

16. WORKS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 13 MARCH 2001

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration, the report and accompanying recommendation of the Committee's 13 March meeting as follows:

**Report of a meeting of the Works and Traffic Safety Committee
held on Tuesday 13 March 2001 at 8.00 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton and involving site visits**

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck, Pat Harrow, Keith Nuttall, Barbara Stewart and Ron Wright

Sally Buck and Pat Harrow departed at 9.30am at the conclusion of the site visits.

Ron Wright arrived at 9.42am and was present for part of clause 1 only.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Mike Wall.

1. LOCAL CYCLE FACILITIES - TOUR

Under the guidance of the City Streets Unit's Cycle Planning Team, the Committee undertook site visits to various cycle projects in place and/or planned for in the Board's area.

Circulated with the agenda were details of the itinerary and an accompanying paper elaborated on the various issues associated with the sites and locations visited.

The submitted report highlighted the pilot projects aimed at helping children cycle to the "school bubble" areas of Burnside High/Cobham Intermediate and St Andrews College/Heaton Intermediate. Emphasis was given during the site visits to those locations that were the most worrying for young cyclists and likely road improvements to enhance safety were elaborated on. Details of any specific improvement proposals would be reported on to the Board in the first instance.

Priority attention was being given to addressing issues/concerns at local schools and it was also mentioned that in later dialogue, the views of parents and Board's of Trustees, in addition to the students, were particularly important.

The City Streets Unit was urged to be open minded and prepared to trial techniques such as the 'share with care' option at schools. More attention to the quality of the paint markings used to delineate cycleways was also referred to.

With regard to Papanui Road, it was noted that joint discussions between the Board and the Shirley/Papanui Community Board would be arranged in due course.

Members expressed their appreciation for the information and greater awareness provided by the tour.

2. DARESBUY RESERVE – REMOVAL OF POPULUS NIGRA TREE

The Committee visited Daresbury Reserve where the Arboriculturist outlined the circumstances relating to the intended removal of a large black poplar located on the edge of Waimairi Stream.

The tree was suffering from an extensive area of decay around the branch union and trunk compartment and given the size of the affected area, the potential to cause serious personal injury or damage to adjacent private property was high. As such, the risk of retaining the tree could no longer be justified.

In an accompanying report it was mentioned that the Parks and Waterways Manager had delegated authority to authorise the removal of such trees without consultation with nearby residents. In this instance however, due to the size and significance of the tree, it was proposed that local residents be informed of the intended work along with an explanation about the condition of the tree and the health and safety issues necessitating its removal.

A large semi-mature replacement such as a sequoia or similar will be planted close to the existing site during the coming planting season.

The Committee accepted the technical advice with considerable regret and requested that the chosen replacement tree be capable of ultimately growing to a similar height and dimension.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

The meeting concluded at 10.11 am.

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Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.