

8. NEW BUS STOP LOCATION

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	Transport and City Streets Manager
Author:	Lindsay Eagle, Maintenance Engineer, DDI 941-8661

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of new bus stop locations required in the Board's area following consultation with residents. The Board is asked to approve the creation of two new bus stops.

BACKGROUND

2. The Council has been approached with a request to install a pair of bus stops in Gloucester Street to the east of the intersection with Fitzgerald Avenue. The person requesting the bus stops has a mobility problem but has been able to utilise public transport where the distance to a bus stop is not excessive. Bus routes pass along this section of Gloucester Street, however the nearest stops are in the block to the west of Fitzgerald Avenue which has eight lanes of traffic and can be daunting for a pedestrian to cross at any time of the day.

Following this request from the resident and further public consultation, new locations for the stops have been identified and are recommended below.

3. The 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.

BUS STOPS

4. 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 stops will be convenient for bus patrons.

CONSULTATION

5. In locating new stops, the Council investigates a number of locations to assess suitability. It consults as a courtesy the property owner adjacent to a suitable location. It is preferred to locate stops where agreement has been gained from the property owner.
6. Agreement to establish a permanent bus stops outside the property at 182 Fitzgerald Avenue has been gained from the owners. Discussions have been held with the owners of 336 Gloucester Street. They have neither given nor refused consent but have expressed concerns about the behaviour of patrons likely to utilise the service in this area. In this situation it would be appropriate to establish a bus stop on a temporary basis and to monitor its usage and effect on the adjoining properties.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Costs

7. Two bus stop signs and road marking at \$200 each installed can be met within existing budgets.

Legal

8. Land Transport Rules Traffic Control Devices 2004 provides for the erection of bus stop signs and road marking.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board approve the installation of two bus stops in the following locations:

- (i) On the north side of Gloucester Street, adjacent to the frontage of 182 Fitzgerald Avenue, commencing at a point 15 metres east of Fitzgerald Avenue and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 16 metres.
- (ii) On the south side of Gloucester Street, adjacent to the frontage of 336 Gloucester Street, commencing at a point 24 metres east of Fitzgerald Avenue and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 16 metres.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.