

17. WESTON ROAD – PLANTER ISLANDS

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The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Board concerning the funding for installing planter islands in Weston Road.

At the special meeting of the joint Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards, Shirley/Papanui Board members advised that they could consider funding some of the project, but most would need to be considered during allocation of the 2002/2003 Project Funds.

It was decided "That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board would investigate the funding of one planter island to be installed between Bretts Road and Rutland Street by the September 2001 Board meeting, and to investigate funding for the kerb build-out on Rutland Street during 2002/03 project funding allocation, subject to a safety audit being carried out on the proposed works".

City Streets Units funding for Neighbourhood Improvements and other budgets are severely stretched this financial year, due to increases in costs of oil based products and contractors being heavily involved with subdivisions and installing communication infrastructure. Investigation has not identified any suitable substitute for this work.

The Board has allocated \$10,000 of its Project Funds to provide a Bus Shelter at Kainga/Riverlea Estate. It is now possible that a suitable shelter for this site could be relocated when an Adshel is installed elsewhere in the City.

The estimated cost for installing one of these islands has not altered from the \$7,000 previously provided. At this point a safety audit has not been obtained.

Recommendation: That the Board consider funding the planter from either substitute Bus Shelter funding or Discretionary Funding.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That this item lie on the table until a safety audit is performed, and that it is discussed further at the inaugural meeting of the new Board in November.