

## 9. WOOLSTON/BURWOOD EXPRESSWAY UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the planning for Stage 2 of the Woolston/Burwood Expressway and to gain support to stop both Eureka Street and Carisbrooke Street to motor vehicles at the Expressway.

The City Services Committee, which will be asked to recommend the road stopping to Council, will also consider this report. They will also be asked to formalise the traffic controls and parking restrictions associated with Stage 1.

Stage 1 from Travis Road to New Brighton Road is progressing with the issues of Travis Road being resolved. Work on the roundabout at Frosts Road is expected to start before this meeting. This section of the Expressway should be open to traffic in June 2000. New Brighton Road to Wainoni Road should be open to traffic in February 2001. This section includes the construction of the bridge over the Avon River.

As part of Stage 1 it is necessary to construct the first section of Stage 2 past the Wainoni School to link Stage 1 with Bexley Road between Eureka Street and Carisbrooke Street. Publicity to date has shown both these roads being closed to motor vehicles (*see attached, page 29*). An update of this publicity is being prepared and will be circulated shortly.

For the Expressway to operate efficiently and safely, it is desirable to stop both Eureka Street and Carisbrooke Street. Any side roads on the Expressway that have not been fully stopped have only led to problems. Hills Road was restricted to left turn in and left turn out, but locals still travel on the wrong side of the Expressway to sneak around the end of the central island. The Wainoni Local Area Traffic Management Scheme (LATMS) also identified problems with vehicles speeding down these two streets, to other areas. Road stopping would reduce this problem.

The Council already owns the bulk of the property for Stage 2. Construction of the remaining section at Stage 2 is planned to start in 2002 with a possible opening in 2003.

To meet these targets the consultation specific to Stage 2 has to commence shortly. However the process for road stopping needs to start immediately if Eureka Street is to be closed at the same time as the Expressway construction is carried out. The road stopping for Brook Street and Birch Street will be processed at a later date, as construction in this area is some time away.

It is appropriate to process Eureka Street and Carisbrooke Street stopping at the same time because stopping one will affect the other.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Board support the plan to stop Eureka Street and Carisbrooke Street to motor vehicles at the Woolston/Burwood Expressway.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That the aforementioned recommendations be adopted.