

### 3. 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 3 new bus stops, and the creation of 6 temporary bus stops as a result of the Northwest and Southern bus service reviews.

#### 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.

#### 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 18 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.

This report deals with 9 bus stops recommended to the Community Board on 4 May 2004 and held over for further consideration by the Committee.

#### CONSULTATION

In locating new stops, the Christchurch City Council investigates a number of locations to assess suitability. It consults 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 and Roydvale Avenue. It is recommended that these (3) 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.

#### TEMPORARY BUS STOPS

##### B1. 281 Wooldridge Road

We were asked to move this stop to 279 Wooldridge Road subject to acceptance by the adjacent property owner. We have not yet received any response from this property owner.

We are recommending 281 Wooldridge Road because of the strong support for it from the adjacent property owners.

We do not consider any of the points raised by the objectors as being compelling reasons not to locate the bus stop in this location.

##### B2. 20 Wairakei Road

We have not been able to get a response from the property owners at this time.

B3. 95 Roydvale Avenue

Further consultation required.

B4. 60 Roydvale Avenue

We were instructed to reposition this to a site at the southern end of Sir William Pickering Drive subject to acceptance by the adjacent property owner.

Both of the property owners in this part of the road have returned responses that they are not agreeable to a bus stop.

We have not been able to locate a more suitable site than 60 Roydvale Avenue.

A bus stop is required in this area to achieve both catchment and spacing criteria.

B5. 14 Sir William Pickering Drive

We are still waiting for a response from the property owner.

B6. 540 Wairakei Road, Wooldridge Road Frontage

We are still waiting for a response from the property owner.

## **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 route will have been fulfilled.

The Transport 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 northeast side of Harewood Road commencing at a point 33 metres from its intersection with Wooldridge Road and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres (588 Harewood Road).
2. On the south west side of Wooldridge Road commencing at a point 396 metres from its intersection with Harewood Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (280 Wooldridge Road).
3. On the south side of Roydvale Avenue commencing at a point 3 metres from its intersection with O'Connor Place and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (94 – 98 Roydvale Avenue).

- B. That temporary bus stops be installed in the following locations:
1. On the west side of Wooldridge Road adjacent to number 281 Wooldridge Road.
  2. On the north side of Wairakei Road adjacent to number 750 Wairakei Road).
  3. On the west side of Roydvale Avenue adjacent to number 95 Roydvale Avenue.
  4. On the south east side of Roydvale Avenue adjacent to number 60 Roydvale Avenue.
  5. On the west side of Sir William Pickering Drive adjacent to number 14 Sir William Pickering Drive.
  6. On the north side of Wooldridge Road adjacent to 540 Wairakei Road.