

22. PERIPHERAL TERMINALS – LATIMER SQUARE AND ROLLESTON AVENUE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on progress on the resolutions passed at the 27 September 2001 Council meeting.

BACKGROUND

At the September meeting the Council resolved:-

- "1. That a decision on the location of a new peripheral terminus to move some of the buses from Rolleston Avenue be deferred until the November or December 2001 Council meeting.*
- 2. That information be obtained on other alternatives eg the provision of a peripheral terminus in Ferry Road outside the Redbus Company depot.*
- 3. That the views of Environment Canterbury on a peripheral terminus in Ferry Road also be sought.*
- 4. That a report be provided to the November meeting of the City Services Committee on through-routing of buses and an invitation be extended to Environment Canterbury staff and Councillors to attend.*
- 5. That a community-based process be undertaken to discuss this issue involving the Bus Stops and Shelters Subcommittee, Hagley Ward Councillors, Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Chairman, local residents' groups and interested parties and businesses in the Latimer Square/Rolleston Avenue area, Environment Canterbury Councillors and bus companies."*

PROGRESS REPORT

A project control group has been set up to manage the work required of this resolution. It is led by the City Streets Manager and includes representatives from Environment Canterbury.

It was quickly recognised that to undertake the community based consultation in an appropriate way as per Item 5, would preclude reporting back to Council for the November/December round of meetings. It is now proposed to report back in February 2002.

A questionnaire has been circulated to everyone who has made representations to the Council on either site. Some 500 questionnaires were sent out and there have been about 50 responses. The information is presently being collated.

City Streets and Environment Canterbury staff have continued to assess alternative sites for an additional peripheral terminal. Some 15 sites have been reviewed and a shortlist of three remain. These are:

- Gloucester Street – (Manchester – Madras) north side outside Manchester Street car park and the old MED/Orion site.
- Kilmore Street – (Durham – Cramner Square) south outside Environment Canterbury.
- Tuam Street – (Barbadoes – Madras) south outside Rattrays

It is proposed that consultation and more detailed evaluation on these sites will proceed in parallel with the consultation for the Latimer Square and Rolleston Avenue sites.

A seminar on through-routing has been arranged with Environment Canterbury and will be held in February 2002.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

At the last Council meeting of the previous Council term, it was clear that there was a desire to investigate alternatives to the Latimer Square option as a result of opposition to it. City Streets staff have done an excellent job in identifying alternatives. Of these, the location in Gloucester Street outside the Manchester Street Parking Building, stands out as having the most favourable attributes:

- Location in Gloucester Street (identified by Ecan and staff as the route to best serve public transport demand)
- Outside a Council facility

- No traffic circulation disadvantages
- Not too far from the bus exchange
- Enough room to take about half the buses currently using the over-loaded Rolleston Avenue terminal

There will need to be consultation with the businesses on the opposite side of the road, as well as with the interested parties identified in the Council resolution, but this can probably be completed (some consultation having already been done) by staff on a one-to-one basis within the next few days. In addition, any consultees who so wish can talk direct to the Subcommittee on 10 December. By identifying a preferred option, the consultation can be more focused and much time saved. It would be unfortunate if, because of the Christmas break, a decision has to be delayed further until late in February, because the situation in Rolleston Avenue, where there are clearly too many buses, demands expeditious decision-making, while still achieving the desired level of consultation. The Council resolution requires a report to the November or December Council meeting.

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Recommendation:

1. That the location outside the Gloucester Street frontage of the Manchester Street Parking Building be proposed as the preferred option for consultation purposes.
2. That the community-based consultation required by the Council be urgently completed by staff on a one-to-one basis with consultees, with reference to all options identified above, but with special emphasis on the preferred option.
3. That the results of the consultation be reported to the Central City Streets Subcommittee, to which any consultees who so desire be invited to attend as a deputation, at a meeting to be held on Monday 10 December 2001 at 9.00am.
4. That, if possible, the Subcommittee report direct to the Council at its 12 December meeting on a recommended location; and that if this is not possible, the Subcommittee continue its work until a location can be recommended via the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee in the February round of meetings.