

8. BANKS AVENUE/McBRATNEYS ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's support for the deferral of the proposed Neighbourhood Improvements Works at the intersection of Banks Avenue, McBratneys Road, Dallington Terrace and River Road.

The Neighbourhood Improvement Works schedule of the 2000 City Council Plan lists a project item for Banks Avenue/McBratneys Road with a budget of \$45,900 in the 2000/01 financial year. Issues relating to the visibility of approaching vehicles, traffic and pedestrian safety were to be addressed with this project. Resulting from initial design work, scheme plan review and safety audit the cost for the work required to resolve these issues has been estimated to be \$151,900. The increase in costs to complete this work arises from the need for an extension to the Dudley Creek culvert and for major road reconstruction. This work is considered necessary to achieve the safety improvements for all road users at this intersection. As well as this work, the Parks and Waterways Unit proposes landscaping and providing a pedestrian facility along the riverbank, which is estimated to cost an additional \$30,000.

The increased scope of the work means the costings are now beyond budget limitations for Neighbourhood Improvement Works. This project will need to be removed from the 2000/01 Neighbourhood Improvement Works capital programme. The project is not being reconsidered for funding in the 2001/02 financial year but will be prioritised for consideration as a Safety Improvement or Road Network Improvement capital project for 2002/03.

This report will also be considered by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board. As McBratneys Road and River Road are both collector roads, the City Services Committee will also be asked to support the removal of this item from the budget.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board support the removal of Banks Avenue/McBratneys Road from the 2000/01 budget for Neighbourhood Improvement Works and that the \$45,900 be reallocated to the next highest ranking project within the Neighbourhood Improvement Works Programme.
 3. That, if the City Services Committee agrees with this report, the Strategy and Resources Committee be asked to make the appropriate adjustments.

- Chairperson's Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the funding for the Banks Avenue/McBratneys Road Neighbourhood Improvement Works be carried forward and every effort be made to do this work in the 2001/02 year.
 3. That the Strategy and Resources Committee be asked to make the appropriate adjustments.