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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the preparation of a city wide parking strategy.

INTRODUCTION

The City Plan submission process identified the need for a parking strategy for the City which, among other things, addressed a number of issues identified in submissions. In particular, the need for maximum parking requirements was raised by submitters and the use of on-street facilities for parking and loading was also an issue identified. During the hearings the reporting officer stated that these issues should not be addressed in isolation but should form part of an overall parking strategy for the City.

The purpose of the strategy is to provide a framework of policies which will provide the Council with a tool to achieve a consistent approach to the control of parking. Ideally, the document will have the acceptance of all affected parties and will provide a structured approach to decision making where proposed controls may conflict with private developer proposals or wishes.

The Council has already adopted the Cycle Strategy and Public Transport Strategy, with a Road Safety Strategy and a Pedestrian Strategy currently being prepared. These documents along with the Parking Strategy will form components of an overall Transport Strategy for the City.

DISCUSSION

Staff of the City Streets and Environmental Policy and Planning Units are currently preparing a brief discussion document for distribution to interested parties, which identifies some of the major issues related to on-street and off-street parking. It is anticipated there will be a high level of interest in the strategy, particularly from the retail and land developer sectors. The document will invite submissions from affected groups and will also invite members to participate further in the process through the formation of an advisory group.

The process for the formation of a parking strategy has been mapped out as follows:

- Preparation and distribution of discussion document;
- Collection of survey data;
- Collect and collate feedback from discussion document;
- Set up Advisory Group and develop objectives, targets and options;
- Produce consultation document;
- Collate feedback and develop policies;
- Draft Strategy to Council;
- Final Strategy produced.

A preliminary timetable has been outlined for the preparation of the document, which indicates the final strategy should be produced towards the end of the year 2000.

The collection of data to be used in the preparation of the strategy has been started with the central city parking being surveyed in early December. The Central City parking study, which is carried out every three to four years, will form part of the background data required for the formation of the parking strategy. The current supply of parking and loading, on and off-street, in the major suburban areas will also be surveyed to identify the current supply in these areas. Parking policies and related information is also being collected from other major New Zealand Councils.

CONCLUSION

A parking strategy is to be prepared for the City to provide a structured approach to decision making regarding the control of parking and loading. A discussion document is currently being prepared for distribution to interested parties for comment. It is anticipated the strategy will be finished by the end of the year 2000.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.