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The purpose of this report is to update the City Services Committee on progress relating to the Woolston/Burwood Expressway.

GENERAL

Stage 1a

This section includes the construction of two lane roundabouts at both Travis Road and New Brighton Road and the link road between, which is to be named Anzac Drive. Included in the contract are waterway enhancement works. A plan of the works is attached. This work is being funded by the CCC, with the possibility of some recovery from Transfund. The contract documents for this section have been issued to the selected tenderers, tenders closed on 6 October 1999. The details of the recommended tenderer will be tabled at the meeting for approval and are covered in a separate report. It is anticipated that construction of these works will begin in December 1999, and will be completed by June 2000.

Stage 1b

This stage includes the construction of the bridge and the new roadway connecting the bridge to Wainoni Road. A plan of the works is attached. The bridge and roading works will be let as two separate contracts. The majority of the physical works for this stage are being funded by Transit, with the CCC meeting the costs of the cycleway and professional services. Pre registration of tenderers for this contract has been advertised. The contract documents will be made available to the selected tenderers in November 1999 with the two successful tenderers being approved by Transit in December. It is anticipated work on both contracts for this stage will begin in February 2000 and will be completed in February 2001.

Stage 2

This stage involves the length between Wainoni Road and Birch Street. The connection to Eureka Street will be done in conjunction with the works for Stage 1b, to provide a satisfactory connection and avoid any rework in the future. Planning work will begin in the next few months for Stage 2, and the Committee will be kept informed and consulted as appropriate. Provision has been made for Stage 2 in 2001/02 and 2002/03.

ISSUES

Consent approvals

Resource consent approvals for works included in Stage 1a of the expressway have been lodged with both the CCC and the CRC. It is anticipated these consent approvals will be obtained before the tender acceptance date, however, should these not be granted, contingency plans have been written into the contract documents.

Negotiations are continuing with three property owners in relation to land required for the current design at the Travis Road roundabout, and again should these not progress smoothly, contingency plans have been written into the contract documents.

Landscaping

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board at its August meeting requested a report on a planting programme to support the recent naming of the new road as Anzac Drive. Following discussions with the Councils Water Services Unit and Landscape Architect it is recommended that the wetlands area between New Brighton Road and Travis Road is best planted with species suiting the wetlands environment. This is both for ecological reasons and because it is believed many of the plants otherwise considered would have problems with establishment and root development given the ground conditions.

The section of Anzac Drive between Hulverstone Drive and Wainoni Road would however, be suitable for planting with an Anzac theme. It is proposed to landscape this section using Australian and New Zealand natives, and if possible to include plants with red flowers, this being the colour of the Anzac Poppy. The RSA has been consulted in relation to the landscaping and is supportive of the proposal.

Bridge features

Design of the bridge is being carried out in consultation with the Water Services Unit and an external architect. A plan of the general bridge design is attached. Additional features such as the lighting standards have been included to enhance the design and reflect the adjoining wetlands environment. As this project relies on a benefit/cost ratio for Transfund funding, the cost of additional features may need to be reviewed, and if considered desirable, met by the Council.

Wainoni Kindergarten

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board resolved at its September meeting that the City Streets Manager address the concerns of the Wainoni Kindergarten in regards to loss of parking, in conjunction with the road design. The kindergarten is located on the southern corner of the Wainoni Road and Bexley Road intersection. The construction of the new expressway takes a corner off the front of the kindergarten's land (purchased from the Crown), and will be compensated by the Crown by providing an additional area of land on the northeast boundary of the site. The kindergarten currently provides an on site car park which would accommodate approximately three cars, however any loss of on street parking is of concern to the kindergarten. In the initial design for the intersection, all on street parking, from the kindergarten frontage to Hampshire Street, was to be removed. Following further design, it is currently proposed to install a parking bay in Wainoni Road extending from the kindergarten to Hampshire Street, and will include the existing bus stop. This would provide approximately six on street car parks in the vicinity of the kindergarten. A plan of the intersection design will be tabled at the meeting. Further consultation with residents will take place with regard to the intersection design.

Process

The Committee will be updated following Transit's approval of tenderers for Stage 1b. The Committee will also be asked to formally approve traffic control measures once the design details have been finalised.

Cost report

A financial summary for the project is attached.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.