10. CHRISTCHURCH NORTHERN ROADING OPTIONS SCOPING STUDY RR 9602

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The purpose of this report is to update Councillors regarding the progress on the Christchurch Northern Roading Options Scoping Study. This study is a joint project between the City Council, Canterbury Regional Council, Waimakariri District Council and Transit New Zealand.

A contract to undertake this study was signed in February 1999, with Traffic Design Group. It is anticipated that the study will be completed by November this year; the consultant is currently preparing a study programme from which an earlier completion date may be enabled.

This scoping study will involve limited public consultation, in the process of identifying a short list of up to 5 strategies to address the roading network issues in north Christchurch. An output of the study will be the brief for the next stage of the study, which will investigate the short listed strategies in detail.

In a December 1998 report on this subject to the City Services committee, the Council resolved that to assist the stakeholder consultation process, a single consultation group or sub-committee be established as the Council's contact point with the Consultant.

This would enable the Consultant to more smoothly undertake the consultation requirements of the study. The group could also be a forum for ongoing reporting back from the officer project team through the study. It was recommended that the sub-committee comprises the members of the Land Transport Sub-Committee and the chairs of the three affected Community Boards. The affected members have been notified of this in writing recently.

It is anticipated that the Consultant will be undertaking initial consultation with the study's overseeing authorities in the next month.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.