


7. PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WAY POLICY DEVELOPMENT



Michael Thomson, Pedestrian Advocate, and Heather Wallis, Transport Planner, City Streets Unit, updated members of the Committee on the development of a policy to formalise closure procedures for pedestrian access ways.

The report noted that the City Streets currently maintains some 230 pedestrian access ways in addition to walkways through reserves and had in recent years received approximately two requests per annum to close pedestrian access ways. At present the Council did not have a guiding policy or procedure for dealing with such requests and the report outlined the proposed development of a policy to:

1. Outline procedures to be followed for dealing with requests for closure by the public.
2. Provide a policy/good practice guide for the formation of new access ways and improvement of existing access ways.

The report identified the issues and current procedures together with supporting policies contained within:

- The Christchurch City Council Pedestrian Strategy
- The Christchurch Road Safety Strategy
- The proposed City Plan
- The proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy

The Committee **decided**:

1. To approve the development of:
 - (a) A Pedestrian Access Way Closure Policy.
 - (b) A Standard of Good Practice for new access ways and improvement of existing access ways.
2. To invite two representatives from all Community Boards to a seminar with the Committee to discuss the above.
3. That urban design staff be included in the policy development.
4. That the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee be advised if it is proposed to permanently close an access way.