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Corporate Plan Output: Signals, Signs and Shelters	

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Committee to consider the re-establishment of bus stops in Linwood Avenue near Raupo Street.

BACKGROUND

The Canterbury Regional Council has undertaken a review of the Sumner and Bromley bus routes. This review resulted in changes to both routes and came into effect on 18 October 1999.

The changes have resulted in the removal of a bus stop on both the inbound and outbound Bromley route. The stops removed are the terminus stop (inbound stop) at Wansted Place/Shire Lane and the (outbound) stop at Raupo Street.

The Sumner route is a new express/limited stop route and has a paired set of new stops at the Hargood Street/Linwood Avenue intersection. These stops are about 400 metres west of where the Bromley terminus was located.

DISCUSSION

The reorganisation of the bus routes has resulted in residents in the vicinity of Wansted Place/Shire Lane now having a 400 metre walk to the nearest bus stop. Many of these residents are elderly and their concerns were raised in a report considered by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board at its November meeting. A copy of the report considered by the Board is attached to this report.

The Board (on behalf of residents) asks that the Committee takes this matter up with the Canterbury Regional Council.

The new paired set of stops at the Hargood Street/Linwood Avenue intersection, provide access to the crematorium and a safe pedestrian crossing point at the traffic signals.

The Canterbury Regional Council has been asked to reconsider the reinstatement of the bus stops near Raupo Street. Some concerns have been raised during these discussions.

One concern is the safety of the residents crossing Linwood Avenue. Linwood Avenue is a 60km/h speed zone. Two lanes of eastbound traffic merge within 200 metres of this site. On the south side there are no facilities for a bus stop ie no footpath and a slight bank. The Bromley terminus stop was located in the slip lane and away from traffic. It provided a safe environment for inbound and outbound passengers.

A second concern is the delay for the express service passengers from Sumner. The Canterbury Regional Council has a commitment to provide a fast efficient service for the outer suburbs. At present people do not understand the limited stop bus route concept.

CONCLUSION

The Canterbury Regional Council is aware of the concerns of the residents in and near Shire Lane. Consideration is being given to altering the service in off peak times, to include re-establishing the stops near Raupo Street and, due to other approaches for improving service, also adding an extra pair of stops near Tilford Street and McGregors Road.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That discussions continue with the Canterbury Regional Council for the re establishment of the bus stops at Raupo Street.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.