

8. WOOLSTON/BURWOOD EXPRESSWAY

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

STAGE 1

The construction of Stage 1b is nearing an end. The opening date has been set for Wednesday 19 September at 10 am. Invitations will have reached Board members by the time of this meeting.

Councillor David Close will officially open this Stage. The cultural group from Wainoni School will be performing prior to the speeches and ribbon cutting ceremony. Councillors and Board members will have the opportunity to be some of the first to drive the route, with a morning tea to follow.

STAGE 2

The design is almost finished for this stage and the contract will be let later in the year. There are still several properties to be purchased.

There have been objections submitted to the road stopping of Birch Street, Brook Street and Bexley Road. The majority of the objections are concerned about the potential increase in the traffic in Morganwood Street and Wetlands Grove.

The construction is to be commenced in the new year with the opening before the end of 2002. It is hoped that immediate action can be taken to address the concerns of the road stopping objectors. This may allow the withdrawal of objections hence avoiding a hearing that would only lengthen the project timetable.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.