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The purpose of this report is to update progress on the bus interchange and associated projects discussed at the meeting of the Bus Interchange Subcommittee on 26 November (refer clause 15 of the Committee's agenda).

The meeting on 26 November was attended by project architect Peter Zillman, Buchan Group, Mr Richard Ballantyne and staff of the Canterbury Regional Council.

Mr Zillman presented a preliminary concept design for the interior fitout of the interchange. The aim is to create an airport lounge type facility for bus passengers. Mr Richard Ballantyne attended for the discussion on the Colombo Street interchange and indicated his support for proposals to extend the footpath on the Arthur Barnett's (east) side of the road by 1.1 metres by reducing the footpath width outside Ballantyne's Ltd (west side) by a similar amount. This would enable the location of bus seats, shelters etc on both sides of the road whilst retaining a generous pedestrian walking area adjacent to the shop windows. Various options for providing pedestrian access across Colombo Street were discussed and a revised plan will be developed for public consultation purposes.

In order to meet the targeted date of opening for the interchange of November 2000, public consultation in respect of the on street elements and bus route changes must commence early in the New Year.

The following timetable was agreed by the Subcommittee and is recommended to the Committee:

30 November	City Services Committee adopt recommended timetable
17 December	Special meeting of City Services Committee to approve options for the purposes of consultation

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Recommendation: That the timetable recommended by the Subcommittee be adopted.