

10. WORKS TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 4 DECEMBER 2001

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The purpose of this report is submit the report and recommendations of the Committee's meeting held on 4 December 2001 as follows.

Report of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 4 December 2001 at 8.00am in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton

PRESENT: Mark Kunnen (Chairman), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku, Barbara Stewart and Mike Wall

APOLOGIES: Nil

1. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Val Carter was elected Deputy Chairman of the Committee for the current Board term.

2. DRAFT REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY – BOARD RESPONSE

The Board at its meeting on 20 November, granted the Committee authority to prepare a submission on the Draft Strategy.

The Committee was assisted in its considerations by Richard Ball (Environment Canterbury) and Stuart Woods (CCC) with Councillor Judy Waters, Chair of the Regional Land Transport Committee also in attendance.

Copies of the strategy document and the interim submission to be presented to the Council's Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee were made available to assist members.

The officers elaborated on the proposed future vision along with the core elements of the strategy with its emphasis on alternatives to the use of motor vehicles, improving the road network, demand management, land use planning and the movement of freight as a major part of economic activity in Canterbury. Policies and methods designed to achieve targets through to 2011 were highlighted in the presentations.

From a community perspective goals 3, 4 and 6 of the strategy were particularly relevant. These related to a transport system that promotes a social environment that is safe and supportive (goal 3), a transport system that is consistent with a healthy, pleasant and pollution free environment (goal 4), and a transport system that values and encourages community participation (goal 6).

In the ensuing discussion, mention was made of the previous Board's view which was to oppose road markings for cyclists on arterial roads and that a preferred vision should be to provide cycle ways along quieter suburban streets, through parks and along waterways.

Providing for a better combination of cycling, walking and public transport facilities in the strategy was endorsed. The more effective use of vehicles as outlined in the vision and the goals was also supported.

The provision of more secure facilities for cycles at the major shopping malls was also favoured. Requiring higher safety and emission standards for imported vehicles was supported as was the technique of businesses implementing greater flexible working hours which would assist in easing traffic congestion.

Reviewing inner city parking arrangements and paying more attention to land use planning were mentioned as other aspects requiring closer attention. The matter of economic development for both the city and the region and the key part played by the freight industry in achieving this was a significant factor requiring more credence in any debates.

From a local perspective, the section of the ring road through the Board's area along with other options, still needed to be addressed.

The Committee **resolved** that the above comments and perspectives be developed by the officers into a submission to Environment Canterbury.

A copy of the submission subsequently prepared is **attached** for record purposes.

3. WESTON ROAD – PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING

The Board on 20 November decided to await the outcome of the NROSS consultation currently underway and requested that in the interim, the Committee review the traffic calming measures proposed for Weston Road.

Circulated with the agenda was the report submitted to the Board which detailed the total funding requirements including the additional works suggested through the safety audit.

Members asked about the programme for kerb and channel renewal in the street and it was indicated that it was currently scheduled outside the Council's five year capital works programme. It was felt that this aspect combined with NROSS, needed to be taken into account when looking at the level of expenditure required to achieve any traffic calming measures in the street.

Given the information now available, the view was expressed that this should be treated as a low priority but that further efforts should be made to expedite the kerb and channel renewal which when combined with traffic calming could be achieved at a more cost effective level.

Members did acknowledge that there were expectations amongst the residents for something to be done albeit that members were now expressing reservations about the costs involved to put calming measures in place ahead of the kerb and channel replacement.

In the meantime therefore, it was **agreed** that the intended update meeting with resident representatives involving the respective Board Chairs should be proceeded with in the near future and that steps be taken to seek to bring forward the kerb and channel renewal for Weston Road.

4. 2002 COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Consideration was given to a suggested schedule of committee meeting dates for 2002 with it being noted that the agreed on dates were not automatic meeting times but rather those times that could be used when the level of business required it.

The Committee **decided** to adopt the following schedule of meeting dates for 2002.

Tuesday 12 February	8.00am
Tuesday 19 March	8.00am
Thursday 18 April	8.00am
Tuesday 21 May	8.00am
Thursday 20 June	8.00am
Tuesday 16 July	8.00am
Tuesday 20 August	8.00am
Tuesday 19 September	8.00am
Tuesday 17 October	8.00am
Friday 8 November	8.00am
Tuesday 10 December	8.00am

5. GENERAL ISSUES

The Committee **agreed** that the following list of matters be addressed progressively by the Committee over the next three year term. Other more routine business would continue to be reported to the Committee for its consideration, as required.

- Merivale Local Area Traffic Management Scheme – Review
- Ring Road – Western Leg i.e Greers/Grahams/Waimairi
- Northern Roding Options Telstra Saturn “Roll-out”
- Four Laning – S.H.1 and S.H.73

- Bishopdale Shopping Centre
- Jellie Park Aqualand
- Local Schools – a goal to provide temporary 40kmh speed signs for all schools in the Board's area located on major roads.
- University of Canterbury carparking – continue to monitor and liaise with the University and Riccarton/Wigram Community Board as required.
- Fendalton Road –maintain a watchdog role
- Memorial Avenue – landscape enhancement
- Landscaping/Amenity Planting – continuation of programmes
- Avon River and Styx River – augmentation
- Facilities on Parks
- Living Streets
- Cycleways – continue to work on

The meeting concluded at 9.55am.

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Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.