

9. REPORT OF THE LAND TRANSPORT SUBCOMMITTEE - TRAVIS ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the recommendations of the Land Transport Subcommittee in respect to the long term safety improvements proposed as part of the Travis Road Traffic Management Plan.

At the meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee held on 9 September 2003 the report on the Travis Road Traffic Management Plan (attached) was considered and the Committee decided inter alia:

"2. That the report on the long term safety improvements for Travis Road be referred to the Land Transport Subcommittee for re-examination in respect to the long term safety improvements with special reference to the points made by the deputation and the City Plan."

A meeting of the Land Transport Subcommittee was held on 29 September 2003 to consider this matter, attended by Councillor Denis O'Rourke (Chairman) and Councillors Carole Evans and Ingrid Stonhill. The Subcommittee considered the long term improvements proposed with special emphasis on the possible relocation of the proposed traffic signals from Bassett Street to Parnwell Street, as suggested by Mr and Mrs Chew, proprietors of the Burwood Pharmacy and the status of the two roads in terms of the proposed City Plan.

Members noted that at present, Parnwell Street is designated as a collector road and Bassett Street as a local road in the proposed City Plan and considered it was appropriate for a formal variation to the roading status of these two streets to be notified by way of a plan change or variation once the City Plan is adopted.

It was advised that the current traffic volumes for the two streets is approximately 4,500 vehicles per day on Bassett Street and 4,000 on Parnwell Street and that in fact Bassett Street is already acting as a collector road. Notification of a plan change would, however, allow for community input into any change of status in the role of these streets.

In addition members were advised by City Streets Unit staff that the relocation of the traffic signals from Bassett Street to Parnwell Street would not be desirable as it is important to provide a good level of signal coordination for traffic on Travis Road. This can only be achieved where a valuable relationship exists between the expected cycle-time of the signals and the travel-time between them. The distance between Burwood Road and Bassett Street is such that good two-way coordination can be achieved. A good level of two-way coordination would not, however, be possible if the signals were installed at Parnwell Street.

Recommendation: That the long term traffic plan for Travis Road be supported, as detailed in the report, subject to a variation or plan change to the City Plan to change the arterial status from Parnwell Street to Bassett Street.