

12. CYCLE CAPITAL PROJECTS - 2001/02

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The purpose of this report is to advise the committee on the status of the cycleways capital projects for this financial year.

2001/02 CYCLE CAPITAL PROJECTS - NORMAL PROGRESSION

The following cycle capital projects are progressing through the appropriate planning, design, consultation and approval steps, and are unlikely to be adversely affected by the break in the Committee meeting programme caused by the local body elections.

- Four school "bubble projects" - Burnside High; Christchurch Girls/Boys High; Cashmere High; Heaton Intermediate/St Andrews College. These projects survey school children for cycle "difficulty areas" and then recommend technical and/or information treatments to reduce the problems. Burnside area is nearing final recommended design. Other schools in different stages of design options, or survey analysis. All projects will be reported to appropriate Community Boards and this Committee when recommended designs available.
- Avondale Bridge Clip-on: see report this month.
- North Hagley Park pathway: due for completion in October.

2001/02 CYCLE CAPITAL PROJECTS - RECOMMENDED PROCESS CHANGE TO AVOID DELAY

Three other major capital projects area also under action this financial year.

- Bealey Avenue: cycle facilities intended for the whole length of Bealey Avenue;
- Annex Road: cycle facilities planned from rail line crossing to underpass;

The process for each of these three projects is:

- To write to all properties on each road/street, and indicate through the Press Cycling Page, that cycle conditions on the road are under scrutiny, and comment is invited on cycle issues, as well as other traffic and pedestrian matters. The aim being to develop a comprehensive picture of traffic and parking management issues, before concepts are developed.
- Consultation responses are considered, and a range of options for cycle and traffic management facilities developed.
- The treatment options are considered for beneficial and adverse impacts, and the best one or several of them will be advised to the public for discussion.
- The recommended option will be chosen from this process.

It would be normal practice to advise the City Services Committee of the recommended option before the final consultation phase. If this practice is followed, however, the delay to the formal Committee meeting process caused by the local body elections would delay these projects beyond the end of the financial year. In order to avoid this condition, it is recommended that the Committee allow the process to proceed as indicated above with the exception of Colombo Street. In the case of Colombo Street, the City Streets Unit will need to engage the business community first. Final Committee approval for the projects will be sought after the recommended treatment option has been out to public consultation.

2001/02 CYCLE CAPITAL PROJECTS - DELAY LIKELY

The remaining cycle capital projects - Riccarton Road and Colombo Street (Moorhouse to Brougham) - present some complications. Riccarton Road is a high priority route for cycle improvements. However, the road is subject to intense, competing demands for use of the road space, hence the planning, consultation and design work is likely to be extensive and drawn out. Given this, it is unlikely the Riccarton Road project will include capital expenditure this year.

It is intended that the capital funding from Riccarton Road cycle project be re-allocated to other cycle infrastructure projects (including Kilmarnock Street; and Ferrymead Bridge), while the planning and consultation proceed at an appropriate pace, with Councillor participation, when the new Council resumes. Riccarton Road funding will be re-programmed.

Colombo Street cycle facilities project is actually taking a look at the range of traffic management issues between Brougham and Moorhouse. There has been initial consultation with businesses, and this will continue. Progress on this project will depend on the outcomes of this consultation, the Sydenham Town concept and the processes looking at the "street racing" problem.

Recommendation: That the committee approve the planning, design and consultation process for Bealey Avenue and Annex Road - allowing consultation to proceed to recommended design without prior Committee approval.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.