

9. NEW BUS STOP AND SHELTER LOCATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

BACKGROUND

2. The Transport and City Streets Unit have received a request from local residents for a pair of bus stops with accompanying bus shelters to be located on Linwood Avenue between St Johns Street and Dyers Road. Following consultation new locations for the stops have been identified and are recommended below. The need for additional bus stops in this area arises from recent residential development along this section of Linwood Ave.
3. The Christchurch City Council is required to provide bus stops to enable the various services to operate in an effective and efficient manner.
4. The Transport and City Streets Unit have also received requests for the erection of new bus shelters at existing bus stops. Following consultation locations for two new shelters have been identified and are recommended below.
5. In 1998 a joint initiative between Environment Canterbury and the Christchurch City Council saw the development of the Public Passenger Transport Strategy (1998). The strategy set out a programme of improvements designed to dramatically improve public transport services in Christchurch. Among other things these improvements include a target of 500 bus shelters to be installed by June 2006.

BUS STOPS

6. 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. The two new stops will service the number 21 bus route.

BUS SHELTERS

7. The shelters have been located to maximise the improvement of public transport services by providing more convenient and comfortable facilities.

CONSULTATION

8. 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.
9. Agreement has been gained from the owner of 5 Kidbrooke Street and the Greenspace Unit for the road reserve opposite 5 Kidbrooke Street, to establish permanent bus stops and bus shelters outside these properties.
10. Consultation has been undertaken with the owners and occupiers of the following properties for the erection of a bus shelter. Agreement has been gained from the owners of 572 Gloucester Street and the Greenspace Unit for the road reserve opposite 477 Linwood Avenue.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Costs

11. Two "Metro" signs at \$1,000 each installed met within existing budgets.
12. The sites for the shelters will be offered to Adshel and if accepted, would be at no cost to the Council. If Adshel does not accept the site then the cost to the Council would be \$10,000 which can be met within existing budgets.

Legal

13. Land Transport Rules Traffic Control Devices 2004 provides for the erection of bus stop signs.
14. Under Section 339 of the Local Government Act (1974) the Council may erect on the footpath of any road a shelter for use by intending public-transport passengers or taxi passengers provided that no such shelter may be erected so as to unreasonably prevent access to any land having a frontage to the road. The Council is required to give notice in writing to the occupier and owner of property likely to be injuriously affected by the erection of the shelter, and shall not proceed with the erection of the shelter until after the expiration of the time for objecting against the proposal or, in the event of an objection, until after the objection has been determined.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the installation of two bus stops in the following locations:
 - (a) On the north side of Linwood Avenue commencing at a point 22 metres from the intersection with Kidbrooke Street and extending in a westerly direction for 12 metres (5 Kidbrooke Street).
 - (b) On the south side of Linwood Avenue commencing at a point 183 metres from the intersection with St Johns Street and extending in an easterly direction for 12 metres (opposite 5 Kidbrooke Street).
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the installation of bus shelters in the following locations:
 - (a) On the north side of Linwood Avenue adjacent to 5 Kidbrooke Street.
 - (b) On the south side of Linwood Avenue adjacent to road reserve (opposite 5 Kidbrooke Street).
 - (c) On the south side of Linwood Avenue adjacent to road reserve (opposite 477 Linwood Avenue).
 - (d) On the south side of Gloucester Street adjacent to 572 Gloucester Street.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.