



Christchurch City Council

HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

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IN THE BOARDROOM, LINWOOD SERVICE CENTRE
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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS

The report of the extraordinary meeting of the Board held on Wednesday 21 March 2007 has been circulated to Board members.

The report of the ordinary meeting of the Board held on Wednesday 28 March 2007 has been circulated to Board members.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the extraordinary meeting of the Board held on Wednesday 21 March 2007 and the ordinary meeting of the Board held on Wednesday 28 March 2007 be confirmed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. COMMUNITY BOARD PRINCIPAL ADVISER'S UPDATE

4.1 UPDATE ON PROJECT FUND PROCESS

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Members may at any ordinary meeting put a question to the Chairperson concerning any matter relevant to the role or function of the Community Board concerning any matter that does not appear on the order paper. All questions are subject to Standing Orders 4.1.1 to 4.1.5.

6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Robin Duff, Avon Loop Planning Association (ALPA) will address the Board on matters of mutual interest.

7. BRIEFING

Matthew Pratt, Maurice Roers and Melanie Williams will address the Board on Youth Consultation Central City programme.

8. KEIGHLEYS ROAD - SCHOOL PATROL AT BROMLEY SCHOOL

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Manager Transport and Greenspace
Author:	Michael Thomson, Senior Traffic Engineer - Community

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request that the Board recommend to Council that it legalise the relocated school patrol on Keighleys Road outside Bromley School (refer attached).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has recently completed a capital works project in response to the school and general community concern about traffic safety in Keighleys Road, and the associated safety of the school patrol crossing point. This project, involving traffic calming measures and relocation of the school crossing to improve visibility, was reported to this Board in September 2006.
3. The crossing point has been relocated 60 metres south-east of its present position. Legislation requires that the location of a traffic control device of this type, be specified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The civil engineering component of this project, including all associated road marking and signage has been completed, using the allocated project budget in the 2006/07 financial year.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. The Land Transport Rule-Traffic Control Devices 2004, Rule 54002, clause 8.3(1) requires the location of the school patrol to be specified.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

6. The recommendations support the safety project completed in the 2006/07 year as specified in the 2006-16 LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

7. These recommendations are aligned to the Council's Pedestrian Strategy and Road Safety Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

8. This work is in response to the Bromley School's concern regarding safety and full consultation was carried out with the wider Keighleys Road community.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Revoke the approval for Bromley School to operate a school patrol on Keighleys Road, located at a point, more or less 150 metres south-east of Korora Street.
- (b) In pursuance of the powers vested in it by section 8.3(1) of the Land Transport Rule-Traffic Control Devices Rule 2004 (Rule 54002) and pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Local Government Act 2002, authorise the head teacher of Bromley School to appoint appropriately trained persons to act as school patrols at the school crossing point as specified at Keighleys Road, located at a point more or less 210 metres south-east of Korora Street.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

9. HIGH STREET AIR BRIDGE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Manager Transport and Greenspace
Author:	Bill Binns, Property Consultant

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to the Council to finalise some outstanding Assignments of the Air Bridge Leases over High Street, in order that the surrender of the leases for the removal of the Air Bridge for the Central City Mall Revitalisation Project can be effected.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Currently the Air Bridge Lease over High Street is held by Glentree Properties Limited (on the Triangle Centre side) and R I Chan Investments (Pte) Limited (on the former National Mutual Arcade side).
3. On 23 February 2000 Glentree Properties Limited changed their name to AmTrust Pacific Properties Limited.
4. In April 2004 Am Trust Pacific Properties Limited sold their interest to OLT Properties Limited in the land and buildings known as the Triangle Centre.
5. However, the rights in the Air Bridge Lease were not assigned by these parties and this report seeks to address this situation.
6. Likewise R I Chan Investments (Pte) Limited, in October 2005, sold their interest in the land and buildings to Seaview Road Limited without assigning the rights in the air bridge on the former National Mutual Arcade side).
7. This report seeks to address this situation and to enable Council, OLT Properties Limited and Seaview Road Limited to enter into negotiations for the surrender of the lease, to facilitate the removal of the air bridge in High Street.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The cost of removing the air bridge and making good to the adjoining properties is provided in the budget allocated for Central City Projects (Page 83, LTCCP).

Do the recommendations of this report align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

9. As above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. The Legal Services Unit have advised that before a surrender of the Air Bridge Leases in High Street can occur, the Council needs to make sure that, as each property was sold, the parties assigned their rights in the air bridge to the new owners of the property.
11. These assignments cannot be made without the prior written consent of the Council. However, the Council cannot arbitrarily or unreasonably withhold its consent as per clause 8 of the Lease Document.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

12. This report addresses the concerns of the Legal Services Unit.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. Refer 8 above.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

14. Refer 8 above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. The project aligns with Council's community outcomes for an attractive and well designed city. It also aligns with the Central City Revitalisation Strategy Stage 1 (Refer P 83, LTCCP).

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

16. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. Extensive consultation has been carried out on the Central City Mall Revitalisation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board recommend to the Council:

- (a) That the assignments of the Air Bridge Leases over High Street be approved between AmTrust Pacific Properties Limited and OLT Properties Limited (Triangle Centre side) and R I Chan Investments (Pte) Limited and Seaview Road Limited (former National Mutual side).
- (b) That once the assignments have been finalised, negotiations between Council, OLT Properties Limited and Seaview Road Limited can commence for surrender of the leases to facilitate the removal of the air bridge for Stage 1 of the Central City Mall Revitalisation Project.
- (c) That the Corporate Support Manager and the Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager be given delegated authority to conclude the negotiations and subsequent lease surrenders to enable the removal of the air bridge.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

10. FITZGERALD AVENUE (HARVEY TERRACE TO RIVER ROAD) SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Manager Transport and Greenspace
Author:	Andrew Hensley, Consultation Leader

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to recommend to the Council that the Fitzgerald Avenue (Harvey Terrace to River Road) Safety Improvement Project, as shown in **Attachment 1** - Plan for Board Approval, be approved to proceed to final design, tender and construction.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In October 2004 the Council approved a proposal to implement traffic safety improvements at the Avonside Drive/Fitzgerald Avenue/Kilmore Street intersection.
3. The improvements included the earthquake strengthening of the Fitzgerald Avenue 'Twin Bridges' over the Avon River, traffic safety works, maintenance of traffic capacity through the intersection, and the addition of cycle lanes on the intersection approaches and departures.
4. Construction on the bridges has been delayed due to structural investigations. This work is now scheduled for completion in mid 2009.
5. In response to this delay an interim safety measure has been put in place; the right hand turn from Fitzgerald Avenue south bound was banned and the traffic signals at the intersection upgraded. In addition, further safety measures are now proposed.
6. To enable the upcoming closure of the median gap at the Fitzgerald Avenue/River Road intersection (which is part of the bridge reconstruction and associated forthcoming right turn lane for south bound traffic on Fitzgerald Avenue), it is proposed to construct a safe turning facility at the Harvey Terrace intersection.
7. The primary objective of the project is to improve safety and maintain safe turning choices along Fitzgerald Avenue between Avonside Drive and Harvey Terrace. In order to achieve this, the following secondary objectives were devised:
 - To provide a safe turning facility at the Harvey Terrace intersection.
 - To improve safety at the River Road intersection.
 - To reduce the through traffic on River Road.
 - To improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
8. Following further investigations and with the assistance of the initial 2004 study, a preferred concept plan option was developed. This was presented to the Board on 14 February 2007.
9. Consultation was undertaken with owners, occupiers and interest groups within the affected area, including the Avon Loop Planning Association (Richmond Residents Association is in recess), and city-wide via the external stakeholders mailing list and libraries. Consultation was undertaken during February and March 2007. Primarily this was done via the Consultation Newsletter, but also included site meetings, phone calls, emails, and the Council's 'Have Your Say' website.
10. Approximately 1,000 Consultation Newsletters were distributed, resulting in 11 written responses. Some responses and comments were also received verbally. A total of 16 responses were received, of which the majority (88%) were considered to be in support of the project.
11. A summary of consultation can be found in the Consultation Fulfilment section below. No comments made have resulted in changes in the Concept Plan which was put out for consultation.

12. The Concept Plan for Board approval is shown in Attachment 1. The key features of the Plan include:
- (a) Construction of a 'U'-turn facility for north bound traffic at the Fitzgerald Avenue/Harvey Terrace intersection.
 - (b) Installation of a 'No 'U'-turn' for south bound traffic at the Fitzgerald Avenue/Harvey Terrace intersection.
 - (c) The median at the Fitzgerald Avenue/River Road intersection will be physically closed to vehicular traffic, but will be open to pedestrians and cyclists.
 - (d) Installation of cycle lanes which will join with existing facilities to provide a continuous cycle route from the Avonside Drive/Fitzgerald Avenue intersection to the Bealey Avenue/Fitzgerald Avenue intersection.
 - (e) Removal of parking on the eastern side of Fitzgerald Avenue for approximately 50 metres north and 80 metres south of the Harvey Terrace intersection.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The budget for this safety improvement project is \$61,700. This information was determined in 2005.
14. An updated estimate of costs recently obtained indicated a construction cost of \$84,480.
15. Although there is a shortfall of \$22,780, this will be met within the existing Capital Programme budget.
16. It is expected that the work will commence in the 2006/07 financial year, and will take approximately six weeks to complete.

Do the recommendations of this report align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

17. Yes - see above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

18. There are no land ownership issues associated with this project. This project is between kerbs.
19. There are no historic or heritage buildings, places or objects identified in the City Plan. Consents are not required.
20. The road width between kerbs will not change. Consents are not required.
21. Council resolutions are required to approve the proposed traffic and parking restrictions.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

22. Yes - see above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

23. This project aligns with the Capital Programme, as detailed on page 85 of the LTCCP (2006-2016).

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

24. The recommendations of this report support the Capital Programme in the 2006-2016 LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

25. This project aligns with the Council's Parking Strategy, Road Safety Strategy, Cycling Strategy and Pedestrian Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

26. The recommendations of this report align with the above-mentioned Council Strategies.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

27. Initial issues consultation was undertaken in 2004 as part of a proposal to implement traffic safety improvements at the Avonside Drive/Fitzgerald Avenue/Kilmore Street intersection.
28. The preferred option was presented in a seminar to the Board on 14 February 2007.
29. The preferred option was then circulated to owners, occupiers and interest groups within the affected area, and also city-wide via the external stakeholders mailing list, and libraries. This was done primarily via the Consultation Newsletter, but also included site meetings, phone calls, emails, and the Council's 'Have Your Say' website, during February and March 2007.
30. Approximately 1,000 Consultation Newsletters were distributed, resulting in 11 written responses. Some responses and comments were also received verbally. A total of 16 responses were received, of which the majority (88%) were considered to be in support of the proposal.
31. Key issues raised by respondents during this phase of the consultation process included the following (Project Team responses in italics):

Parking

32. Opposed to the loss of parking on Fitzgerald Avenue because of the large number of units on the Harvey Terrace corner site.

There is alternative parking 12 metres north of the driveway to the site, angle parking in Harvey Terrace, and each unit has a park space within the property. Two site visits have assessed that the parking demand along Fitzgerald Avenue can be met by the remaining parking spaces on Fitzgerald Avenue and in Harvey Terrace.

33. Loss of parking outside the motel - people will park outside neighbouring property.

There is adequate parking on the motel site and they are not concerned by this proposal. Parking on street is available as long as vehicles are legally parked.

34. Why can't you park in front of the bus stop?

Parking in front of the bus stop is restricted by the taper of the cycle lane. It is not wide enough to accommodate a vehicle. The vehicle would end up parked partially in the cycle lane.

Access in and out of area

35. If there is a no 'U'-turn for south bound traffic at Harvey Terrace, how does a resident in Heywood Terrace head north or west?

Residents in Heywood Terrace can access the turning facility at Harvey Terrace by detouring through Draper Street.

36. Harvey Terrace residents concerned at an increase in traffic in street as a result of these changes.

There is likely to be an increase in traffic but this will not be significant. The majority are likely to be local residents, in particular from River Road. There could be a small number of motorists that shortcut through Harvey Terrace to Stanmore Road to avoid the congestion on Avonside Drive.

Avonside Drive/Fitzgerald Avenue Intersection

37. Can there be a right turn opposing arrow for Fitzgerald Avenue into Kilmore Street that runs with the right turn into Avonside Drive? (traffic signals).

No, as this would create lengthy queues in Fitzgerald Avenue and reduce the capacity of the intersection.

38. Concerned about cycle safety at the intersection as the cycle lanes peter out into the traffic lane.

This will be resolved when the bridge work is undertaken and widened allowing dedicated cycle lanes on all approaches.

39. No comments made have resulted in any changes to the Concept Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Recommend to the Council that the proposal shown in Attachment 1 - Plan For Board Approval be approved to proceed to final design, tender and construction.
- (b) Recommend to the Council that the following parking restrictions be approved:

Remove All Existing No Stopping:

- (i) That the existing 'No Stopping At Any Time' on Fitzgerald Avenue immediately to the north and south of the Harvey Terrace intersection be revoked.

New Cycle Lane (No Stopping):

- (ii) That a 'cycle lane' be installed adjacent to the kerb on the west side of Fitzgerald Avenue, commencing at the intersection with Kilmore Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 63 metres.
- (iii) That a 'cycle lane' be installed adjacent to the kerb on the west side of Fitzgerald Avenue, commencing at a point 115 metres north of its intersection with Kilmore Street and extending in a northerly direction to its intersection with Cambridge Terrace
- (iv) That a 'cycle lane' be installed adjacent to the kerb on the east side of Fitzgerald Avenue, commencing at a point 49 metres south of its intersection with Heywood Terrace and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 56 metres to its intersection with Harvey Terrace.
- (v) That a 'cycle lane' be installed adjacent to the kerb on the east side of Fitzgerald Avenue, commencing at its intersection with Harvey Terrace and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 27 metres.
- (vi) That a 'cycle lane' be installed adjacent to the kerb on the east side of Fitzgerald Avenue, commencing at a point 44 metres south of its intersection with Harvey Terrace and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 36 metres.

No Turn Restriction:

- (vii) That southbound vehicles on Fitzgerald Avenue be prohibited from 'U'-turning at the intersection with Harvey Terrace.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

40. Fitzgerald Avenue is classed as a major arterial route and part of the of the avenue inner orbital route. It carries approximately 38,000 vehicles per day. Harvey Terrace and River Road are local roads and provide access to part of the Richmond Community. All of the roads in this project are located in the Hagley Ward, which falls within the jurisdiction of the Board.
41. In October 2004 the Council approved a proposal to implement traffic safety improvements at the Avonside Drive/Fitzgerald Avenue/Kilmore Street intersection.
42. The improvements included the earthquake strengthening of the Fitzgerald Avenue 'Twin Bridges' over the Avon River, traffic safety works, maintenance of traffic capacity through the intersection, and the addition of cycle lanes on the intersection approaches and departures.
43. Construction on the bridges has been delayed due to structural investigations. This work is now scheduled for completion in mid 2009.
44. In response to this delay an interim safety measure has been put in place; the right hand turn from Fitzgerald Avenue southbound was banned and the traffic signals at the intersection upgraded.
45. To help address the right turn crashes at the intersection, a fully protected right turn movement from Fitzgerald Avenue south into Avonside Drive and the banning of the right turn movement from Fitzgerald Avenue north into Kilmore Street was installed. In addition, further safety measures are now proposed.
46. To enable the upcoming closure of the median gap at the Fitzgerald Avenue/River Road intersection (which is part of the bridge reconstruction and associated forthcoming right turn lane for south bound traffic on Fitzgerald Avenue), it is proposed to construct a safe turning facility at the Harvey Terrace intersection.
47. Recommendations in the initial consultation were that the right turn bay on the north approach from Fitzgerald Avenue be lengthened and the 'U'-turn facility at River Road be moved north or removed.
48. The Project Team has investigated these options and recommend that work be undertaken at the Harvey Terrace intersection (north of the bridge) to accommodate 'U'-turning traffic and traffic entering or exiting the residential area to the north east of the Avonside Drive/Fitzgerald Avenue intersection.
49. The Land Transport New Zealand Crash Analysis System shows that, during a five year period from 2001-05, there have been five reported crashes at the Fitzgerald Avenue/River Road intersection, one reported crash at the Fitzgerald Avenue/Harvey Terrace intersection median opening, and three other crashes along this section of Fitzgerald Avenue unrelated to the location of the side street.

THE OBJECTIVES

50. The primary objective of the project is to improve safety and maintain safe turning choices along Fitzgerald Avenue between Avonside Drive and Harvey Terrace. In order to achieve this, the following secondary objectives were devised:
 - To provide a safe turning facility at the Harvey Terrace intersection.
 - To improve safety at the River Road intersection.
 - To reduce the through traffic on River Road.
 - To improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

THE OPTIONS

51. Three options including status quo were developed for comparison.

THE PREFERRED OPTION

Option 3 (see Attachment 1 - Concept Plan for Board Approval)

52. Option 3 includes:

- (a) Widening the solid median on Fitzgerald Avenue at its intersection with Harvey Terrace.
- (b) Introducing a dedicated right turning lane in the solid median at the Fitzgerald Avenue/Harvey Terrace intersection.
- (c) Completion of cycle lanes on the west side of Fitzgerald Avenue between Kilmore Street and Cambridge Terrace.
- (d) Loss of eight parking spaces on the east side of Fitzgerald Avenue between Heywood Terrace and River Road to generate the room for the widened median.
- (e) Existing kerbside bus stop remains outside 250 Fitzgerald Avenue.
- (f) Closure of the existing solid median gap at the Fitzgerald Avenue/River Road intersection now - (it will be closed as part of the future bridge strengthening).
- (g) Ban on 'U'-turns for south bound Fitzgerald Avenue traffic turning towards Cambridge Terrace at the Harvey Terrace median opening.

Other Options

Option 1 - Maintain the Status Quo

53. This option maintains the existing road layout.

Option 2

54. Option 2 includes:

- (a) Widening the solid median on Fitzgerald Avenue at its intersection with Harvey Terrace.
- (b) Introducing a dedicated right turning lane in the solid median at the Fitzgerald Avenue/Harvey Terrace intersection.
- (c) Completion of cycle lanes on the west side of Fitzgerald Avenue between Kilmore Street and Cambridge Terrace.
- (d) Loss of eight parking spaces on the east side of Fitzgerald Avenue between Heywood Terrace and River Road to generate the room for the widened median.
- (e) Indented bus stop will be located outside 250 Fitzgerald Avenue.
- (f) Closure of the existing solid median gap at the Fitzgerald Avenue/River Road intersection now - (it will be closed as part of the future bridge strengthening).
- (g) Ban on 'U'-turns for south bound Fitzgerald Avenue traffic turning towards Cambridge Terrace at the Harvey Terrace median opening.

ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS

The Preferred Option

Option 3

55. Provides a safe turning facility at the Harvey Terrace intersection with an exclusive right turn lane provided for vehicles turning from Fitzgerald Avenue into Harvey Terrace. The right turn out of Harvey Terrace can be made in two stages, as the widened median is wide enough for vehicles to stop in the middle of Fitzgerald Avenue.

56. Improves safety at the River Road intersection by blocking the median gap and the subsequent removal of right turn movements.
57. Reduces the through traffic on River Road achieved by the removal of the right turn from Fitzgerald Avenue into River Road. With the blocked median, the 'rat running' during the afternoon peak will be much reduced.
58. Improves safety for cyclists as the existing cycle lanes will be connected to form a continuous link along Fitzgerald Avenue from north of Avonside Drive to Bealey Avenue.
59. No change to the level of safety for pedestrians.
60. This option is consistent with the upcoming closure of the median gap at the Fitzgerald Avenue/ River Road intersection (which is part of the bridge reconstruction and associated forthcoming right turn lane for south bound traffic on Fitzgerald Avenue), and provides a safe alternative in place for River Road traffic when this major work is finally undertaken.
61. Although a total of eight on-street parking spaces are lost on the eastern side of Fitzgerald Avenue between Heywood Terrace and River Road to generate the room for a widened median, parking surveys have indicated that the demand for parking in this area to be relatively low in relation to supply.
62. Vehicles turning and 'U'-turning at Harvey Terrace instead of River Road should be safer given the greater distance from a major signalised intersection, visibility is not obstructed, fewer lanes have to be crossed, and these manoeuvres can be made clear of queued traffic.
63. Option 3 meets three of the four project objectives, and partially meets another. It allows easier access for buses through not having an indented bus stop outside 250 Fitzgerald Avenue and therefore has been selected as the preferred option. This is the only difference between Option 3 and Option 2.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Positive impact on social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of community.	
Cultural	As above.	
Environmental	As above.	
Economic	As above.	Cost estimate \$84,480.

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:

Consistent with the Community Outcomes, and in particular the strategic directions for strong communities, a healthy environment, a liveable city, and a prosperous economy.

Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities:

Minimal impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities to undertake its functions.

Effects on Maori:

Nil - no specific effects on Maori identified.

Consistency with existing Council policies:

Consistent with the Capital Programme in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

As detailed in the Consultation Fulfilment section.

Other relevant matters:

No other relevant matters identified.

Maintain the Status Quo**Option 1**

64. This option meets none of the project objectives and therefore has not been selected as the preferred option.
- (a) Does not provide a safe turning facility at Harvey Terrace.
 - (b) Does not improve safety at the River Road intersection - no change to existing situation.
 - (c) Does not reduce the through traffic on River Road - provides no deterrent.
 - (d) Does not improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists - no change to existing situation.
 - (e) The provision of on street parking remains the same. Parking surveys have indicated that the demand for parking in this area to be relatively low in relation to supply.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	No short term disruption during construction.	
Cultural	N/A.	
Environmental	No improvement in amenity value.	
Economic	No outlay of capital cost.	
<p>Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:</p> <p>N/A.</p> <p>Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities:</p> <p>Doesn't address safety concerns.</p> <p>Effects on Maori:</p> <p>Nil.</p> <p>Consistency with existing Council policies:</p> <p>Inconsistent with the Capital Programme in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP.</p> <p>Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:</p> <p>As detailed in the Consultation Fulfilment section.</p> <p>Other relevant matters:</p> <p>No other relevant matters identified.</p>		

Option 2

65. Provides a safe turning facility at the Harvey Terrace intersection with an exclusive right turn lane provided for vehicles turning from Fitzgerald Avenue into Harvey Terrace. The right turn out of Harvey Terrace can be made in two stages, as the widened median is wide enough for vehicles to stop in the middle of Fitzgerald Avenue.
66. Improves safety at the River Road intersection by blocking the median gap and the subsequent removal of right turn movements.

67. Reduces the through traffic on River Road achieved by the removal of the right turn from Fitzgerald Avenue into River Road. With the blocked median, the 'rat running' during the afternoon peak will be much reduced.
68. Improves safety for cyclists as the existing cycle lanes will be connected to form a continuous link along Fitzgerald Avenue from north of Avonside Drive to Bealey Avenue.
69. No change to the level of safety for pedestrians.
70. The bus bay is counter productive to the objectives of the Queenspark Bus Priority project, as buses will have difficulty re entering the traffic stream from a recessed bus bay.
71. This option is consistent with the upcoming closure of the median gap at the Fitzgerald Avenue/ River Road intersection (which is part of the bridge reconstruction and associated forthcoming right turn lane for southbound traffic on Fitzgerald Avenue), and provides a safe alternative in place for River Road traffic when this major work is finally undertaken.
72. Although a total of eight on street parking spaces are lost on the eastern side of Fitzgerald Avenue between Heywood Terrace and River Road to generate the room for a widened median, parking surveys have indicated that the demand for parking in this area to be relatively low in relation to supply.
73. Vehicles turning and 'U'-turning at Harvey Terrace instead of River Road should be safer given the greater distance from a major signalised intersection, visibility is not obstructed, fewer lanes have to be crossed, and these manoeuvres can be made clear of queued traffic.
74. Option 2 meets three of the four project objectives, and partially meets another, but has not been selected as the preferred option due to the indented bus bay making it more difficult for buses to re-enter the traffic flow. This is the only difference between Option 3 and Option 2.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Positive impact on social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of community.	
Cultural	As above.	
Environmental	As above.	
Economic	As above.	Cost estimate \$110,000.

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:

Consistent with the Community Outcomes, and in particular the strategic directions for strong communities, a healthy environment, a liveable city, and a prosperous economy.

Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities:

Minimal impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities to undertake its functions.

Effects on Maori:

Nil - no specific effects on Maori identified.

Consistency with existing Council policies:

Consistent with the Capital Programme in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

As detailed in the Consultation Fulfilment section.

Other relevant matters:

No other relevant matters identified.

11. APPLICATION YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND - KIRSTEN JANE MANDER

General Manager responsible:	Acting General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8548
Officer responsible:	Manager Recreation and Sport
Author:	Diana Saxton, Community Recreation Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider an application to the Hagley/Ferrymead Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Kirsten Jane Mander, a 19 year old of St Andrews Hill, Mt Pleasant, is seeking assistance toward costs associated with competing in the Portimao International Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition in Portugal. This trip will occur from 20 April 2007-7 May 2007.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table provides a breakdown of the funding requested.

KIRSTEN JANE MANDER	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Accommodation/Meals	\$ 1,000
Airfares/Local Transport/Insurance	\$ 3,000
Fees and Uniforms	\$ 720
Total Cost per Applicant	\$ 4,720
Funds Raised by Applicant to Date	\$ 1,000
Personal funds	Outstanding amount
Amount Requested from Community Board	Not specified

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$300 to the applicant, Kirsten Jane Mander, to compete in April 2007 at the Portimao International Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition in Portugal.

BACKGROUND

4. Kirsten is a second year Canterbury University student studying a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Spanish and mass communications.
5. A high achieving individual, Kirsten excelled at Rangi Ruru Secondary School as a leader and participant in gymnastics, drama and academic excellence. She is an accomplished ballet dancer and was awarded highest achievement in Grade 7 RAD honours.
6. Kirsten has been competing in Rhythmic Gymnastics for seven years and is a repeated New Zealand national title holder. She has also won a bronze medal at Australian Nationals in 2005 and competed in the Yule Cup Challenge and LA Lights competitions in the USA in 2004 achieving 19th overall.
7. Kirsten's goal is to qualify for the 2007 World Gymnastics to be held in Greece in September and this competition will be part of the preparation required to achieve this ambition.
8. The team has been working hard to raise funds for this competition with sausage sizzles, selling chocolates, a garage sale and a canteen at a local Rhythmic Gymnastics competition. The gymnasts are well supported by their parents to enable the trip to go ahead. As a University student, Kirsten has limited personal funds to contribute to the costs of this trip and would be most appreciative of Board support.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.