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The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider its next steps in seeking improvements in the way the transportation system is managed.

To date, because of the way that the Government has gone about the reform process, we have been constantly on the back foot criticising the government proposals. Preliminary work has been done on alternative models, but it is now time to consider in more detail what transportation management, financial and operational systems we would like.

Now that the Government has indicated that it is prepared to enter into a genuinely joint process for undertaking its reform of the management of the New Zealand Transportation system, there is a opportunity for the Council to take advantage of this opportunity to take a lead and advocate for those reforms that it believes are required to enable it to provide a transportation network that will meet the aspirations of the people of Christchurch well into the future.

It is suggested that that a useful way forward would be to establish a working party of Councillors and staff with a brief to:

- Determine what reforms of the current arrangements the Council would like to see:
- Develop a proposal (or proposals) of structural and financial arrangements that would meet these needs;
- Work closely with other Canterbury territorial local authorities to enable a proposal to be developed that has Canterbury wide support.

We could then go to the Government saying here is a proposal that has Canterbury support, that addresses the major deficiencies in the present system and we believe achieves what the people of New Zealand wish to see in improvements the management of their transportation systems.

From what we know of the revised Government time line this work would need to be done and approved by the Council by about March 1999.

There are a number of staff and Councillors who have been involved with the roading reform debate over the last 18 months and it is suggested that these people should form the nucleus of the working party augmented by the Mayor and one or two Councillors who have not previously been involved.

The working party would consist of: the Mayor, Councillors Close, Howell, O'Rourke and Wright plus one or two other Councillors together with the City Manager, the City Streets Manager, and Chris Kerr. Other staff from the City Streets Unit would be used to service the working party as required.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a working party with the above brief and timeline be established.
 2. That the membership of the working party be the Mayor, Councillors Anderton, Close, Howell, O'Rourke, Sheriff and Wright.