

## 1. WESTERN BUS SERVICE REVIEW - NEW BUS STOPS IN MATIPO STREET

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the proposed new bus stops in Matipo Street as a result of Western Bus Service Review.

### BACKGROUND

As a result of the Western Bus Service Review and after extensive public consultation, Environment Canterbury is introducing bus services to Matipo Street, commencing in April 2001. The service that will be operating will be the Templeton/Hornby-New Brighton/Southshore, via the City. It will operate as a through-route with a 15 minute frequency.

The Matipo Street area is a large catchment area of current and potential bus passengers, as well as having attractions such as Wharenui Pool, Wharenui School, and back entrances to Riccarton Mall.

A 31 name petition from residents in the Matipo Street area was received by Environment Canterbury expressing their support for public transport services along Matipo Street, while 12 people were opposed to the removal of the Templeton service from Clarence Street. Those in Clarence Street will still be served by the Orbiter, and also by the trial City-Waterloo worker service that will provide peak time access to and from the City, to begin in April 2001.

As part of this review the Christchurch City Council is tasked with providing bus stops to enable these services to operate in an effective and efficient manner.

### BUS STOPS

Two pairs of bus stops have been located in order to provide good access for the majority of people and also to provide easy access to Wharenui Pool, Wharenui Primary School and the back entrances to Riccarton Mall. Other major factors considered were allowing the bus to travel as freely as possible, stopping a minimum amount of times, and traffic safety.

### CONSULTATION

In locating new bus stops, a number of locations are investigated by the Assistant Planner and Area Engineer to assess suitability. Property owners adjacent to such locations are consulted.

It is preferred to locate stops where agreement has been gained from the property owner. Where this is not possible a decision and recommendation has to be made as to what is the best location for the greater good of the community and all stakeholders; bus users, potential bus users, motorists, residents and the bus operator.

Agreement has been gained from all property owners except for 80 Matipo Street and 82 Matipo Street (recommendation (a)). They were invited to express their viewpoint to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board at its February 2001 meeting, with the property owner of 80 Matipo Street speaking to the Board.

The recommendations in this report were supported by the Board at the abovementioned meeting, with recommendation (a) having the following addition: *"providing the property owner (82 Matipo Street) retains the right to install a driveway through the newly placed bus stop in the eventuality of further on site development proceeding"*.

In addressing this, Wayne Gallot of the Environmental Services Unit was consulted. He responded that there were "no rules regarding this in either the transitional or provisional City Plan".

### Subcommittee

**Recommendation:** That the installation of new bus stops in the following locations on a collector road be approved:

- (a) On the east side of Matipo Street commencing at a point 17 metres from its intersection with Peverel Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 15 metres (80/82 Matipo Street) subject to provision for a review if an additional motor vehicle access point is provided in the future.

- (b) On the east side of Matipo Street commencing at a point 18 metres from its intersection with Elizabeth Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 15 metres (Wharenui Pool).
- (c) On the west side of Matipo Street commencing at a point 28 metres from its intersection with Rex Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 12.5 metres (37a Matipo Street).
- (d) On the west side of Matipo Street commencing at a point 15 metres from its intersection with Maxwell Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 13 metres (85 Matipo Street).