

### 13. NEW BUS STOP LOCATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to gain the Board's approval for the establishment of four permanent bus stops as a result of the ECan Northwest and Southern bus service reviews. There are still five temporary bus stops where further consultation is required.

#### BACKGROUND

As a result of the Northwest and Southern bus service review, and after extensive public consultation, Environment Canterbury made changes to the service network which began on 8 June 2004. These include new routes and extensions/alterations to existing routes.

In conjunction with the changes, the Christchurch City Council was required to provide bus stops to enable the various services to operate in an effective and efficient manner.

Additional bus stops were required for new and altered routes that now run along streets not serviced by the previous routes. A total of 27 new stops are required in the Papanui Ward.

The stops have been located to maximise access to the surrounding catchment area while allowing the bus to travel as freely as possible and to stop a minimum number of times. The distance between the new bus stops will be convenient for bus patrons.

At its 5 May 2004 meeting, the Board resolved to establish 18 new bus stops, and create 9 temporary bus stops for the new bus services that commenced in the area on 8 June 2004.

This report deals with four bus stops previously resolved by the Board as temporary bus stops, and recommends that these now be made permanent.

#### CONSULTATION

In locating new stops, The Christchurch City Council investigates a number of locations to assess suitability. It consults as a courtesy the property owner adjacent to a suitable location. It is preferred to locate stops where agreement has been gained from the property owner. However, where this has not happened a decision and recommendation has to be made as to what is the best location for all parties; bus users, potential bus users, motorists, residents and the bus operator.

Consultation in the form of a second letter was sent to those four affected residents who had the temporary bus stops. The letter outlined the process, how to object to the decision and how to be heard at a Board meeting. At the time of the compiling of the agenda none of the affected residents had made contact as a result of this second letter.

#### CONCLUSION

The Transport and City Streets Unit is continuing to consult on the establishment of various bus stops required for the Environment Canterbury review of bus services in the Northwest and Southern areas of the City.

The Transport and City Streets Unit will ensure that the Board is kept informed of progress on selecting permanent locations for bus stops in the areas where temporary bus stops have been established. It is anticipated that the Board will be required to arbitrate on the final recommended locations for these bus stops.

#### Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That a bus stop be installed on the south west side of Claridges Road commencing at a point 25 metres from its intersection with Opal Place and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (41 Claridges Road ).

2. That a bus stop be installed on the north side of Prestons Road commencing at a point 20 metres from its intersection with Freebairn Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (1 Freebairn Street).
3. That a bus stop be installed on the north side of Prestons Road commencing at a point 60 metres from its intersection with Aztec Place and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (85 Prestons Road).
4. That a bus stop be installed on the south side of Prestons Road commencing at a point 24 metres from its intersection with Clipper Place and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (66 Prestons Road).

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.