

3. UPLIFTING PURCHAS STREET ROAD WIDENING DESIGNATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the agreement of the Council to uplift a number of redundant road widening designations in the north of the City. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board has also considered this report.

BACKGROUND

Road widening designations on the corners of Madras Street/Purchas Street and Barbadoes Street/Purchas Street were held by Transit New Zealand under the Transitional City Plan in conjunction with other designations for the Northern Arterial. At the request of Transit New Zealand all of the designations for the urban section of the Northern Arterial were uplifted on 2 June 1994. At this time the Council re-imposed a road widening designation in the Proposed City Plan (attached) on a number of the properties in the Purchas Street area, which had been the subject of a Transit New Zealand designation, to retain the ability to provide for a future high capacity link between Madras and Barbadoes Streets.

DISCUSSION

The land was designated by the Council to enable a study of all the options for access to the city from the north to be undertaken before abandoning the connection along Purchas Street between Madras Street and Barbadoes Street. The assessment phase of the Northern Roding Options Scoping Study (NROSS) has now been completed and no requirement has been identified for the road widening designations under any of the options studied. Therefore, the reason to retain the designations over the land, or purchase the land from the current owners is redundant.

The land over which the road widening designations are imposed are owned by Transit New Zealand (461 and 465 Barbadoes Street, 464 Madras Street) and Orion New Zealand (496 Madras Street, 109 Purchas Street). Both organisations have recently requested that the Council either purchase the land which is the subject of the designation, or uplift the designation to enable them to dispose of the land which is excess to their requirements.

CONCLUSION

A request has been received by the Council from the affected landowners to remove the road widening designations, or purchase the land, at the intersections of Purchas Street with Madras Street and Barbadoes Streets. The land is not required by the Council for roading purposes and it is therefore recommended that the designations be uplifted to enable the owners to dispose of the land for development.

Recommendation: That the road widening designations on the land at 461, 465 Barbadoes Street and 464, 496 Madras Street and 109 Purchas Street be uplifted from the Proposed City Plan.