

10. **WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
- REPORT OF 16 APRIL 2004

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 16 April 2004 meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee
held on Friday 16 April 2004 at 8.00 am
in the Board Room and Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.**

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairman), Sally Buck, Cheryl Colley, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart and Mike Wall.

Mark Kunnen arrived at 8.30 am and was absent for Clause 2.1.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from George Hampton and Ron Wright.

2. HARAKEKE STREET – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Committee, along with members of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Transport and Traffic Committee, jointly considered two separate but related reports from staff on traffic management issues in Harakeke Street and Rochdale Street. The Avon River bridge on Harakeke Street forms the boundary between the Fendalton and Waimairi wards.

A video presentation was used to provide a visual perspective of the affected areas and members expressed their appreciation for the use of this technology.

2.1 Harakeke Street – Pedestrian Safety

A proposal was submitted aimed at addressing concerns raised last year by local residents about the lack of a footpath facility across the narrow Harakeke Street road bridge in the vicinity of the Christchurch Boys' High Adams House Boarding Hostel. Potential confusion as to vehicle rights of way at the bridge was also an issue identified.

The low cost improvement proposed was to create a footpath on the west side of the bridge using kerb blocks to separate vehicles and pedestrians under this scheme, the current 6.5 metre width would be reduced to 4 metres and require the installation of a give way control in one direction.

Members were supportive of the changes proposed as a basis for consultation with the local community.

Recommendation: That the proposed project to improve pedestrian safety and convenience at the Harakeke Street Avon River bridge, be endorsed by both Boards for consultation with the local community.

2.2 Harakeke Street/Rochdale Street – Traffic Concerns

In September 2003, representatives from both Boards met on site with local residents over traffic concerns in the immediate area.

Submitted for the joint Committee's consideration in response to that meeting, was a technical report covering traffic volumes, traffic composition, traffic speed and vehicle crashes. Surveys and a video analysis undertaken had revealed some vehicle short cutting but this was not excessive. Speed and traffic volumes were also low for such residential streets.

With both streets programmed to be reconstructed in the next 5 years, members acknowledged that the issues raised, with the exception of the bridge treatment for pedestrians, be further addressed at that time.

A proposal to impose a heavy traffic ban on the affected streets was not supported by the majority of members present.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the report be received.
 2. That the residents various concerns be further addressed at the time of the reconstruction of Rochdale Street (2006/07) and Harakeke Street (2008/09).
 3. That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board explore the option of Harakeke Street (Rochdale to Kilmarnock) being advanced in the programme from the 2008/09 year.

The Riccarton/Wigram members left the meeting at this point.

3. CYCLE STRATEGY – DRAFT UPDATED 2004 VERSION

The Transport Planner Cycling and Pedestrians, Michael Ferigo, elaborated on the process used in producing the updated version of the Cycle Strategy currently out for public consultation.

The Committee **agreed** that a Working Party of members available be established to formulate a Board response on the updated strategy document and that the Working Party meet for this purpose at 8.00 am on Tuesday 20 April 2004.

The **attached** submission was subsequently prepared by the Working Party.

4. AVICE HILL RESERVE – FRONTAGE ENHANCEMENT

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate presented a proposed planting plan for the frontage of the Avice Hill Reserve as a basis for consultation with the local community.

The Committee was very supportive of the plan contents.

Recommendation: That the proposal for the enhancement of the frontage of the Avice Hill Reserve be approved for consultation with the local residents and users of the Avice Hill Art and Craft facility.

5. RIVERSIDE PLANTING

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate reported the outcomes of an assessment undertaken of eight local waterway planting sites as possible locations for further investigation.

The two locations best fitting the agreed criteria were the Wairarapa Stream - upstream of the pedestrian footbridge between Sevenoaks Drive and Wayside Avenue and the Avon River from the pedestrian lights on Carlton Mill Road through to Millbrook Reserve.

Recommendation: That the Wairarapa Stream site and the Avon River site be submitted for assessment.

The meeting concluded at 9.41 am.

Chairman's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.
 2. That the submission prepared on the Council's revised Cycle Strategy be adopted.