

14. BANKS AVENUE/MCBRATNEYS ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board on the progress of proposed Neighbourhood Improvements Works at the intersection of Banks Avenue, McBratneys Road, Dallington Terrace and River Road.

This report will also be considered by the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board for their support. Because McBratneys Road and River Road are both collectors the City Services Committee will also be asked to support the removal of this item from the budget.

In the 2000 City Council Plan, Neighbourhood Improvement Works schedule is listed 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 safety and pedestrian crossability 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 arise from the need for an extension to the Dudley Creek culvert and major road reconstruction that are considered necessary to achieve the safety improvements for all road users at this intersection. As well as this work, the Parks and Waterways Unit propose landscaping and providing a pedestrian facility along the river bank, which is estimated to cost an additional \$30,000.

Due to the increased scope of the work involved and costings that are now beyond budget limitations for Neighbourhood Improvement Works, this project will need to be removed from the 2000/01 NIP work 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. An alternative project has not been identified yet.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board support the removal of Banks Avenue/McBratneys Road from the 2000/01 budget 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 agree with this report then the Strategy and Resources Committees be asked to make the appropriate adjustments.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.