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The purpose of this report is to describe proposals to upgrade and extend the destination/guide sign network on arterial roads and motorways in the city.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Council, in association with Transit NZ, has a programme to upgrade destination/guide signs on the arterial network and motorways in the city. Where major works are being undertaken new signs are being erected at key junctions to guide motorists travelling through the city.

The fully reflectorised "white on green" guide signs are now familiar on many of our arterial routes replacing former "white on black" advance directional signs. Up until recently "white on reflectorised blue" was used as a convention for signs on local authority roads with "white on reflectorised green" being reserved for motorways and state highways. There is now wide spread support for "white on green" signs as the arterial roading network is integrated with the state highway system.

### **1999 PROGRAMME**

New advance destination/guide signs will be provided on the following routes in the city:

1. The Buckleys Road/Aldwins Road/Harrow Street/St Asaph link to the city centre.
2. The Sparks Road/Frankleigh Street/Milton Street/Huxley Street/Burlington Street/Gasson Street link into the city centre.
3. The completion of the Lincoln Road and Blenheim Road links with the city centre.
4. New signs on McLeans Island Road to Orana Park, the Canterbury Aero Club and Yaldhurst.
5. New signs at the reconstructed roundabout at Bexley Road/Breezes Road/Bridge Street/Dyers Road intersection.
6. New signs at the Briggs Road/Marshland Road/Lake Terrace Road intersection.

Transit NZ are planning on upgrading signs throughout the state highway network within the city. A number of new signs will also be erected by the Council at major state highway junctions where there is a need to introduce local suburban destinations as well as Akaroa, Lyttelton, Picton, Timaru and the West Coast. Transit NZ are also replacing and extending the sign network on the northern motorway and its connections with Marshland Road and Main North Road.

Full coverage of the city's arterial network and State Highways is expected within 5 years. However, maintenance of existing signs, replacements and changes of route will create an ongoing investment in the network of destination/guide signs.

#### **CONCLUSION**

A soundly based directional destination/guide signs network on arterial roads and state highways in the city is an essential element in a roading network which provides safe, navigable roads that link local, as well as long distance, destinations. The current year's programme will build on the existing network of signs and provide a clearer guide for motorists using our arterial roads and state highways.

#### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.