

4. RICCARTON/WIGRAM WORKS AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT OF 24 AUGUST 1999 MEETING

The Board received a report on the Committee meeting held on 24 August 1999.

Matters considered included:

4.1 “What’s the Big Idea” Children’s Advocate-Promoted Project

The Committee was in receipt of three projects from Middleton Grange School which focussed on initiatives for improving cycle safety.

The project concept was devised by the (Council’s) Children’s Advocate to encourage school children to find creative ways to strengthen their community. They were asked to identify an issue or problem in their own area; to investigate study and research the issue, then to present it to the Community Board.

The School had decided not to do a presentation, but to refer it to this Committee.

In accepting the projects (to be passed on to the Cycle Advocate for consideration) the Committee **agreed** to acknowledge the work done by the pupils. On receipt of a response from the Cycle Advocate an invitation would be extended for the school to attend the Committee meeting to discuss the projects further.

4.2. Ring Road Review

The Committee was in receipt of an extensive report (presented to the Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards also) in response to a request for a report “... *giving an indication of the timeframe for undertaking a complete review of the Ring Road and its associated intersections....*”

The report also addressed the City Plan submission of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board that:

“... the Council undertake an early review in consideration of alternative options to the use of the existing western leg of the Council’s ring road system.”

The report focused on the western section of the Ring Road, from the Curletts Road/Blenheim Road intersection through to the Main North Road/Northcote Road intersection.

The Transport Planning Engineer, David Robinson, was in attendance.

The report addressed:

- the timing of a review of the western section of the ring road
- how important this section is, and are there any alternatives
- the trends in growth traffic along this section.

A full presentation/discussion ensued, with comments made on, specifically, the Waimairi Road section and Curletts Road section of the ring road.

The Committee **decided**:

- That the information compiled in this report be used as a source of background information for the detailed study.
- That City Streets Unit programme budget and resources for a specific study of the western section of the Ring Road in the next financial year 2000/2001.
- The study have the objectives of identifying the issues, deficiencies and appropriate solutions in detail for the western section of the Ring Road for all transport modes. The study would include full public consultation and address such issues as:
 - Safety
 - Pedestrian facilities including signalised crossing and pedestrian islands
 - The need for flush medians
 - Cycle facilities including cycle lanes
 - Public transport facilities including bus priority and bus stops
 - On street parking
 - The need for and timing of any intersection widening
 - The need for, if any, and timing of any four laning of sections of the Ring Road
- That the proposed kerb and channel work on Curletts Road, programmed for 2001/02, be reconsidered in light of the need to upgrade this section to four lanes; although the upgrade is not identified to be done for at least five years it is suggested that this timeframe is too far out and that any advancement would be advantageous and justifiable (in view of the information, traffic growth predictions etc made within the report).
- That the Waimairi Road section was originally intended for a residential catchment only, rather than that of a ring-road status, and consideration is needed in terms of traffic volume relief, the possible rerouting of heavy vehicular traffic; also, the inadequacies of this section would suggest the need to seriously investigate the moving of the ring road further west.

4.3. Riccarton Ward Capital Works Update

Paul Roberts gave an overview of programmed works to be undertaken; these included the Riccarton/Clarence/Straven intersection, and other works.

It was **agreed** that Paul be invited back to a future meeting to continue this overview.

4.4. Neighbourhood Improvement Works - Prioritising Criteria

The Community Engineer promoted a report which set out the new system for prioritising local neighbourhood improvement works in the capital works programme; a priority list of works was also provided.

It was **agreed** to hold this matter over to the next (special) meeting.