

8. COLOMBO STREET (BETWEEN HEREFORD STREET AND CITY MALL) PARKING CHANGES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Council to proceed with changes to parking configuration as shown in the plan for approval in Attachment 1.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The project is located just south of the intersection of Colombo Street and Hereford Street, in the central city.
3. The changes are proposed to better manage the parking in this area and to optimise spaces for shoppers during the day and for taxis operating at night.
4. There is currently a taxi stand that operates from 11pm to 6am on the bus stop outside Ballantynes, but it is currently not being utilised. Consultation has been undertaken with the New Zealand Taxi Federation and they have requested that the taxi stand be relocated to the west side of Colombo Street, so that the taxi stand beside Ballantynes can be used at night as a feeder. This would overcome the issue of taxis queuing on broken yellow lines up to Hereford Street and also on Hereford Street while waiting to use the taxi stand on the east side of Colombo Street.
5. In the interim, temporary changes involving the installation of a construction zone were implemented during week commencing 13 August 2007 to cater for the start of works in the High Street part of the City Mall Project. The construction zone parking area was installed for vehicles involved with construction of the High Street part of the City Mall Project, taking into account the need to maintain at least the same number of taxi stands as are there at present. The P10 and shuttle stop remained as per the existing layout.
6. The proposed changes outlined in this report are:
 - Moving the taxi stand to the west side of Colombo Street.
 - Moving the pay and display spaces to the east side of Colombo Street.
 - Replacing the P10 spaces on the east side by 'P5 at any time' parking spaces.
 - On both sides of Colombo Street the Shuttle stops will be used by taxis from 11pm to 6am, when there is no shuttle service operating. Similarly the P5 Loading Zone will be used by taxis from 11pm to 6am.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The estimated cost of this work is \$4,800.

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

8. The installation of road signs and markings are within the LTCCP Streets and Transport Operational Budget.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. The Land Transport Rule provides for the installation of parking restrictions.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Aligns with the Streets and Transport activities by contributing to the Council's community outcomes.
 - (i) Safety: By providing a safe transport system.
 - (ii) Community: By providing easy access to facilities.

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

11. This contributes to improve the level of service for safety and access.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. The recommendations align with the Council's Parking Strategy 2003.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Public consultation has taken place (on an 'inform only' basis) for both the temporary changes and the long term proposal outlined in this report.
14. Consultation consisted of the distribution of 60 newsletter leaflets (by mail to property owners and by visiting and speaking to occupiers in the area), early in week commencing 13 August 2007. Advice was sent by email to the Taxi Federation and Red Bus Ltd and discussed by phone with Red Bus Ltd who have no objection to the changes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

(a) West side of Colombo Street

- (i) The existing loading zone (restricted to a maximum of 5 minutes) commencing 31m south of the intersection of Hereford Street and Colombo Street and extending 20m in a southerly direction, be revoked.
- (ii) The existing Pay and Display parking spaces (Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-8.30pm, Saturday 9am-1pm, public holidays excluded, maximum time 60 minutes) commencing 51m south of the intersection of Hereford Street and Colombo Street and extending 32.5m in a southerly direction be revoked.
- (iii) The existing Shuttle Bus Stop commencing 83m south of the intersection of Colombo Street and Hereford Street and extending 20m in a southerly direction be revoked.
- (iv) A loading zone (restricted to a maximum of 5 minutes, 6am-11pm) be created commencing 31m south of the intersection of Hereford Street and Colombo Street and extending 20m in a southerly direction.
- (v) A taxi stand (11pm-6am) be created commencing 31m south of the intersection of Hereford Street and Colombo Street and extending 20m in a southerly direction.
- (v) A taxi stand be created commencing 51m south of the intersection of Hereford Street and Colombo Street and extending 32.5m in a southerly direction.
- (vi) A Shuttle Bus stop (6am-11pm) be created commencing 83m south of the intersection of Hereford Street and Colombo Street and extending 20 in a southerly direction.
- (vii) A taxi stand (11pm-6am) be created commencing 83.3m south of the intersection of Hereford Street and Colombo Street and extending 20 in a southerly direction.

(b) **East side of Colombo Street**

- (i) The existing taxi stand currently commencing at a point 17m from the intersection of Hereford Street and Colombo Street and extending 30m in a southerly direction, be revoked.
- (ii) The 'Parking restricted to 5 minutes maximum at any time' parking spaces commencing at a point 47m south of the Hereford Street intersection and extending 24m in a southerly direction (approved on 10 August 2006 but not implemented – ie the signage was never changed from P5 Loading Zone) be revoked.
- (iii) The existing 'Parking restricted to 10 minutes maximum' parking spaces commencing 71m south of the Hereford Street intersection and extending 10m in a southerly direction be revoked.
- (iv) The existing Shuttle Bus stop commencing 85.5m south of the Hereford Street intersection and extending 13.5m in a southerly direction be revoked.
- (v) Pay and display parking spaces (Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-8.30pm, Saturday 9am-1pm, public holidays excluded, maximum time 60 minutes) be created commencing at a point 17m south of the Hereford Street intersection and extending 49.5m in a southerly direction.
- (vi) 'Parking restricted to 5 minutes maximum at any time' parking spaces be created commencing at a point 66m south of the Hereford Street intersection and extending 16m in a southerly direction.
- (vii) A Shuttle Bus stop (6am–11pm) be created commencing 85.5m south of the Hereford Street intersection and extending 13.5m in a southerly direction.
- (viii) A taxi stand (11pm–6am) be created commencing 85.5m south of the Hereford Street intersection and extending 13.5m in a southerly direction.