7. WOOLSTON/BURWOOD EXPRESSWAY STAGE 2

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The purpose of this report is to update the Council on the planning for Stage 2 of the Woolston/Burwood Expressway and to recommend the stopping of both Eureka Street and Carisbrooke Street to motor vehicles at the Expressway.

This report was submitted to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to gain support. The Board has reported to the Council also.

Stage 1 of the Woolston/Burwood is progressing with traffic expected to flow from Travis Road to Waimairi Road by February 2001. As part of this work it is appropriate to construct the first section of Stage 2 past the Wainoni School to link Stage 1 with Bexley Road between Eureka Street and Carisbrooke Street. Publicity to date has shown both these roads closed to motor vehicles (see attached). An update of this publicity is being prepared and will be circulated shortly.

For the Expressway to operate efficiently and safely, it is desirable to stop both Eureka Street and Carisbrooke Street. Any side roads on the Expressway that have not been fully stopped have only led to problems. Hills Road was restricted to left turn in and left turn out, but locals still travel on the wrong side of the Expressway to sneak around the end of the central island. The Wainoni Local Area Traffic Management Scheme (LATMS) also identified problems with vehicles speeding down these streets to other areas. Road stopping is shown in the LATMS to reduce this problem.

The bulk of the property for Stage 2 is already owned by the Council. Construction of the remaining section at Stage 2 is planned to start in 2002 with a possible opening of 2003.

To meet these targets the consultation specific to Stage 2 will commence shortly. However the process for road stopping needs to start immediately if Eureka Street is to be closed at the same time as this section of the Expressway is constructed. It is appropriate to process Eureka Street and Carisbrooke Street stopping at the same time because stopping one will affect the other.

The road stopping for Brook Street and Birch Street will be processed at a later date, as construction in this area in some time away.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the information be received.
- 2. That both Eureka Street and Carisbrooke Street be stopped to motor vehicles at their intersection with the Woolston/Burwood Expressway.
- 3. That a further report be provided indicating which streets will be used as alternatives to the streets to be stopped and what the traffic effects on those streets will be.