

3. MERRIN STREET–MOBILE LIBRARY STOP - PROPOSED RELOCATION AND TIMETABLE ALTERATION RR 8187

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Corporate Plan Output: On-Street Parking Management	

The purpose of this report is to propose that the times be altered for the existing mobile library stop in Merrin Street near the Avonhead Mall entrance and that the stop be shifted six metres to the west as shown on the following sketch.

The Libraries Unit has advised that vehicles are often parked on the Merrin Street mobile library stop when the library bus arrives to set up. If the start times of the parking restriction on the sign were increased by half an hour it would give the drivers of the parked vehicles a little leeway and the librarian time to set up.

The second issue that needs to be resolved is that the trees on the property the bus stops outside have now grown to a size that interferes with the library bus’s microwave link with town. By shifting the stop six metres to the west the problem would be solved.

The library bus is bigger than the average vehicle. It is therefore advisable that the “No Stopping” restriction east of the Avonhead Mall entrance/exit, and in front of the library bus stop be increased at the same time by three metres, to maintain adequate sight distances for drivers leaving the Mall car park. This will not reduce the number of car parks available while the bus is there, because the bus would be parking over the top of a fire hydrant, which is allowed so long as the driver stays with the vehicle.

In indicating general support for the proposed changes, the Board did ask officers to discuss the proposals with the management of the nearby Avonhead Mall. Subsequent contact was made with the Mall management who were in general agreement with the intended changes.

Recommendation: That given the response received from the management of the Avonhead Mall the following changes be made:

1. The times be changed on the Merrin Street mobile library stop from 11.00 am-12.00 noon to 10.30 am-12.00 noon Mondays, and from 5.30pm-7.30pm to 5.00pm-7.30pm Thursdays.

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2. The existing No Stopping (at any time) restriction outside 51 Merrin Street be extended on the south side of the street to 2.7 metres from the western boundary of 49 Merrin Street, a distance of three metres.
3. The existing mobile library stop outside 49 Merrin Street on the south side of Merrin Street be rescinded.
4. A new mobile library stop be installed on the south side of Merrin Street commencing at a point 6.0 metres from the eastern boundary of 49 Merrin Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 12.5 metres.

Insert Plan

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PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

4. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

4.1 CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

Sandra Preston, the Co-ordinator of the Community Law Centre's Resource Management Service, briefed the Board on the role of the service.

The idea of publicising the availability of the service throughout the local community was endorsed by the Board.

5. WITBROCK CRESCENT-TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT RR 7956

The Area Engineer reported on the outcomes of a meeting of local residents held on 24 June 1998 to discuss traffic calming options in Witbrock Crescent.

With a low turn-out of residents from the street, the meeting agreed that possible calming measures in the Crescent could not be immediately resolved. There was however, a strong representation from residents in nearby Ambleside Drive who expressed concerns about traffic speed in the street and possible remedial measures were discussed.

In receiving the report, the Board **decided** that the City Streets Unit staff continue to monitor Witbrock Crescent and also investigate the issue of speeding traffic in Ambleside Drive and report back to the Board with possible solutions.

6. FLAY CRESCENT-REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING RR 8183

The results of the monitoring of driver behaviour in Flay Crescent over the last three months were reported, having been requested by the Board in March 1998.

The Board was advised that the Papanui Police had regularly patrolled the area and latest feedback from the residents was that the problem had now quietened down considerably. In addition a speed survey had been undertaken with the result that the 85 percentile speed was 53 kph.

Traffic calming measures were not favoured, however because of the severe nature of two of the corners in the street, permanent curve warning signs were considered appropriate.

Accordingly, the Board **decided** that permanent curve warning signs be installed outside Nos 3 and 32 Flay Crescent facing to the north-east on the approaches to the corners opposite Nos 16 and 22 Flay Crescent.

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7. **ROSSALL STREET–KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL** RR 8191

A report and plan were submitted detailing the proposed renewal of kerb and channel on Rossall Street between Merivale Lane and Rhodes Street which was programmed this financial year.

The plan incorporated the undergrounding of services with light poles being repositioned against property boundaries.

Other features of the plan acknowledged the high demand for traffic, cyclists and pedestrians exiting Holmwood Road both left and right into Rossall Street. Widening of the carriageway to just over 15 metres was a means of addressing these issues. Also proposed was the provision of an exclusive right turn and through traffic lane on Rossall Street as well as maintaining a cycleway throughout the length of the project. The wider carriageway would also enable a merge lane to be provided for traffic turning right out of Holmwood Road thereby decreasing the delay currently experienced by motorists.

A pedestrian refuge island was proposed to be located immediately to the north of the Merivale Lane intersection along with was an exclusive left turn lane from Rossall Street into Holmwood Road thereby enabling those cyclists travelling straight through to be separated from turning vehicles.

The Board **decided** to support the project subject to a favourable response from the community.

8. **LOTHIAN STREET–KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL** RR 8155

Submitted for consideration was the proposed scheme for Lothian Street which was programmed for kerb and channel renewal in 1998/99.

The project involves changing the alignment of the eastern kerb to achieve a 9 metre wide carriageway and in turn widening the footpath to permit the planting of another line of Kowhai trees along with a cobbled threshold at the Memorial Avenue intersection.

In receiving the report, the Board **decided** that the plan be circulated for public comment.

9. **BEALEY/PAPANUI/VICTORIA INTERSECTION –
RIGHT TURN PHASE AT TRAFFIC SIGNALS** RR 8193

Information was **received** advising the outcome of the City Services Committee's consideration of a Board request for the inclusion of a right-turn green arrow being installed from Papanui Road into Bealey Avenue.

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At its May meeting, the Committee sought a report back from staff within six months on the possible installation of right-turn phase based on an assessment of any accidents occurring at the intersection during the intervening period.

10. ST ALBANS STREET-PLANTING PROPOSAL

RR 8194

Consideration was given to a report and accompanying planting proposal for enhancing St Albans Street. As this was a boundary road with the Shirley ward the proposal was also to be considered by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board.

During the 1997/98 financial period the Board had allocated \$3,000 for tree planting in St Albans Street and this had been completed on the southern side of the street between Papanui Road and Bristol Street.

In terms of the Board's area, the proposal involved the planting of flowering and low growing shrubs in the berms on the northern side of the street from Papanui Road to Browns Road.

The submitted report noted that with the planting types proposed, on-going maintenance costs would be incurred. Two options were available to address this aspect; one being to encourage local residents to maintain the shrubs immediately adjoining their properties and the other option was for the Council to take responsibility for the maintenance.

Members were very supportive of the proposal and asked that maintenance aspects be mentioned in the pamphlet to residents. In the meantime, funding support of \$4,000 for the supply, preparation and planting and an additional amount of \$1,000 for maintenance was favoured.

Subject to favourable feedback being received from the residents, it was planned to undertake the work before the Spring.

The Board **decided** as follows:

1. That the Board approve in principle the planting plan for the northern side of St Albans Street for circulation for public comment.
2. That funding of \$5,000 from the Board's 1998/99 discretionary funds be allocated to complete that section of the planting project in the Board's area.

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11. **PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN ONGOING STREET LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE** RR 8153

The Board considered a report from the City Streets Unit setting out a proposed process to achieve increased participation by residents in maintaining good looking road landscapes. This report arose from a request made by the Board in March, in which options were sought for encouraging local residents to show some “ownership” of local street landscapes.

The report set out a possible consultation process including details of three landscape options for increasing the level of maintenance undertaken by residents.

Members expressed their overall appreciation for the report which was **received**.

12. **CARTWRIGHTS STREAM NATURALISATION** RR 8048

A report from the Water Services Unit sought support to implement minor waterway enhancement works in Cartwrights Stream.

Details of the background to this particular project were elaborated on along with the specific elements of the intended works. Mention was also made in the report to legal matters associated with protecting the Council’s investment in drainage assets undertaken on private property.

In an accompanying comment in the agenda, the Board Chairman referred to the concerns expressed earlier this year that the Council’s enhancement programme seemingly provided a benefit to private land owners and by virtue of what was set out in the report believed it appropriate that clarification of any legal issues involved be sought before this particular project was progressed any further.

The Land Drainage Manager from the Water Services Unit was in attendance and he responded on this and other related matters regarding the Council’s waterway enhancement programme.

The Board **decided** that subject to clarification from the Legal Services Manager regarding the legal matters mentioned in the report, the Board supports the implementation of the planting project for Cartwrights Stream and furthermore that a flexibility of plant colour and species be introduced.

13. **CHRISTCHURCH CITY PLAN : 1998 EDITION OUTCOMES OF BOARD SUBMISSIONS** RR 8216

Information was **received** detailing the Council’s response to the various issues raised by Board representatives in the submissions made on the (then) draft Plan and heard on 18 June 1998.

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14. ROADING AND RIGHT-OF-WAY NAMING POLICY RR 8196

The report considered by the Environmental Committee on 11 June 1998 regarding naming procedures for roads and rights-of-way was **received**.

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK 1999-UPDATE RR 6816

Submitted for the Board's information was the report of the inaugural meeting of the Joint Board Subcommittee held on 13 July 1998. The report was **received**.

PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

16. CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS – 22 JUNE AND 1 JULY 1998

The Board **resolved** that the reports of the Special meeting of the Board held on 22 June and the ordinary meeting held on 1 July 1998 (both open and public excluded sections), be confirmed.

17. ITEM WITHDRAWN

17.1 WAIRAKEI ROAD-STANLEYS ROAD TO ROYDVALE AVENUE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT RR 8130

As further information had just come to hand, the Board **resolved** that this item be withdrawn.

18. 'GOOD NEWS' STORIES

Mention was made of the funding support recently given to the Vege Co-op operated by St Aidan's Church arising from the money raised at the Cultural Festival held back in March.

With the pending official opening of the Sport and Entertainment Centre, the involvement of Board members was invited during the week long programme leading up to the opening.

The meeting concluded at 5.55 pm

CONFIRMED THIS 31ST DAY OF AUGUST 1998

**BARBARA STEWART
CHAIRMAN**