

24. BUS EXCHANGE AND RELATED PROJECTS

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The purpose of this report is to update progress on the Bus Exchange and related projects.

BUS EXCHANGE BUILDING PROGRESS

PROJECT FINANCIAL UPDATE

The total project, which has a Council approved budget of \$19.6 million, is at this stage showing a potential saving of \$1,401. Currently 65% of the project contingency has been used leaving approximately \$148,000 for the balance of the project. Having said this it is important to note that through careful management \$350,000 of Council elective variations has been incorporated within the budget. These predominantly relate to the lounge escalators and lifts.

As reported in June there are three contracts for this development, shell, services and fitout. Currently approximately 85% of the shell contract has been let, 95% of the services and 10% of the fitout.

In summary the project overall is financially in good shape with approximately 84% of the costs determined. There is however, no fat and continued close management is required.

PROGRAMME

The contractor continues to make good progress with topping off achieved on Thursday, 20 July 2000.

The shell "superstructure" is targeted to be complete at the end of August at which stage the two car park levels could be commissioned and operated in conjunction with the stage 1 fitout works - stairs, lifts and pedestrian ramp connecting the development to Colombo Street and The Crossing.

The balance of the fitout works are underway and making good progress. Stages 2 and 3 (Concourse and Pods) are on programme for completion to be achieved by the contracted date (4 November 2000) with the work now being targeted to be completely ready for public viewing during Heritage Week (13-20 October).

In summary, the shell and services documentation is effectively complete.

The fitout is being undertaken in three stages. The design documentation for all stages is almost 100% complete. Outstanding is the resolution of some details and co-ordination issues with the likes of RTI (Real Time Information Systems) and security etc. The physical construction works of Stage 1 are approximately 70% complete, Stage 2 - 10% and Stage 3 yet to commence.

OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

These include matters either the responsibility of the City Council, Environment Canterbury, or shared.

On street works are progressing as follows:

Lichfield Street - tender let, work commenced 30 July, for completion by mid September

Colombo Street on-street exchange - tender being recommended to 8 August meeting of City Services Committee, for completion by 20 October.

Colombo Street traffic improvement works – approved, detailed design being undertaken and work due to be completed in October.

Peripheral Termini and Central City stops – approved other than for Colombo Nth/Gloucester Streets which will be reported to City Services Committee in September.

Other projects:

Real Time information – Stage 1 tender let, detailed design in progress, cabling being installed during building fitout.

Bus route changes/contracts - agreed and to be implemented by Ecan on 4 Nov 2000 and 1 April 2001. Some bus stop changes still to be finalised.

Ticketing (Ecan) – single coin fares in place. Smart, contactless card system to be in place by April 1, 2001.

Facility management - responsibility splits between the parties agreed. Livingstones (Crossing Centre managers) will also manage the Exchange building.

Car park commissioning - opening date under discussion – completion expected by end of September.

Communications and Marketing – preparations under way for opening of the facility, Heritage Week events, and publicising the bus changes.

It is expected that all deadlines relating to the staged introduction of the bus exchange on 4 November 2000 and 1 April 2001 will be met.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.