

11. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3. Mr Greg Campbell, CEO Red Bus Company and Mr John Collyns, Bus and Coach Association - Bus Lanes and Bus Priority Systems

Mr Collyns provided a PowerPoint presentation detailing information in respect to:

- Bus priorities and how they work,
- An outline of what was currently happening in the Auckland and Wellington regions in this respect,
- What his association would like to see happen within Christchurch city.

The presentation provided information relating to bus priority systems such as advanced signals, bus boarders and bypasses.

It was noted that in the Auckland region some 52 bus priority programmes have now been implemented, including 22 bus lane projects and 30 other projects and there is currently 46.7 kms of bus lanes with a further 25 bus lanes planned over the next two years. The presentation noted the benefits from bus priority systems and detailed the processes which had been used in the Auckland area to successfully implement them.

In respect to the Christchurch City Council area it was noted that significant achievements have been achieved in the area of public transport. It was considered, however, that bus priorities were essential and roading infrastructure stifled further growth and there were currently no significant bus priority systems in place. It was suggested that bus routes should be continuous and details of the effects of bus prioritisation on Riccarton Road, Papanui Road and Cranford Street were provided as examples for information.

The opportunity was taken for questions at the conclusion of the presentation and the Chairman thanked Messrs Campbell and Collyns for their presentation, which he stated was extremely relevant at the present time.