

8. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM TRANSPORT AND ROADING COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF 22 JULY 2004 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Transport and Roading Committee meeting held on Thursday 22 July 2004.

The meeting was attended by Bob Shearing (Chairperson), Helen Broughton (present for clauses 1 to 6 only) Ken Cummings, Peter Laloli, and Mike Mora.

**1. CITY-WIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY PLAN**

**Background**

On behalf of the Principal Transport Planning Unit, Rob Woods was in attendance to discuss the draft Priority Plan.

This was approved by Council at its May 2004 meeting and feedback from Community Boards is now being sought.

The draft plan has been prepared as a first step towards the development of public transport priority measures across the city, the aim of which being to provide a more convenient metropolitan public transport system with the efficiency and reliability necessary to encourage more people to make more bus trips in deference to car trips.

The Plan has identified a list of major corridors proposed for development to meet the aims of the Plan. The proposed fourth-place corridor is Hornby Mall to and from the Bus Exchange via Riccarton Road. It has been recommended that any bus priority measures here be deferred until the Riccarton/Clarence/Straven intersection work is completed, as this will have a significant impact upon any work possibly required.

**Committee Deliberations**

As today's meeting did not have a copy of the draft Plan available; therefore it was **agreed** that the matter be given further consideration at the Community Board meeting and that Rob Woods would attend.

**2. SOLWAY AVENUE NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENTS**

At its 31 March 2004 meeting, the Community Board gave approval to initiate community consultation on this proposal which would see angle parking along the eastern side of Solway Avenue (Dalyre Place to Parkstone Avenue) adjoining the College of Education site.

The Committee was in receipt of a report which showed that 45 responses (66% of the households surveyed) were received, and that 10 responses were in opposition and four were in support of the proposal.

Whilst the City Streets Manager is recommending that the Board approve the project to proceed to design and construction, the Committee felt that the resident response was such that more consideration needed to be given before deciding whether to proceed with this work at this time.

The Committee believed that perhaps a meeting with residents might be the next step in the process.

Accordingly, the Committee **agreed** to hold over further consideration of the report at this time.

**3. SOLWAY AVENUE BUS PATRON ISSUES**

A letter was tabled from a resident of Solway Avenue whose property is directly across from the College of Education. A bus stop has been placed on the berm and the resident had written to the Community Advocate and identified various activities that the large number of patrons using this bus stop engaged in.

It was **agreed** that the Community Advocate will discuss the issues raised with the City Streets Unit. Also, the issue of the re-routing of buses onto the College of Education site, as has previously been identified as an option during discussion on the August 1997 "Carparking at the College of Education and School of English Language" report, should be revisited.

#### **4 HORNBY MALL REDEVELOPMENT**

Mr Jason Marsden, Manager of Hornby Mall, was in attendance to discuss the current redevelopment of this site and also various traffic related issues on Main South Road/Chalmers Street and Carmen Road.

Major works will take a few more months but it was acknowledged that various pedestrian and traffic movement issues were of concern already.

Mr Marsden was thanked for his attendance and it was noted that these identified issues would be closely monitored.

#### **5 CHRISTCHURCH/ROLLESTON AND ENVIRONS TRANSPORT STUDY**

The last report that this Committee had on the progress of this major study was in April 2004.

John Falconer was in attendance to discuss progress and advised that the internal assessment report should be available in November and that the Board may be able to view this shortly thereafter before public consultation commences in early 2005.

Members were asked to be kept informed of progress on this major study.

#### **6 RICcarton BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REVIEW OF RATA STREET P120 PARKING**

A letter was tabled from the Riccarton Business Association in which they sought a reconsideration of the current P120 parking restriction in Rata Street.

The Association believes that there is an urgent need for more all-day parking along Rata Street to cope with the demand from employees in the area.

It was **agreed** that the letter be acknowledged and that the City Streets Unit be asked to address the concerns raised in the letter and to provide a report back to this Committee.

#### **7 NEW CROSS SUBURBAN ROUTE PROPOSAL**

A pamphlet entitled "Catch a Metro Star" which detailed the proposed new cross suburban service linking various areas of the city was received by the Committee.

The Committee **received** the information.

#### **8 STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT PROJECTS**

The full schedule was **received**.

#### **Chairperson's**

#### **Recommendation:**

That the report be received, noting that further consideration of the Citywide Public Transport Priority Plan has been dealt with under clause 3 and that the Board is now required to make a decision on whether the Solway Avenue Neighbourhood Improvement Works can now proceed to tender and construction.