

2. MS CARMEN RASK – NEW BUS STOPS IN MATIPO STREET

Ms Rask was in attendance to speak to the Board about the proposal to site a bus stop outside her property at 82 Matipo Street, Riccarton.

The Board's Works and Traffic Committee had, at its meeting held on Friday 16 February 2001, received a report from the City Streets Unit concerning the proposed new bus stops in Matipo Street as a result of the Environment Canterbury Western Bus Service Review, Board support was requested for the bus stop locations proposed, prior to consideration by the City Services Committee.

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 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 petition signed by 31 residents in the Matipo Street area was received by Environment Canterbury expressing their support for public transport services along Matipo Street. 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.

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 number of times, and traffic safety.

In locating new bus stops, a number of locations are investigated by the Assistant Planner and Area Engineer to assess suitability. It is preferred to locate stops where agreement has been obtained 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 obtained from all property owners except for 80 Matipo Street and 82 Matipo Street.

The author of the report, Andrew Hensley, was in attendance and answered questions.

In her presentation Ms Rask questioned the close siting of the proposed bus stop to the Matipo Street/Peverel Street intersection. In her opinion the visibility and safety aspects of this intersection would be compromised by the siting of the bus stop, as proposed, outside No's 80 and 82 Matipo Street. Of equal concern to Ms Rask were issues relating to lack of privacy and that any future on-site development of her property (eg, new driveway access, off street parking) could be compromised by the siting of the bus stop outside her property.

In discussion, a draft amendment was signalled "that the Community Board take further time to consider the siting of the bus stop, and that possible alternative sites be investigated; also, that residents directly affected by bus stop siting be spoken to".

After a full debate on the issues raised a majority of members were supportive of placing a bus stop outside 80 and 82 Matipo Street.

It was noted that the City Services Committee had delegated power to approve the siting of these bus stops.

The Community Board then **decided** to recommend to the City Services Committee:

1. That a bus stop be installed 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), providing the property owner (82 Matipo Street) retains the right to install a driveway through the newly placed bus stop in the event of further on-site development proceeding.
2. That a bus stop be installed 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).
3. That a bus stop be installed 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).

4. That a bus stop be installed 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).

Resolution 1. above was passed on a show of hands, five in favour and two against.

Ishwar Ganda declared an interest in this issue and took no part in the voting on the resolutions.

Helen Broughton asked that her vote against resolution 1. be recorded.

Paddy Austin abstained from voting on resolution 1.