

### 13. REGENTS PARK WALKWAYS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Boards confirmation of an allocation of \$4,000 from 2001/2002 Discretionary funds toward the construction of paths within Regents Park.

The development plan for Regents Park subdivision initially included the provision of paths through the areas of reserve land. Within the central reserve area the developer provided a pathway in exchange for a part dispensation. This system is not available to continue the proposed walkways and at this time there is an urgent need to complete the link through the subdivision while the main development is still in progress. The Parks and Waterways Unit has funded feeder / connecting paths within the reserves but has not been able to budget for the through linkage.

This Regents Park link is part of a pedestrian network / cycle path being formed which would connect from Northcote Road through Redwood West to the Styx Mill Reserve and recreation areas. The alignment of the connection is through Fenchurch Street, Northcote School, Redwood Park, Sturrocks Road, Barnes Reserve and Regents Park reserves. This network will complement the proposed extension of the railway cycleway north to the Styx over-bridge. The path through Barnes Reserve has not been developed yet, but is planned to follow on.

The pedestrian advocate in the City Streets Unit has prioritised this project but has only been able to dedicate \$10,000 from the Pedestrian budget in this financial year. The two sections of paths have been estimated to cost \$11,000 and the balance requested from the Board is required to cover design, consultation and contract supervision.

**Recommendation:** That the Board confirm the allocation of \$4,000 from its 2001/2002 Discretionary funding toward the construction of the linkage pathway through the reserves in Regents Park.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That due to the Board's limited funding, the City Street Unit be requested to investigate sourcing the funds from within the Unit's budget.