


7. TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND STATE HIGHWAY PROGRAMME



The Committee considered a report from the City Streets Manager advising it on the Transit New Zealand draft State Highway Programme for the 2003/04 financial year and their draft Ten Year Forward Works Programme and seeking confirmation of a process for making a submission on these to Transit New Zealand.

The report specified those major projects in the Christchurch area which had been deferred outside the ten year time frame by Transit New Zealand as a consequence of the Government's request to afford a higher priority to congestion relief. This would result in the great majority of projects with a total cost greater than \$3m being in the Auckland region.

Four projects which had been placed outside the ten year programme were:

1. Main North Road four laning (Northwood - Redwood).
2. Christchurch Southern Motorway Extension and Duplication.
3. Russley Road four laning (Memorial Avenue to Yaldhurst).
4. Carmen/Masham Road four laning (Yaldhurst Road to Waterloo Road).

The report noted with particular concern deferral of the completion of the Main North Road four laning due to commence construction in 2003. Submissions on the programme are required to be with Transit's regional office by 31 March 2003.

The Committee **decided**:

1. That the Land Transport Subcommittee prepare a submission to Transit New Zealand on the state highway programme for ratification at the March meeting of the Committee and Council.
2. That the Committee meet with local Canterbury MP's plus representatives of other territorial local authorities to devise a joint response to the Land Transport Management Bill and the draft State Highway Programme.
3. That a City Scene article and other forms of public communication be undertaken to inform the public of the Council's views.