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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the community response to a publicity leaflet outlining proposals for the terminus and turn-around area for the Mt Pleasant bus route.

After months of discussions the Parks Unit and City Streets Unit have three proposals for the position of the bus terminus. The proposals will require alterations to either the reserve, the reserve vegetation or the new parking area at McCormacks Bay Reserve.

A publicity leaflet showing the three possible positions and a description of each proposal was circulated to Residents, Resident Associations, Sports Clubs who use the Reserve and the Board.

The three options were:

Option One (1) Bus terminus and turning are in the existing car parking area near the Petanque Court. Parking spaces and pathway will be created to the north to replace the existing parks and give access to the toilet block. There will be no parking on the east side of McCormacks Bay Road opposite the terminus area.

Option Two (2) Create a new area for the bus terminus south of the existing parking area opposite 122/124 McCormacks Bay Road. Some vegetation will need to be trimmed for visibility. Parking outside 122/124 McCormacks Bay Road will be prohibited.

Option Three (3) Create a bus terminus and turning area near the large tree opposite 112/114 McCormacks Bay Road. Trees and vegetation will need to be removed, as visibility at this spot is poor. There may be the need to ban parking outside 112/114 McCormacks Bay Road.

Fifty five replies were received from the 88 residents in McCormacks Bay Road, Balmoral Lane, the lower section of Glenstrae Road and Basil Place. 85 % of the replies favour Option One because it was seen as the most appropriate site, away from houses, better visibility for the turning bus, closer for passengers wishing to transfer to Sumner bus, will not impact on wildlife in the area, and vegetation will not be removed.

All three options encroach on the McCormacks Bay Reserve and the leaflet noted that to create the terminus and turn-around area would involve the revocation of the reserve status. Only one reply received commented on the revocation.

After further discussions with the Parks Unit and the Regional Council it is recommended that at present the revocation of the reserve status is not undertaken. The Regional Council was unable to guarantee that the bus service will not be altered with the development on Glenstrae and the surrounding area.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the City Streets Unit proceed with providing new parking spaces to the north of and a bus terminus and turn – around area in the existing parking area near the Petanque Court. (Option One)
 3. That the Parks Unit does not undertake the revocation of the reserve status of the terminus area until a guarantee is gained as to the permanence of the bus route.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** For discussion.