

**14. BARBADOES STREET BUS STOP RELOCATION
IN RELATION TO THE EDWARD AVENUE KERB AND CHANNEL RECONSTRUCTION**

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The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to remove the existing bus stop adjacent to property number 622 Barbadoes Street and to approve the installation of a bus stop adjacent to the Barbadoes property boundary of number 52 Edward Avenue.

BACKGROUND

The Board will be aware that approval to proceed to final design, tender and construction of the Edward Avenue (Barbadoes Street to Hills Road) kerb and channel renewal project was obtained at the Community Board Meeting on 2 July 2003

A report advising of a last minute change requirement to the carriageway width of that section of Edward Avenue from Barbadoes Street to Cleveland Street was obtained at an extraordinary meeting of the Shirley/Papanui Board Emergency Committee on the 15 January 2004.

The report submitted to the 15 January Board meeting also outlined a request from the owners of the property at 622 Barbadoes Street (corner of Barbadoes St & Edward Av) that a footbridge be installed over the 'Bings Drain' to the Edward Avenue pedestrian access to their property when the reconstruction of Edward Avenue takes place.

The report estimated that the cost of building a footbridge at between \$8,000 to \$10,000. The costs were directly associated with ensuring that the footbridge complied with all standards and was capable of holding up to 10 people at a time. It is acknowledged that while this footbridge may have primarily been for the use of the property owners at 622 Barbadoes Street and or their visitors, as it was on public land and able to be accessed by the general public, the building standards required were more rigorous.

An alternative to the footbridge was suggested to the residents. The alternative was to relocate the existing bus stop outside the pedestrian access to their property on Barbadoes Street.

Discussions with the owner of the property at 52 Edward Avenue (the new location for the bus stop would be adjacent to the Barbadoes St property boundary of 52 Edward Avenue) have taken place. The owner currently resides in Auckland and has tenants in his property and he has agreed to the

relocation of the bus stop. The main entrance to the tenanted property is off Edward Avenue and a 1.8 metre high paling fence along the Barbadoes Street boundary will lessen any negative impact, visual or noise, associated with a bus stop.

Re locating the bus stop would then free up that area, adjacent to 622 Barbadoes Street, for on street parking for residents and negate the need for a foot bridge. The residents have agreed to this option and the network operations team have also approved the relocation of the bus stop.

Staff

- Recommendation:** That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board approve the following changes:
- (a) That the bus stop on the north east of Barbadoes Street commencing at a point 4 metres north from the Edward Avenue intersection and extending in a northerly direction for 12 metres be removed.
 - (b) That a bus stop be installed on the north east side of Barbadoes Street commencing at a point 23 metres south from the Edward Avenue intersection and extending in a northerly direction for 12 metres.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the staff recommendations be adopted.