8. SHORTLAND STREET: BUS STOP

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to relocate the bus stop in Shortland Street by the entrance to the Aranui High School.

BACKGROUND

A meeting was held at the Aranui High School on 13 May 2002 between the Principal and Deputy Principal of the Aranui High School, Councillor Chrissie Williams and Council staff to discuss road safety concerns in Shortland Street. Concerns were raised at the flow of traffic in Shortland Street (especially when students were leaving the school), for the location of the bus stop at the school entranceway and for the school warning signs. The school warning signs are to be upgraded to fluoro yellow/green signs and relocated to positions that will be more appropriate to warn motorists that a school and students can be expected ahead. This report deals with the bus stop issue.

The existing bus stop at the entrance to the Aranui High School in Shortland Street is also used on a daily basis by two school buses to transfer students. When buses are parked at this stop the vision of approaching vehicles from the south is restricted of students attempting to cross the road.

CONCLUSION

To improve pedestrian safety at the school entranceway it is practical to move the existing bus stop in a southerly direction for 15 metres. The Aranui High School Principal and the management of the adjoining property, Bates Joinery Limited, are agreeable to the relocation of the bus stop.

This report meets the Community Board's Strategic Objective E2 for 2002/03.

Staff Recommendation:	That the Board approve the following bus stop change:	
	1.	That the existing 'Bus Stop 8am-4pm Monday to Friday' on the north-east side of Shortland Street commencing at a point 101 metres north west of McHaffies Place and extending in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 30 metres, be revoked.
	2.	That a 'Bus stop 8am-4pm Monday to Friday' be installed on the north-east side of Shortland Street commencing at a point 88 metres north-west of McHaffies Place and extending in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 28 metres.
Chairperson's Recommendation:	That	the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.