

## 2. NEW BUS STOP LOCATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to gain the Board's approval for the establishment of five permanent bus stops as a result of the ECan Northwest and Southern bus service reviews. There are still seven 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 19 new stops are required in the Wigram Ward and 2 in the Riccarton 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 21 May 2004 meeting, the Subcommittee resolved to establish nine new bus stops, remove 13 redundant bus stops, and create 12 temporary bus stops for the new bus services that commenced in the area on 8 June 2004.

This report deals with five 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.

Acceptance has not been forthcoming for any of the five bus stops recommended in this report. The people concerned have been invited to express their viewpoint to the Board at this meeting.

### 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.

**Recommendation:**

1. That a bus stop be installed on the north east side of Dunbars Road commencing at a point 131 metres from its intersection with Cassinia Gardens and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (160 Dunbars Road).
2. That a bus stop be installed on the north side of Penruddock Rise commencing at a point 45 metres from its intersection with Highcrest Heights and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (66 and 68 Penruddock Rise).
3. That a bus stop be installed on the south east side of Wales Street commencing at a point 22 metres from its intersection with Santa Rosa Avenue and extending in a south westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (77 Santa Rosa Avenue).
4. That a bus stop be installed on the north west side of Wales Street commencing at a point 43 metres from its intersection with Santa Rosa Avenue and extending in a south westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (165 Wales Street).
5. That a bus stop be installed on the north east side of Halswell Road commencing at a point 8 metres from its intersection with Village Lane and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (10 Village Lane).