

12. BUS SHELTERS

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The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the future provision of bus shelters.

BACKGROUND

As part of the public passenger transport strategy adopted by the City Council in 1998, it was proposed to improve the number and type of bus shelters provided. At a joint seminar of the City Services and Environment Committees on 23 August 2000 it was agreed that the future provision of bus shelters should in the main be via the current contract between Adshel New Zealand Ltd and the City Council.

FUTURE PROVISION

The City Council, in conjunction with Environment Canterbury, has identified that 500 bus shelters are needed for the comfort and convenience of bus passengers in the city. Currently there are 291 bus shelters of which 204 have been provided by the City Council and 87 have been provided by Adshel. However of the 204 CCC shelters only 30 are the new glass shelter type e.g. as provided in Cathedral Square, the remaining ones are the older type metal and glass shelter that are painted red.

The Bus Stops and Shelters Subcommittee has resolved that all of the 500 shelters should be of modern design and that all of the older type shelters should be replaced over the next 5 years. This would mean that there are currently only 117 modern shelters in the city and that 383 new shelters will be required in order to meet the target of 500.

Adshel have proposed an increase in the number of shelters to be installed in the city. Their proposal is to provide a total of 230 shelters over the next three years, which is inclusive of their existing 87 shelters. This will still mean that another 240 new shelters will be required.

These 240 shelters can be funded from alternative sources.

- (i) Adshel may wish to install more shelters in three years' time.
- (ii) Adshel are interested in providing free standing advertising units in high profile locations e.g. City Mall and would also provide a bus shelter without advertising in another location.
- (iii) Other suppliers, known to be interested in providing advertising shelters on similar terms to Adshel, can be approached if Adshel decide not to continue with their shelter installation programme in three years time.
- (iv) The City Council could provide any shortfall from the balance of 500 shelters.

SECTION 339 HEARINGS

Currently there is some uncertainty regarding the delegated powers for holding Section 339 (Local Government Act) hearings, which are required if there is an objection to the installation of a bus shelter. As a result a Council resolution is required to delegate, to members of the Bus Stops and Shelters Subcommittee, the authority to consider objections in this respect.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the City Council delegate to any three members of the Bus Stops and Shelters Subcommittee (consisting of Councillors O'Rourke, Thompson, Stonhill and Corbett) the power to consider objections to the installation of bus shelters in accordance with Section 339 of the Local Government Act 1974.