11. PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST ACCESS ACROSS MAIN NORTH ROAD AS PART OF THE STYX GREEN CORRIDOR

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The following report has been received from Deputy Chairperson Dennis Hills.

Members will recall that this item, including the "waka bridge", was discussed at our August meeting. We decided to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee that the concept be adopted, and that further investigation of funding sources be undertaken with some urgency. The recommendation in fact went to City Streets Committee who visited the site; the majority supported our recommendation. Unfortunately, this item went to Council late in the previous term, and was declined, probably more due to the timing rather than the merits of the proposal. Transit New Zealand has recently issued plans for the new bridge and the "four-laning" of this section of the Main North Road in the next year. The writer believes it is important that the investigation of funding sources (such as Creative New Zealand) be carried out well before Transit's work is completed in case another option (under the highway) becomes necessary.

Recommendation: That this Board recommend to Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee

that the investigation of likely sources of non-Council funding for the proposed

"waka bridge" proceed without delay.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.