

15. NORTH-EAST BUS SERVICE REVIEW – NEW BUS STOPS IN MARINE PARADE

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the proposed bus stops in Marine Parade as a result of recent bus route changes and requests from the public. It is also seeking the Board's support, which will be reported to the City Services Committee for its consideration.

BACKGROUND

As part of the North-East Bus Service Review of November 2001, bus services were removed from Lonsdale Street and the frequency of other services altered. It is apparent from the number of requests from the public that the current provision of stops for the New Brighton area is not sufficient. In order to address this the following proposed stops are recommended.

BUS STOPS

Two pairs of bus stops are proposed in order to provide good access for the surrounding catchment area, and for those wanting to access the shops, beach, facilities and services in New Brighton.

One pair of stops is to be located outside and opposite the New Brighton Working Men's Club. The other pair is to be located on Marine Parade at its intersection with Lonsdale Street.

One stop from the Marine Parade/Lonsdale Street pair is not being presented in this report as further planning and consultation is required. The outcome of this will be presented to the Board at a later date.

A map of the proposed bus stops will be available at the meeting.

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. In the case of this report the New Brighton Working Men's Club is the only property owner to be consulted, as the other two stops are adjacent to the beach.

Mixed opinions have been received by the New Brighton Working Men's Club over this proposal, with both support and opposition being voiced. It appears the major issue for some at the Club is loss of on-street parking for the TAB. As part of the Resource Consent for the TAB, 'A total of five car parking spaces will be set aside on the Club's site for the use of TAB staff and patrons...'

To address this issue the proposed bus stop outside the Club has been repositioned to the northern end of the property, thus retaining on-street car parks close to the TAB.

Recommendation: That the following new bus stops on a collector road be supported by the Board and reported to the City Services Committee:

1. That a bus stop be installed on the eastern side of Marine Parade commencing at a point 3 metres from its intersection with Lonsdale Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 17.5 metres. (Beach front.)
2. That a bus stop be installed on the eastern side of Marine Parade commencing at a point 40 metres from its intersection with Hawke Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 17.5 metres. (Beach front opposite New Brighton Working Men's Club.)
3. That a bus stop be installed on the western side of Marine Parade commencing at a point 91 metres from its intersection with Hawke Street and extending in a direction for a distance of 17.5 metres. (New Brighton Working Men's Club.)

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be approved.