

## 9. PURCHAS STREET (GERALDINE STREET TO MANCHESTER STREET) RENEWAL PROJECT

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board for the Purchas Street (from Geraldine Street to Manchester Street) street renewal project, as shown in **Attachment 1**.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Purchas Street is a local road between Geraldine Street and Barbadoes Street, a major arterial road between Barbadoes Street and Madras Street, and a local road between Madras Street and Caledonian Road. The portion between Manchester Street and Geraldine Street was severely damaged by the February 2011 earthquake that caused extensive damage; requiring extensive repairs to its wastewater system. These repairs have now been completed leaving considerable renewal work to be carried out to restore the carriageway, footpaths and streetscape.
3. This project involves the replacement of all the existing kerb and channel with kerb and flat channel for this section of Purchas Street. The primary objectives for the project were set out as follows:
  - (a) To renew the kerb and channel, carriageway and footpaths;
  - (b) To maintain or improve safety for all road users;
  - (c) To ensure adequate drainage is provided;
  - (d) To complete the project within the allocated budget;
  - (e) To complete the construction within the 2012/13 financial year;
  - (f) To minimise whole of life costs.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. Funding for this work in Purchas Street is provided from the Infrastructure Rebuild Programme budgets. Based on current estimates, there is sufficient funding to complete the installation of this project.

### Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

5. No. Funding for this project was included in the Infrastructure Rebuild Programme budgets which were included in the 2012/13 Annual Plan.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There is no land ownership issues associated with this project. The project is within existing land boundaries. No Resource Consents are required.
7. There are no changes proposed to the existing on-street parking and traffic controls.

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

8. Yes, as above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

9. Funding for this project is provided within the Infrastructure Rebuild Programme budgets.

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

10. Funding for the proposed work in Purchas Street is provided by the Infrastructure Rebuild Programme as part of the 2012/13 Annual Plan.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

11. This project is consistent with key council strategies including the Parking Strategy, Road Safety Strategy and Pedestrian Strategy.
12. Allowance has been made for the development of the former Orion site by the proposed carriageway width of 12 metres between Barbadoes and Madras Streets.

#### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

13. As above.

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. A seminar was held with the Shirley/Papanui Community Board on 12 June 2012, prior to the publicity pamphlet (including concept plan) being distributed to the community and stakeholders for consultation. The feedback period was from 15 June 2012 until 12 July 2012. Approximately 370 households in Purchas Street, adjoining streets and other interested groups, were consulted, of which 16 responded. The majority of submissions (62%) were in support of the proposal; one submission (6%) did not support the project.
15. The key issues related to:
- (a) Tree species; 10 supported the choice of Red Maples on the north side and one would prefer to see Rata and Ti Kouka (cabbage tree), eight supported the choice of Trident Maples on the south side and two were against preferring Rata, Ti Kouka or Red Maple.
  - (b) Landscaping; several supported the proposed enhancements. Four responses advised there were many rental properties in the street and grass verges may become unkempt if they are not mown (some properties do not have a lawnmower). One response suggested the use of some lower height vegetation such as Carpet Rose and miniature Agapanthus which could be located on the corner of Madras and Purchas Streets outside 86 and on the opposite corner outside 87 Purchas Street and on the corners with Packe Street.
  - (c) Traffic management; some supported the narrowing because it will reduce traffic speed. Several submitters mentioned traffic speed in the street as a concern. One submission suggested the section of 12 metre wide carriageway be reduced to nine metres with indented parking and that it was disappointing to see the pedestrian island was being removed. Another submitter wanted speed humps to be installed while a second opposed speed humps. A low profile roundabout similar to the one at the intersection of Trafalgar, St Albans and Courtenay Streets was also suggested to avoid the necessity of stop signs and provide street appeal as well as providing some control over the speed of traffic.
  - (d) Scope of work – One submitter expressed strong disappointment that the whole of Purchas Street was not being done.
  - (e) Overhead wiring – Two submitters expressed the hope that the overhead wiring would be put underground.

16. Each submitter was sent an email or letter, which acknowledged that their submission has been received.
17. All respondents who provided contact details were sent a final reply letter that outlined the outcome of consultation and the attached construction plan. The letter informed respondents that a report would be presented to this meeting of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board for their approval. Details of the Board meeting were also provided so that any interested submitters could attend or address the Board prior to the decision being made.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board approve for construction the proposed plan for the Purchas Street Renewal (SCIRT: 10457-DE-RD-DG-4101), as per Attachment 1.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.