

6. WESTERN BUS SERVICE REVIEW – HORNBY – CITY ROUTE – BUS STOP CHANGES

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This report was considered by the Board's Works and Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 16 March 2001. The recommendations listed below are that of the Committee.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the proposed new bus stop changes to the Hornby-City route as a result of the (Environment Canterbury) Western Bus Service Review. On local roads City Streets Unit are seeking approval for five new bus stops.

City Streets Unit are also seeking the Board's support for one new bus stop and the deletion of four bus stops on a collector road, which will be reported to the Bus Stops and Shelters Sub-committee of the City Services Committee for its consideration.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Western Bus Service Review and after extensive public consultation, Environment Canterbury is introducing bus services to Craven Street and Middlepark Road, commencing in April 2001. Also as part of these changes, Epsom Road south of Middlepark Road will be deleted as a bus route. The service that will operate will be the Hornby - City service.

As part of this review, the Christchurch City Council is tasked with providing bus stops to enable the service to operate in an effective and efficient manner. In order to undertake this, the following bus stop changes are recommended.

BUS STOPS

These bus stops have been located in order to provide good access for the majority of people, while still allowing the bus to travel as freely as possible and to stop a minimum amount of times.

A pair of stops is proposed in Craven Street near Algidus Street. These have been sited to serve the large catchment area in Algidus Street, Gladson Avenue and also Craven Street. The stops are near Our Lady of Victories School, and will enable passengers not to have to cross Main South Road.

A pair of stops is proposed in Middlepark Road outside the rest home and outside the St Thomas sports fields. These will serve the two major attractions in the area as well as the catchment area of Middlepark Road, Sycamore Lane and Takaro Avenue.

A pair of stops is proposed near the Middlepark Road/Epsom Road intersection. This is to provide access to public transport for those in the western end of Middlepark Road, and for the residents who will lose the four stops in Epsom Road south of Middlepark Road due to the route change.

CONSULTATION

In locating new bus stops, a number of locations are investigated by the Assistant Planner and Area Engineer to assess suitability. Property owners adjacent to such locations are consulted.

Agreement for new bus stops has been gained from the property owner for recommendations 1a, 1c, 1d, 2a.

It is preferred to locate stops where agreement has been gained from the property owner. Where this is not possible a decision and recommendation has to be made as to what is the best location for the greater good of the community and all stakeholders; bus users, potential bus users, motorists, residents and the bus operator.

Where agreement has not been obtained from a property owner for a new bus stop they have been invited they have been invited to express their viewpoint to the Board at this meeting (Recommendation 1b, 1e).

Ishwar Ganda declared his interest in this issue and took no part in discussion and voting on the following recommendations.

Recommendation:

1. That the following new bus stops on local roads be approved:
 - (a) That a bus stop be installed on the north eastern side of Craven Street commencing at a point 52 metres from its intersection with Algidus Street and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (30 Craven Street).
 - (b) That a bus stop be installed on the south westerly side of Craven Street commencing at a point 25 metres from its intersection with Algidus Street and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres (21a Craven Street).
 - (c) That a bus stop be installed on the north western side of Middlepark Road commencing at a point 89 metres from its intersection with Takaro Avenue and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 21.5 metres (St Thomas's Sports Grounds).
 - (d) That a bus stop be installed on the south eastern side of Middlepark Road commencing at a point 7 metres from its intersection with Takaro Avenue and extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 13 metres (Middlepark Retirement Village).
 - (e) That a bus stop be installed on the north western side of Middlepark Road commencing at a point 55 metres from its intersection with Epsom Road and extending in a north western direction for a distance of 12 metres (136a Middlepark Road).
2. That the Board support the following bus stop changes, being on a collector road, and that they be referred to the Bus Stops and Shelters Sub-committee of the City Services Committee for its consideration.
 - (a) That a bus stop be installed on the north western side of Epsom Road commencing at a point 23 metres from its intersection with Middlepark Road and extending in a north westerly direction for distance of 12 metres (39 Epsom Road).
 - (b) That the bus stop on the north eastern side of Epsom Road commencing at a point 28 metres from its intersection with Middlepark Road and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres be deleted (28/30/32 Epsom Road).
 - (c) That the bus stop on the north eastern side of Epsom Road commencing at a point 115 metres from its intersection with Greenhurst Street and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres be deleted (10/10a Epsom Road).
 - (d) That the bus stop on the south western side of Epsom Road commencing at a point 98 metres from its intersection with Greenhurst Street and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres be deleted (Avon City Ford- Epsom Road frontage)
 - (e) That the bus stop on the south western side of Epsom Road commencing at a point 10 metres from its intersection with Middlepark Road and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres be deleted (BOC Gases-Epsom Road)

Chairman's**Recommendation:**

That the above recommendations (from the Works and Traffic Committee meeting from 16 March 2001) be endorsed.