4. RICCARTON/WIGRAM TRANSPORT AND ROADING COMMITTEE REPORT OF 21 MAY 2004 MEETING

The Board considered the report of the Transport and Roading Committee meeting of Friday 21 May 2004.

1. PETITION, ROBERTS ROAD : HEAVY MOTOR VEHICLE USAGE

The Committee received a petition from 22 households of Roberts Road and Matangi Street, opposing the use of Roberts Road by commercial vehicles.

Issues identified by the residents included:

- Excess speed
- Concern at trucks operating "all hours"
- Property damage (cracks, vibrations)
- Noise, dust, road litter
- Children's safety (new houses being built)
- Speed humps, perhaps, to deter usage and/or speed

A Local Area Traffic Management Plan was prepared in 1998. In 1999 the residents' association addressed the Board on heavy motor vehicle traffic through the Hei Hei-Islington area. Subsequently, a heavy commercial vehicle study was completed (July 2000), and the Board funded a rural threshold on Roberts Road (2002).

Mr Von Anker was present at the meeting and reaffirmed the issues that had been identified by the petitioners.

Members were supportive of the concerns raised by the petitioners and as a first step in addressing these, the Committee had an on-site meeting with local residents on Friday 28 May at 3.30 pm.

The Board was advised that 24 local residents had attended the meeting and provided good input into the issues that were of concern to them.

The Board **received** the information, and noted that the Transport and Roading Committee would be considering possible options in association with officers from the City Streets Unit before advising local residents of possible remedial options.

2. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY – CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT STUDY UPDATE

On behalf of ECan, Mr Matthew Noon was in attendance to discuss this major community consultation project and possible new routes across the city for the Orbiter as well as upgrading existing routes. The link between Halswell and Hornby (as identified in a recent community study of Halswell) was also discussed, as was the ongoing issue of Halswell residents wishing to have a bus route past the Christchurch Public Hospital.

Members noted that full consultation would be initiated shortly and that ECan was looking to commence the new services in November 2004.

The Committee **received** the information.

3. GIRVAN STREET KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

Approval to publicise this work was given at the 31 March 2004 meeting of the Community Board.

With the full road reconstruction being promoted, City Streets Unit had provided two options for community comment, based on a 7.5 metre and 9.5 metre carriageway construction. Lee Kelly advised the Committee that the 9.5 metre option was preferred. The Committee supported this also.

The Board decided to endorse this work for tender and construction.

4. NEW BUS STOP LOCATIONS

On behalf of the City Streets Manager, Tim Taylor sought Board approval to create new bus stops, the removal of 13 redundant bus stops, and the creation of 12 temporary bus stops, as a result of the northwest and southern bus service reviews undertaken by Environment Canterbury.

Further consultation is required where the temporary bus stops have been established.

The Committee was supportive of the full schedule of new bus stops, removal of redundant bus stops and the creation of temporary bus stops, and the Board decision is recorded under clause 10 of this report.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

Members received a full schedule of ongoing issues.

One of these related to overnight parking of heavy motor vehicles within urban environments. Members identified two local hotels which had overnight accommodation facilities and were being well patronised by truck operators. Whilst some on-site parking is available, there is a growing trend to park on the streets overnight and this is of some concern to local residents.

The Committee was supportive of the need to pursue this matter.

The Board **decided** to request the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee to consider this issue.