

8. WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 27 MARCH 2006

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 27 March 2006 meeting.

Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee held on Monday 27 March 2006 at 8.00 am in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.

PRESENT: Cheryl Colley (Chairperson), Faimeh Burke, Val Carter, Pat Harrow, Mike Wall and Andrew Yoon.

Pat Harrow retired at 8.50 am and was absent for clause 5.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology was received and accepted from Sally Buck.

2. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

3. 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee considered a report of proposed 2006 meeting dates for the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee.

The Committee **resolved:**

1. That the following schedule for the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee meetings, to be held at 8.00 am in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton, for the balance of 2006 be adopted:

24 April
22 May
26 June
24 July
28 August
25 September
30 October
27 November

2. That in the absence of the Chairperson the meetings will be chaired by the Deputy Chairperson.

4. BOARD SUBMISSION ON THE CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Robert Woods and Matthew Noon (ECAN) gave a presentation on the Christchurch Public Passenger Transport Strategy.

The Board's comments were as follows:

a) Frequency Increases

The Board is optimistic that an increase in the frequency of the service will encourage a switch away from commuters using private vehicles.

b) Limited Bus Stops

The Board supports limited stop routes. There should be 100m intervals between each bus stop. This would encourage the public to walk thus promoting a healthy city.

c) Suburban Interchanges

The Board supports suburban interchanges and mall interchanges. This would negate the need for passengers to travel into the city before being able to travel on to their desired destination. This would also help contain congestion in the city.

d) Cross Suburban Route

The Board supports cross suburban routes and would like to see that the service include a Bishopdale/Barrington route.

e) Park 'n' Ride

The Board supports opportunities for park 'n' ride in Christchurch.

f) Rail Opportunities

The Board highly recommends that opportunities for new and existing rail corridors (light rail) should be investigated.

g) Ticket Prices

The Board supports cheap and affordable tickets; this would increase patronage on buses.

h) Increase in Long Term Parking Charges

The Board recommends that long term parking charges in the city should be increased. The Board also suggests that investigations should be made into introducing a special tax/levy for traffic congestion imposed on those vehicles entering the city.

i) Greater Passenger Information

In order to increase patronage greater public awareness should be promoted in terms of passenger information, timetables, metro maps, and guides.

j) Safety on Buses for Children

This issue also needs to be addressed to encourage parents to feel safe in allowing their children to travel on buses unaccompanied by an adult. It was acknowledged that a lot of bullying and theft takes place on buses.

5. JOINT MEETING WITH SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD

The Chairperson welcomed members from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board who were in attendance for the presentation by Robert Woods on the Papanui Road bus priority project.

The main aim of the Papanui Road bus priority project was to improve reliability, aim for more buses arriving on time and reduced travel time.

After much discussion members indicated that bus lanes and pedestrian crossings should be prioritised.

Yvonne Palmer raised the following concerns:

- **Greers/Harewood Road Intersection**

There were a number of crashes occurring on a daily basis.

- **Paparoa Street**

The flush median was being used as an overtaking lane and there was no enforcement. Pedestrians were having a problem crossing the road.

- **Innes Road/Main North Road**

Concern was raised over the need for a pedestrian crossing.

The Committee received the information and recommended that the above concerns be referred to the Transport and City Streets unit for investigation.

Jeff Owen (Transport and City Streets Unit) provided a verbal update on Gardiners/Sawyers Arms Road.

The meeting concluded at 9.40 am.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and that the recommendations therein be approved and adopted.