

2. SHANDS ROAD WIDENING DESIGNATION TRANSFER

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The purpose of this report is to obtain agreement from the Council to transfer the road widening designation along Shands Road to Transit New Zealand to enable them to undertake works along this section of road in conjunction with the upgrading of the Carmen Road/Main South Road/Shands Road intersection upgrading.

BACKGROUND

The intersection of Carmen Road/Main South Road/Shands Road is proposed to be upgraded in the 2004/05 financial year by Transit New Zealand. As a consequence of the work at the intersection widening work needs to be undertaken along Shands Road to provide adequate merge and approach lanes to the signals. The Council has also entered into a cost share arrangement with Transit New Zealand to upgrade the Amyes Road/Goulding Street/Shands Road intersection in association with the above works.

DISCUSSION

Shands Road is a minor arterial road and part of the Christchurch City Council road network. There is a Christchurch City Council designation of five metres, on the west side of the road, for the purpose of widening the road (see plan attached). The upgrading of the intersection of Carmen Road (SH1)/Main South Road (SH73A)/Shands Road requires the purchase of this designation to provide adequate traffic and cycle lanes on the approach and departure to the intersection. The upgrading of the Amyes Road/Goulding Road/Shands Road intersection also requires the purchase of some of the designation. A copy of the proposed works is attached.

Transit New Zealand have undertaken the design of the work in association with Council staff and have agreed to manage the construction, which also includes the upgrading of the Amyes Road/Goulding Road/Shands Road intersection. The purchase of the required land for this work is also to be undertaken by consultants for Transit New Zealand. In order to facilitate this purchase it is considered by the Council Solicitor, Mr Prebble, to be preferable to transfer the designation to Transit New Zealand.

The transfer of the rights and responsibilities of the designation can be simply achieved through ratification of the decision by the Council and advising the Minister for the Environment of this decision. The transfer can then be noted in the district plan without further formality.

Recommendation: That the rights and responsibility for the Christchurch City Council road widening designation on the west side of Shands Road be transferred to Transit New Zealand.