

### 13. WOOLSTON/BURWOOD EXPRESSWAY

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The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the progress of the Woolston/Burwood Expressway.

#### STAGE 1

The section of Stage 1 from New Brighton Road to Wainoni Road has been hindered by construction problems over the past year, noticeably the discovery of totara logs beneath the river. This has caused delays and the finish date has slipped significantly. Discussions with the contractors last week have indicated a late August finish. The opening has been pencilled in for Friday 7 September. Progress will be monitored closely to ensure that this date is realistic. The arrangements for the opening ceremony are currently underway and all City Services Committee members will be invited to attend.

The decision on who will officially open the road will depend on the confirmation of this date and availability of the chosen speaker.

#### STAGE 2

The process of stopping Birch Street, Brook Street and Bexley has begun. Public notification is due to occur in July and care will be taken to ensure all forms of advertising are utilised, ie local papers, expressway newsletter, Residents Association contact. A separate notification will go to every property owner in the Bexley area.

Property purchase is due to continue in July once 2001/02 funding become available.

Design for the final stage has commenced and the contract for this work is to be let in September, with construction to commence in February 2002. Stage 2 is expected to be open to traffic in December 2002.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairman's Recommendation:** That the information be received and the Committee decide who they wish to invite to open the bridge.