

7. WESTERN BUS SERVICE REVIEW – NEW BUS STOPS IN MATIPO STREET

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the proposed new bus stops in Matipo Street as a result of Western Bus Service Review, and to seek the Board's support, which will be reported to the City Services Committee for its consideration.

BACKGROUND

As a result of the Western Bus Service Review and after extensive public consultation, Environment Canterbury is introducing bus services to Matipo Street, commencing in April 2001. The service that will be operating will be the Templeton/Hornby- New Brighton/Southshore, via the City. It will operate as a through-route with a 15 minute frequency.

The Matipo Street area is a large catchment area of current and potential bus passengers, as well as having attractions such as Wharenui Pool, Wharenui School, and back entrances to Riccarton Mall.

A 31 name petition from residents in the Matipo Street area was received by Environment Canterbury expressing their support for public transport services along Matipo Street, while 12 people were opposed to the removal of the Templeton service from Clarence Street. Those in Clarence Street will still be served by the Orbiter, and also by the trial City - Waterloo worker service that will provide peak time access to and from the City, to begin in April 2001.

As part of this review the Christchurch City Council is tasked with providing bus stops to enable these services to operate in an effective and efficient manner.

BUS STOPS

Two pairs of bus stops have been located in order to provide good access for the majority of people and also to provide easy access to Wharenui Pool, Wharenui Primary School and the back entrances to Riccarton Mall. Other major factors considered were allowing the bus to travel as freely as possible, stopping a minimum amount of times, and traffic safety.

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.

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.

Agreement has been gained from all property owners except for 80 Matipo Street and 82 Matipo Street (Recommendation a), who have been invited to express their viewpoint to the Board at this meeting.

WORKS AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

This report was considered by the Board's Works and Traffic Committee meeting on Friday 16 February 2001. Members were supportive of the recommendations but noted that one of the affected property owners had sought speaking rights to address today's meeting of the Community Board.

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

- Recommendations:**
1. That the following recommendations be considered by the Community Board in conjunction with the speaking rights request granted to the owner of number 82 Matipo Street.
 2. That the following new bus stops on a collector road be supported by the Board and reported to the City Services Committee.

- a) That a bus stop be installed on the east side of Matipo Street commencing at a point 17 metres from its intersection with Peverel Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 15 metres (80/82 Matipo Street).
- b) That a bus stop be installed on the east side of Matipo Street commencing at a point 18 metres from its intersection with Elizabeth Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 15 metres (Wharenui Pool).
- c) That a bus stop be installed on the west side of Matipo Street commencing at a point 28 metres from its intersection with Rex Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 12.5 metres (37a Matipo Street).
- d) That a bus stop be installed on the west side of Matipo Street commencing at a point 15 metres from its intersection with Maxwell Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 13 metres (85 Matipo Street).

Chairman's

Recommendation:

That the above recommendations be considered.