

17. MAIN ROADS AMENITY PLANTING

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The purpose of this report is to gain the Committee's approval to the proposed programme for the Main Road Amenity planting for the years 2004/05 to 2007/08.

BACKGROUND

In April 2003 a report by Alix Newman, Transport and City Streets Unit and Dennis Preston, City Solutions, was presented to the Sustainable and Utilities Committee seeking some direction on the Main Roads Amenity Planting project.

The Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee resolved:

- "1. That the Transport and City Streets Unit develop a City to Sumner amenity planting plan further and report back to the Committee, prior to consultation.*
- 2. That the Committee directs a series of main roads in priority order, that it would like to see this funding allocated to beginning with Ferry Road from Ferrymead to Sumner with special reference to the causeway."*

In July 2004 a report by Stu McHugh and Dennis Preston was presented to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee seeking approval to proceed with either the final design tender and construction of Norfolk Pines and Pohutakawa planting or the community consultation on a low ground cover plan for the causeway. However, late identification of structural concerns on the causeway meant planter boxes were not a practical option.

Subsequently the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee resolved that:

- "1. In view of the need to strengthen the sea wall on the causeway in the near future, the plan to beautify that area by way of planting low cover and/or trees, be deferred until after the strengthening work has been completed.*
- 2. The staff report on how the available funds might now be applied towards beautifying other parts of the City to Sumner arterial route."*

This report, in responding to the second recommendation above, updates progress to date on Ferry Road from Ferrymead to Sumner, sets out planned work on this length, and shows how funding might be applied to other main road amenity planting. The plan attached (LP-0571-01) shows the City to Sumner proposal for tree planting including possible species.

PROJECT STATUS

Work in Progress - City to Sumner

Ferry Road

Moorhouse Avenue - St Asaph Street (no 16 on plan)

Planting due to be done week of 30 Aug 2004 - 3 Sep 2004.

Ferrymead Industrial Estate (No 12)

Possibility that some planting on private land can be done August/September 2004 subject to owner's approvals.

Designs For:

Redcliffs School (No 8)
Scott Reserve (No 11)
Steam Wharf (No 13)

Woolston Park (No 15)
 Redcliff Park (No 6)
 Moncks Bay (No 5)

are currently in progress, and project planning is as follows:

Planned Work (2004/05)

It is proposed to progress the Amenity Planting Project as follows:

- Obtain approval to plan (six areas above) and to consult as necessary.
- Complete the plantings (in six areas above) in the 2005 planting season (prior to end 2004/05 financial year).
- Causeway planting will be incorporated into an overall causeway development plan to be done with strengthening work.
- Balance of Ferrymead Industrial Estate planting.

PROPOSED PROGRAMME 2004/05 - 2007/08

The table below shows the proposed programme for the 2004/05 - 2007/08 years. For information expenditure to date is also shown.

Table one

Main Road Amenity Planting Projects	Expenditure to Date		Proposed Programme			
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
City to Sumner						
Causeway	1,471	25,915	400			
Ferry Road - Moorhouse to Street Asaph*			39,000			
Redcliffs School			30,000			
Scott Reserve			10,000			
Steam Wharf			10,000			
Woolston Park			10,000			
Barnett Park			5,000			
Moncks Bay			5,000			
Ferrymead Industrial Estate			15,000			
Colombo Street			10,000			
Brougham Street				20,735		
Kilmarnock Street				57,000		
Madras Street				50,000		
Barbadoes Street				50,000		
Wairakei Road					50,000	
Greers Road					39,735	10,000
Alternative Main Roads						79,735
Stage Totals	1,471	25,915	134,000	177,735	89,735	89,735

* Previously reported and approved.

CONCLUSIONS

- On the City to Sumner arterial route the Causeway planting is being delayed to coincide with strengthening work.
- On Ferry Road between Moorhouse Avenue and St Asaph Street plantings are due to be done August 2004.
- Some planting may be possible at the Ferrymead Industrial Estate this planting season.
- Design work is in progress on six other City to Sumner arterial routes and planting is possible for these areas in the winter of 2005.
- Several opportunities have been identified for amenity planting on main roads other than the City to Sumner route.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the proposed programme (refer attachment) for the Main Road Amenity Planting as set out in the officer's report.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.