

10. WOOLSTON/BURWOOD EXPRESSWAY

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

BACKGROUND

Towards the end of 1999 contracts were awarded for the construction of Stage 1 of the Woolston/Burwood Expressway. The works were split into three sections:

	Section	Contractor
Stage 1a	Travis Road to New Brighton Road	City Care Ltd
Bridge	Bridge construction	Hopkins Engineering Ltd
Stage 1b	Hulverstone Drive to Eureka Street	Francis Construction Ltd

The Council is funding stage 1a, with the bridge and Stage 1b being shared projects between the Council and Transit NZ.

Construction started on Stage 1a in December 1999, and on the bridge and Stage 1b in February 2000 as programmed.

PROGRESS

Stage 1a

This contract is progressing well and it is expected the new road will be opened in June 2000. Construction of the screen fence on the golf club corner has started and 6 metre high trees will be planted along the roadside of the fence to minimise any visual effects. The work on the Travis Road roundabout has reached a stage where traffic has been diverted at the intersection to allow work to continue. Some delays to traffic using this intersection are expected in the next month as work progresses. At the New Brighton Road end, traffic has now been diverted onto the new roundabout to allow construction of the bridge abutments to continue.

Bridge

The timeline for the bridge construction sets the critical path for the completion of Stage 1 of the expressway. The piling on the south side is almost complete and the casings are currently being driven for the piers. There have been no delays to the program to date and the opening of Stage 1 is expected to take place in February 2001.

Stage 1b

Construction is almost complete on the road embankment between Hulverstone Drive and Wainoni Road. This embankment will sit for approximately 6 months before the final surfacings are applied, to allow for any settlement that may occur. Construction is about to start on the section between Wainoni Road and Eureka Street including the signals at Wainoni Road which will operate with three legs until the bridge is completed.

All property issues effecting construction of the expressway have now been resolved, and the necessary resource consents obtained.

PARTNERING

Because of the number of parties involved in this project, ie the Council and various Council Units, Transit NZ and three separate contractors, it is important that there is good cooperation and communication between the parties.

To this end a 'partnering' approach has been adopted to ensure all parties commit to work together for the benefit of the project. Regular meetings are being held and these are proving very successful in that issues and concerns can be identified and resolved before they become problems.

FINANCIAL

All three contracts are currently running within budget. Revenue has been received from Transit NZ for some of the works in Stage 1a, and for the property cost of Stage 1b which is primarily funded by Transit NZ.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

The future planning for the expressway revolves around Stage 2 ie the section between Eureka Street and Birch Street. It is expected that the scheme plan will be presented to Council in July/August for approval before being more widely circulated for feedback. Property purchase is required for Stage 2 and negotiations will commence in the 2000/01 financial year when funding has been allocated. Road stopping procedures have already begun for the road stopping of Eureka Street and Carisbrook Street required as part of Stage 2 works.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.