



3. BUS PRIORITY PROJECT – CONSULTATION DOCUMENTATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the endorsement of the Council to release the consultation information, shown at Attachments 1, 2 and 3 to the public for the bus priority project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Following route-specific seminars with the respective Community Boards, a Council seminar was held Tuesday 2 October 2007. This seminar outlined the proposed consultation process, and Councillors were taken through each of the routes (ie Colombo, Papanui and Queenspark) by the design engineers.
3. At the seminar Councillors requested that an extraordinary meeting be held to review, and if satisfied, endorse the proposed consultation brochures for the three routes. This is outside the standard consultation process for capital programme projects, as outlined in the August 2005 process chart.
4. There were several issues raised by Councillors in relation to the routes shown, and the following changes have been made to accommodate the issues raised:
 - All peak-time bus lanes are shown on the route plans as light green, and all permanent bus lanes are shown as dark green.
 - The times for peak-time bus lanes are yet to be confirmed. However, the project team has suggested 7am-9am for the morning peak, and 2pm-6pm for the afternoon peak. The exception to this for the afternoon peak is outside school pick-up and drop-off areas, where it is recommended that the bus lane operates between 4pm and 6pm.
 - All bus lanes are shared between buses and cyclists, which is indicated by the signage on the bus lane and the associated signage. There are two widths shown for the bus lanes, as outlined by Austroads guidelines – 3m or 4.2m. A 3m wide bus lane does not allow a bus and cyclist to travel alongside one another or pass one another without going into the adjacent lane. A 4.2m wide bus lane allows a bus and cyclist to travel adjacent to one another safely and allows one to pass the other without encroaching on the adjacent lane.
 - The permanent loss of parking along the routes is shown on the route plans as an orange strip.
5. A copy of the consultation plan for each route is attached to this report at Attachments 5, 6 and 7. In summary, it is proposed to carry out the consultation process for the three routes as follows:
 - Consultation leaflets (as shown at Attachments 1, 2 and 3)
 - Council website www.buspriority.co.nz and **'Have Your Say'**
 - Open Information evenings/seminars (refer to table below for times and dates)
 - Meetings with individuals and groups as required
 - Emails, phone calls, on-site meetings as required
 - Media kit, including media conference, press releases
 - Displays at Our City Otautahi, Tuam Street office frontage, service centres, local malls
 - Marketing campaign, including education

6. The proposed timeline to undertake this consultation plan is as follows:

Date	Location	Route	Attendees	CCC Contact
28 Aug	Beckenham Service Centre – Seminar with Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board	Colombo Route	Community Board Members	Richard, Kirsty
4 Sep	Fendalton Service Centre – Seminar with Fendalton-Waimairi Community Board	Papanui Route	Community Board Members	Richard, Kirsty
5 Sep	Papanui Service Centre – Seminar with Shirley-Papanui Community Board	Papanui Route	Community Board Members	Richard, Kirsty
26 Sep	Papanui Service Centre – Joint Seminar with Shirley-Papanui Community Board & Burwood-Pegasus Community Board	Queenspark Route	Community Board Members	Richard, Kirsty
2 Oct	Council Seminar – Civic Offices	All Three Routes	Councillors	Richard, Kirsty
9 Oct	Council Meeting	All Three Routes	Councillors	Richard, Kirsty
18 Oct	Media Conference – Civic Offices	All Three Routes	Media	Kristi
18 Oct–10 Dec	Sydenham Central Mall Display	Colombo Route	Public	Victoria
19 Oct	Sydenham Central (the old Spotlight Plaza)	Colombo Route	Local Businesses & Community (4-7pm)	Kirsty, Clare
22-26 Oct	South City Mall Display	Colombo Route	Public	Victoria
23 Oct	Fendalton Service Centre @ 7pm	Papanui Route	Resident Groups of SP & FW	Kirsty, Roger, Andrea
25 Oct	TBC	Queenspark Route	TBC – School/Govt/ Business/Residents Gp	Kirsty, Marion
29 Oct	Salvation Army Entrance Foyer	Colombo Route	Schools, kindergartens, rest homes, churches & community facilities (4-7pm)	Kirsty, Clare
1 Nov	Papanui Service Centre @ 7pm	Papanui Route	School Principals of SP & FW	Kirsty, Roger, Andrea
3-8 Nov	Merivale Mall Display	Papanui Route	Public	Victoria
6 Nov	TBC	Queenspark Route	TBC – School/Govt/ Business/Residents Gp	Kirsty, Marion
7 Nov	Meeting Room 1 and Service Centre Foyer	Colombo Route	Residents, Residents Groups (4-7pm)	Kirsty, Clare
19-25 Nov	Northlands Mall Display	Papanui Route	Public	Victoria
13 Nov	Papanui High School Hall @ 7pm	Papanui Route	Govt & Business Groups of SP & FW	Kirsty, Roger, Andrea
13 Nov	Merivale Corner @ St Mary's Church	Papanui Route	Open Day (4-7pm)	Andrea
14 Nov	TBC	Queenspark Route	TBC – School/Govt/ Business/Residents Gp	Kirsty, Marion
20 Nov	South Library Foyer	Colombo Route	Open Day (4-7pm)	Clare Q
20 Nov	Papanui Youth Trust Facility @ St Pauls Church, 1A Harewood Road	Papanui Route	Open Day (4-7pm)	Roger
27 Nov	Shirley TBC	Queenspark Route	Open Day (4-7pm)	Marion

7. Following the close of consultation on 17 December 2007, it is proposed to collate all the feedback and submissions received and, as recommended at the seminar held on 2 October 2007, refer the consultation feedback to the Community Boards and the Council for their information and input.
8. All consultation feedback can then be considered and discussed by the project team and elected members. Following these discussions, it is proposed to advise all submitters as to whether or not their concerns/suggestions/ideas can be incorporated into the concept design for the bus priority route.
9. In addition, all submitters will be advised of the proposed concept design to be presented to the Community Boards for a recommendation and to the Council for approval, and will have the opportunity to comment further directly to these forums, should they so desire.
10. It is anticipated that a formal report on each of the bus priority routes will then be presented to the Community Boards for a recommendation and the Council for a decision in March/April 2008.
11. Should the Council not endorse the consultation documentation, then it is likely to be November 2007 before the Council will be able to consider this matter again. It is not best practice to consult during the Christmas/New Year period, so the earliest time at which consultation could commence is February 2008. Consultation findings would therefore be presented to the Community Boards and Council via a seminar process in May 2008, and a formal report to the Community Boards and Council is likely to be presented in July 2008. In summary, the project would be delayed by 3-4 months and therefore will struggle to be implemented in the 2007/08 financial year as programmed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. This project is funded from the Bus Priority Routes budgets for the 2006/07 and 2007/08 financial years. The financial implication of a delay to the consultation process as outlined in paragraph 11 is primarily the costs associated with delaying the project by a minimum of 3-4 months.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

13. As above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. There are no known legal implications for this project.

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

15. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

16. Aligns with the Bus Priority Routes Project of the Capital Works Programme, pg 85, Our Community Plan 2006-2016.

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

17. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

18. This project is consistent with key regional and local Council strategies including the Metropolitan Christchurch Transport Statement, Public Passenger Transport Strategy, Pedestrian Strategy, Parking Strategy, Cycling Strategy, Road Safety Strategy, Citywide Public Transport Priority Plan, Metro Strategy 2006-2012, and the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

19. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

20. The project team has carried a number of seminars and briefings on the bus priority project, second bus boarder trial along Hills Road, and seminars on the specific concepts for each of the three routes. These information sharing sessions have been carried out with Council, Community Boards and stakeholder groups.

	Date	Who	Where	What
1	27 Nov 2006	Christchurch City Council	Council Chambers, Civic Offices	Bus Priority Project (General)
2	29 Jan 2007	Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board & Shirley/Papanui Community Board	Fendalton Service Centre (5pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
3	12 Feb 2007	Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board & Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board	Beckenham Service Centre (5.30pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
4	21 Mar 2007	Shirley/Papanui Community Board	Papanui Service Centre (4pm)	Bus Boarders – Hills Road report
5	3 Apr 2007	Christchurch Bus Services	Sawyers Arms Road (10am)	Bus Priority Project (General)
6	3 Apr 2007	Red Bus Limited	Ferry Road (3.30pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
7	4 Apr 2007	Road Safety Coordinating Committee	Committee Room 3, Civic Offices (12pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
8	5 Apr 2007	Leopard Bus Services	Ensors Road (10am)	Bus Priority Project (General)
9	13 Apr 2007	Liveable City Portfolio Group, CCC	Mezzanine Floor Meeting Room , Civic Offices 10.30am	Bus Boarders – Hills Road. The facts and the way forward.
10	17 Apr 2007	Christchurch Police	Central Police Station (3pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
11	16 Apr 2007	Burwood/Pegasus Community Board	New Brighton Service Centre (5pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
12	19 Apr 2007	Christchurch City Council	Council Chambers, Civic Offices	Bus Boarders – Hills Road report
13	30 Apr 2007	Environment Canterbury Passenger Services Portfolio Committee	Environment Canterbury Offices (10am)	Bus Priority Project (General)
14	30 Apr 2007	NZ Automobile Association	Hereford Street Offices (12.30pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
15	9 May 2007	CCC Customer Call Centre Team Leaders	Kauri Room (3pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
16	15 May 2007	Disability Advisory Committee	Committee Room 1 (11.30am)	Bus Priority Project (General)

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17	21 May 2007	Chamber of Commerce	Kilmore Street (4.45pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
18	22 May 2007	Capital Programme Team	Committee Room 3 (11am)	Bus Priority Project (General)
19	24 May 2007	NZ Road Transport Association	41 Carlyle Street, Sydenham (5pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
20	25 May 2007	Novo	Emergency Management Room B, Civic Offices (1pm)	Bus Priority Project (General)
21	29 May 2007	Christchurch Access Forum	CCS, 27 Kilmarnock Street, Riccarton	Bus Priority Project (General)
22	31 May 2007	AA, Road Transport Association, Coda	Chambers Meeting Room, Mezzanine Floor, Civic Offices (12pm)	Meeting #1 - Scheme Designs
23	22 Jun 2007	Red Bus - Board of Directors	Red Bus, Ferry Road (11.30am)	Bus Priority Project (General)
24	28 Jun 2007	Taxi Federation	Chambers Mezzanine Meeting Room, Civic Offices (9.30am)	Bus Priority Project (General)
25	29 Jun 2007	Bus Priority Steering Group	Emergency Management Room A, Civic Offices (12pm)	Meeting #2 – Bus Boarders Monitoring
26	17 Jul 2007	Disability Advisory Group, CCC	Mezzanine Chambers Meeting Room, Civic Offices (11am)	Bus Boarder Model & Distribution of Consultation Leaflets
27	17 Jul 2007	Bus Priority Steering Group	Emergency Management Room A, Civic Offices (12pm)	Meeting #3 – Colombo Route
28	30 Jul 2007	Disabled Persons Assembly	Baptist Church (5.30pm)	Bus Boarders Model & Project
29	9 Aug 2007	DeafBlind Group Meeting	96 Bristol Street, St Albans (2.45pm)	Bus Boarders Model
30	15 Aug 2007	Transit Seminar with Shirley/Papanui Community Board	Papanui Service Centre (4pm)	Main North Road (QE2 Drive to Belfast)
31	28 Aug 2007	Seminar with Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board	Beckenham Service Centre (5pm)	Colombo Route
32	29 Aug 2007	Transit Consultation Meeting with End User Steering Group	Maunsell offices (10.30am)	Main North Road and Main South Road bus priority routes
33	31 Aug 2007	Transit Seminar with Riccarton/Wigram Community Board	Sockburn Service Centre (8am)	Main South Road (Parker Street to Sockburn Roundabout)
34	4 Sep 2007	Seminar with Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board	Fendalton Service Centre (5pm)	Papanui Route
35	5 Sep 2007	Seminar with Shirley/Papanui Community Board	Papanui Service Centre (9am)	Papanui Route
36	5 Sep 2007	Transit Seminar with Burwood/Pegasus Community Board	New Brighton Service Centre (6pm)	Travis Road/Bassett Street
37	12 Sep 2007	OASIS – Older Adults Seminar Information Series	Seaview Christian Centre (9am -12.30pm)	Bus priority, bus boarders
38	18 Sep 2007	Seminar with Transportation & Environmental Groups – Lincoln University	Lincoln University (9.30am)	Bus priority, bus boarders

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39	26 Sep 2007	<i>Seminar with Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and Shirley/Papanui Community Board</i>	<i>Papanui Service Centre (6pm)</i>	<i>Queenspark Route</i>
40	28 Sep 2007	<i>Bus Priority Steering Group</i>	<i>Camellia Room, Civic Offices (12pm)</i>	<i>Meeting #4 – Papanui Route</i>
41	2 Oct 2007	<i>Seminar with Council</i>	<i>Council Chambers, Civic Offices (1.30pm)</i>	<i>Colombo Route, Papanui Route, Queenspark Route</i>
42	9 Oct 2007	Christchurch City Council	Council Chambers, Civic Offices (2pm)	Consultation – Bus Priority Routes
43	TBC	Seminar with Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board	Linwood Service Centre	Queenspark Route
44	7 Nov 2007	OASIS – Older Adults Seminar Information Series	Papanui Youth Facility (10am – 1pm)	Papanui Route, Bus Priority
45	5 Dec 2007	OASIS – Older Adults Seminar Information Series	Linwood Library (10am – 1pm)	Queenspark Route, Bus Priority

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council endorse the consultation information and proposals shown at Attachments 1, 2 and 3 to go out to the public for consultation on the three bus priority routes.