

8. NEW BUS STOP LOCATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of changes to bus stop locations on various roads in the Board's area following Environment Canterbury reviews of bus services. The Board is asked to approve the creation of 11 new bus stops, the removal of 6 redundant bus stops and the creation of 9 temporary bus stops as a result of the Northwest and Southern bus service reviews, and operational improvements for the Airport route.

BACKGROUND

As a result of the Northwest and Southern bus service review, and after extensive public consultation, Environment Canterbury is making changes to the service network. These include new routes and extensions/alterations to existing routes.

As a result of the changes, the Christchurch City Council is required to provide bus stops to enable the various services to operate in an effective and efficient manner. In order to undertake this, the following proposed bus stops are recommended in this report. Relevant plans will be displayed at the meeting.

Additionally we wish to improve the spacing of stops on the Airport bus route. The Transport Unit has received a number of requests from bus users for this to be done.

NORTHWEST AND SOUTHERN BUS SERVICE REVIEW

Additional bus stops are required for new and altered routes that run along streets not serviced by the existing routes. A total of 17 new stops are required in the Waimairi Ward.

There are 4 bus stops in the Waimairi Ward which will no longer be served by any bus routes.

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.

AIRPORT BUS ROUTE STOP RATIONALISATION

There are currently two stops on Memorial Avenue opposite Burnside Park, and only one on the other side. This results in the stops being too close together. There is a suitable site by the access way to Arlington Street. We propose that the two stops opposite Burnside Park be replaced by a new stop at this location.

A need has been identified to provide stops at the south west end of Fendalton Road. There is a suitable site adjacent to Christchurch City Council road reserve land near a Church. Consultation letters were sent to a large number of property owners on the other side of the road near this site. None of the property owners agreed to have a bus stop outside their property. Another suitable site was identified nearby on Harper Avenue adjacent to Little Hagley Park. This results in some separation of the pair of stops, but avoids putting the stop in front of the property of someone with objections.

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.

Agreement has been gained from a number of property owners to establish permanent bus stops in parts of Harewood Road, Wooldridge Road, Wairakei Road, Orchard Road, Sir William Pickering Drive, Fendalton Road, Harper Avenue and Memorial Avenue. It is recommended that these (11) bus stops be approved.

Where agreement has not yet been reached with property owners it is recommended that temporary bus stops be installed in order for the service to commence operation on 8 June 2004. The Transport Unit will continue to consult on gaining acceptance of permanent bus stops on these roads. Where acceptance is not forthcoming, the people concerned will be invited to express their viewpoint to the Board at a future meeting.

CONCLUSION

The Transport Unit has consulted 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, and improvement to the Airport service.

Where acceptance for bus stop locations has been obtained from property owners it is recommended that the bus stops be installed. Where agreement has, to date, not been forthcoming, the Transport and City Streets Unit is recommending that temporary bus stops be installed and further consultation be undertaken with the property owners involved.

If these actions are taken the Council's responsibility to provide infrastructure for the new bus routes will have been fulfilled.

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

Recommendations: A. That bus stops be installed in the following locations:

1. On the south west side of Harewood Road commencing at a point 25 metres from its intersection with Nunweek Boulevard and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (Styx River Reserve).
2. On the south west side of Harewood Road commencing at a point 38 metres from its intersection with Wooldridge Road and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (Nunweek Park).
3. On the south side of Wairakei Road commencing at a point 89 metres from its intersection with Russley Road and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (Russley Golf Club).
4. On the south side of Wairakei Road commencing at a point 47 metres from its intersection with Orchard Road and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (Christchurch International Airport).
5. On the north side of Wairakei Road commencing at a point 27 metres from its intersection with Orchard Road and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (Christchurch International Airport).
6. On the north west side of Orchard Road commencing at a point 25 metres from its intersection with Roy Place and extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (Christchurch International Airport).
7. That a bus stop be installed on the north west side of Roydvale Avenue commencing at a point 15 metres from its intersection with Sir William Pickering Drive and extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (55 Roydvale Avenue).
8. That a bus stop be installed on the east side of Sir William Pickering Drive commencing at a point 400 metres from its intersection with Sheffield Crescent and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (15 Sir William Pickering Drive).
9. That a bus stop be installed on the south west side of Fendalton Road commencing at a point 80 metres from its intersection with Wood Lane and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (road reserve).

10. That a bus stop be installed on the north side of Harper Avenue commencing at a point 18 metres from its intersection with Fendalton Road and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (Little Hagley Park).
11. That a bus stop be installed on the north east side of Memorial Avenue commencing at a point 131 metres from its intersection with Kendal Avenue and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (Accessway).

B. That the following bus stops be removed:

1. In front of 151 Roydvale Avenue.
2. Opposite 147 Roydvale Avenue.
3. In front of 185 Roydvale Avenue.
4. In front of 232 Roydvale Avenue.
5. In front of 304 Memorial Avenue.
6. In front of 320 Memorial Avenue.

C. That temporary bus stops be installed in the following locations:

1. On the north east side of Harewood Road adjacent to number 522 Harewood Road.
2. On the north east side of Harewood Road adjacent to number 582 Harewood Road.
3. On the east side of Wooldridge Road adjacent to number 280 Wooldridge Road.
4. On the west side of Wooldridge Road adjacent to number 281 Wooldridge Road.
5. On the north side of Wairakei Road adjacent to number 520 Wairakei Road).
6. On the east side of Roydvale Avenue adjacent to numbers 94-98 Roydvale Avenue (Aarburg Airport Motel).
7. On the west side of Roydvale Avenue adjacent to number 95 Roydvale Avenue.
8. On the south east side of Roydvale Avenue adjacent to number 60 Roydvale Avenue.
9. On the west side of Sir William Pickering Drive adjacent to number 14 Sir William Pickering Drive.

Chairman's

Recommendation:

That the above recommendations be adopted.