traffic safety improvements project for tender and construction.
- 2. That the Board approve the Springs Road proposed safety improvements and cycle lanes project for community consultation.
- 3. That the Board reaffirm its July 2003 decision in respect of the work on the Lochee Road safety improvements.
- 4. That the Board approve the Cashmere/Hendersons Road intersection improvement works for community consultation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Committee's recommendations listed in clause 13 be adopted.