

7. RATIONALISATION OF NICHOLLS ROAD BUS STOPS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's recommendation to the Board to rationalise the bus stops in Nicholls Road, Halswell and to install no stopping lines to improve the safety of road users and vehicles entering and leaving the adjacent shopping complex (**Attachment 1**).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. For some years the area outside the supermarket car park at 9 Nicholls Road has been a bus stop and layover area for bus services. During this time the number of buses that utilise this area has grown to a point where there may be three or more buses using the stop at one time.
3. The stop is not clearly defined and this along with the increased number of buses has resulted in the buses spreading out along the kerb and stopping closer to the two driveways that provide access to the supermarket car park. This is reducing sight distances and creating difficulties for vehicles entering and leaving the car park.
4. It is proposed that a bus stop be marked to provide space for four buses and define the area where buses can park. It is also proposed that approximately 11 metres of no stopping lines be marked at each end of the bus stop which will provide improved sight lines for vehicles exiting the supermarket car park.
5. It is proposed to remove the bus stop at the north eastern end of Nicholls Road to provide better sight lines for vehicles entering Nicholls Road from the northeast. The bus service that uses this stop will be accommodated in the proposed extended stop approximately 35 metres to the southwest and the bus stop will be replaced with no stopping lines.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. Costs of \$2,000 for installing the bus stop including line marking and signage, will be met from the Passenger Transport Infrastructure budget available for the provision of new bus stop installations. The cost of the providing the bus shelter is approximately \$12000 and this will also be provided by the Passenger Transport Infrastructure budget.

Do The Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP Budgets?

7. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. Part 1, Clause 5 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008 provides the Council with the authority to install parking restrictions by resolution.
9. The Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to exercise the delegations as set out in the Register of Delegations dated December 2009. The list of delegations for the Community Boards includes the resolution of parking restrictions and traffic control devices including bus stops.
10. The installation of any parking restriction signs and/or markings must comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

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

11. Yes. See above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. LTCCP – Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

13. Yes, as per above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. Liveable City (3) Provide a safe, efficient and affordable transport system. Ensure access to goods and services, and work opportunities.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. The property situated at 9 Nicholls Road is jointly owned by a group of investors. The spokesperson for the group advises there are no issues with the changes to the bus stop. The Manager of the supermarket also has no issues and is fully supportive of the changes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommend that the Board approve:

- (a) To remove the existing bus stop on the south side of Nicholls Road commencing at a point 48 metres southwest of Halswell Road and extending for a distance of 12 metres in a south westerly direction.
- (b) To remove the no stopping lines on the south side of Nicholls Road commencing at a point 13 metres southwest of Halswell Road and extending for a distance of 31 metres in a south westerly direction.
- (c) To install no stopping lines on Nicholls Road commencing at a point 13 metres south west of Halswell Road and extending for a distance of 48 metres in a south westerly direction.
- (d) To place a bus stop on the south side of Nicholls Road starting at a point 90 metres southwest of Halswell Road and extending for a distance of 72 metres in a south westerly direction.
- (e) To place no stopping lines on the south side of Nicholls Road starting at a point 78 metres southwest of Halswell Road and extending for a distance of 11 metres.
- (f) To place no stopping lines on the south side of Nicholls Road starting at a point 162 metres southwest of Halswell Road and extending for a distance of 11 metres.