

8. WORKS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 17 AUGUST 1999^{RR}
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The purpose of this report is to have the Board consider the report and recommendations arising from the meeting of the Committee held on 17 August.

The meeting report **follows**.

**Report of a meeting held on Tuesday 17 August 1999 at 8.00 am
in the Board Room, Fendalton Service Centre**

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairman), Diana Bradley Sally Buck,
Pat Harrow, Keith Nuttall, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall Ron Wright

Sally Buck and Diana Bradley departed at 8.37 am and 8.45 am respectively and Ron Wright arrived at 8.25 am and left the meeting at 9.50 am.

1. APOLOGIES Nil

2. GREERS ROAD – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

The Area Engineer reported on a recent meeting held with representatives from Burnside High School, Christ the King School and Christ the King Parish regarding traffic issues associated with the section of Greers Road from Memorial Avenue through to Cottesmore Close.

Matters identified were cycle safety, insufficient parking spaces for Burnside High School parents to drop off or pick up their children and the queuing of vehicles along this section of Greers Road at peak times due to insufficient capacity through the Greers/Memorial traffic signals.

A contract had recently been let for improvements at the intersection which should help to resolve the queuing problems. There was also an amount of \$6,000 (ex Board funding) available for a pedestrian refuge outside Burnside High School.

The school representatives views on these matters together with requests made of Council staff were that:

- The schools do not want the proposed pedestrian refuge and that it should at least be put on hold until the new exit from the proposed Aurora Centre/Burnside High School car park has been constructed or positively located.
- The Council construct a combined pedestrian/cycleway on the south east side of Greers Road from Cottesmore Close to Memorial Avenue alongside the existing boundary.

- They consult further with Burnside High School to investigate the possible inclusion of a drop off/pickup area for its pupils with the construction of the combined Aurora Centre/High School car park extensions.

Officers are currently investigating the best means of addressing the above responses and the Board (via the Committee) will continue to be kept informed of progress.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3. GARDEN ROAD – TRAFFIC ISSUES

At the 18 May meeting of the Committee consideration was given to a report dealing with the support, or opposition, of residents for a proposed traffic restraint in Garden Road. The Board, on 1 June, approved the Committee's recommendation *"that the City Services Committee be requested to consider the suitability of installing appropriate warning signage near the kindergarten, and other Junior leaning institutions when requested by parents"*.

At the City Services Committee meeting on 6 July a report was submitted on the issue concluding that, while *"PW-31 'Children' signs are often used on roads in the city to warn drivers of the presence of unsupervised children crossing a roadway, they are not normally erected in other areas where there is a concentration of supervised children such as outside kindergartens or playcentres"*.

The Committee resolved to recommend *"that the Council adopt the current practice of installing PW-31 'Children' signs, which is:*

- *Signs be erected in accordance with the 'Transit NZ Manual of Traffic Signs and Road Markings – Policy for the Erection of Pedestrian Signs*
- *'Children' hazard warning signs be considered for high volume roads in the city where there are considerable numbers of unsupervised children crossing such as outside schools or playgrounds contained with parks or reserves."*

At the Council meeting on 22 July the recommendation was not adopted. It was resolved instead that the clause be referred back to the Committee, to allow further consideration to be given to the possible imposition of a 40 kph speed limit outside schools.

The matter of the Board's request for "appropriate warning signage" therefore remains unanswered.

The Committee was advised that the matter was to be referred back to the City Services Committee and as such it was **agreed** that it would be appropriate to await the results of this outcome before further considering the matter.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Keith Nuttall declared interest and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this item.

4. MAIDSTONE ROAD/WAIMAIRI ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

By way of a joint report from the Transportation Safety Engineer and the Traffic Engineer, the Committee was advised of the feedback received regarding the proposal to install traffic signals at the intersection.

This followed the workshop held in June involving the City Services Committee and the Riccarton/Wigram and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Boards which addressed in particular the effect on the adjoining shopping centre and the adjacent Wadeley Avenue route.

The Board's response at that time was to endorse option 2 as a basis for public consultation with a request that the results of the consultation process be reported back. At that time the Board also resolved that the Council provide for the appropriate planning to progress option 4 for implementation in as short a timeframe as possible.

The extent of the public responses received was elaborated on and details of a subsequent meeting held with Messrs Alan Carter and David Lynch was also covered.

The option 2 scheme had now been developed to take into account the feedback received and sought to address safety and parking issues, traffic volumes, access for pedestrians and facilities for cyclists.

The Committee viewed these elements of the scheme in more detail by way of a large roll-out plan which was explained in detail by the Officers.

A plan of the section of road affected **follows**.

Recommendation: That the scheme to install traffic signals at the intersection of Maidstone Road and Waimairi Road along with the construction of a pedestrian island, the marking of cycle lanes and a flush painted median between the intersection and Tudor Avenue be endorsed.

5. RING ROAD REVIEW

In response to the outcomes of the 17 June joint discussions between the Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards, the Transport Planning Engineer submitted a comprehensive report setting out timeframes for reviewing the ring road network and in particular the intersections of Greers/Northcote/Sawyers Arms Roads and Greers/Harewood Roads.

The report also addressed a submission made by the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board through the recent Annual Plan process that the Council undertake an early review in consideration of alternative options to the use of the existing western leg of the Council's ring road system.

The report therefore focused on the western section of the ring road from Curletts Road/Blenheim Road to the Main North Road and Northcote Road.

The report covered the timing of a review of the western section of the leg, the importance of this particular section and whether there were any alternatives, the trends in traffic growth and a traffic assessment of the above mentioned intersections. There would need to be an appropriate allocation of funding for the review to be conducted in 2000/01.

On all these aspects, the Transport Planning Engineer presented and elaborated on a number of overheads, details of which were circulated with the Committee agenda.

In relation to possible short term solutions, members indicated support for an approach being made to Transit New Zealand to seek a priority for the four laning of Johns/Russley Roads and the provision of a right turn arrow at the proposed traffic signals at the Main North Road/Johns Road intersection. Appropriate signage at this location was also suggested.

Making better use of Harewood Road ie right hand turns from Greers Road, was also supported and to achieve this a strategy to enhance public awareness of this alternative was supported by members.

It was **agreed** that a follow-up meeting be held with the Shirley/Papanui Community Board after the results of the above suggested actions were known and able to be assessed.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the proposed strategic review of the western section of the ring road along with the City Streets Unit's request for appropriate funding and resources for the 2000/01 financial year be supported.
 2. That support for the provision of a right turn arrow phase at the proposed traffic signals at the Main North Road/Johns Road intersection together with appropriate signage be conveyed to Transit New Zealand and further that an indication be sought as to the timing of the four laning of Johns Road/Russley Road.

6. MEMORIAL AVENUE – PLANTING PROJECT

It was recalled that at the Committee meeting on 13 July an update report was given on the revisions made to the plan reflecting ongoing dialogue with the Airport Company and the Christchurch Beautifying Association.

In receiving the information at that time, the Committee indicated its support for the plan now prepared, noting that the Airport Company's formal involvement along with final costings was needed before the Board could approve the final plan.

The Committee was advised that the Airport Company had now given written confirmation of its intention to provide the labour resource to install the plantings. Likewise the Beautifying Association had offered its assistance.

The Landscape Architect (Andrew Craig) reported that the cost of providing the plant stock was \$11,700 of which the Board was funding \$5,000 and that the balance was being underwritten by the City Streets Unit.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the landscape plan for Memorial Avenue be approved for implementation.
 2. That the Christchurch International Airport Company and the Christchurch Beautifying Association be thanked for their input and commitment to the millennium planting project.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 am.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be approved and adopted.