

8. RICCARTON/WIGRAM TRANSPORT AND ROADING COMMITTEE REPORT OF 12 JULY 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Traffic and Roothing Committee meeting held on Friday 12 July 2002.

The meeting was attended by Bob Shearing (Chairperson), Ken Cummings, Peter Laloli, and Mike Mora.

1. CITYWIDE PARKING STRATEGY

The Committee was in receipt of a report detailing the developing of a Citywide Parking Strategy for Christchurch City.

Background

The need for a Citywide Parking Strategy was recognised and promised as part of the City Council's Metropolitan Transport Strategy and City Plan process. The desired outcome is to produce a citywide framework and direction for parking issues in the city. This means that the focus will not be just on the City Centre but will deal with the whole city context, the effects of regulatory and non-regulatory methods, on street and off street, short term and long term parking. The strategy will be used to contribute to the wider transportation planning objectives of the city, guide Community Board decision making and resolve an outstanding Environment Court reference by Environment Canterbury.

Christchurch City Council has already produced Strategies for public transport, road safety, cycling and pedestrians. Work began on the Citywide Parking Strategy with a consultation document entitled "The Ultimate Solution to City Parking? *Hagley carPARK*" which received 219 submissions and highlighted a number of issues in respect to parking (May 2000)

This strategy will provide an opportunity to look beyond the Central City and consider the parking issues citywide. It provides an opportunity to bring together policies and focus on the future of parking for Christchurch. The Strategy will be a non statutory document but an outcome of its develop may result in changes to the City Plan.

Next Steps

The second stage of consultation has been in the form of 7 focus groups with a mixture of representatives from business, recreation, educational, transportation and staff from Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council. Each group has been involved in 3 meetings. The first meeting (Dec-Feb 02) identified issues relating to parking for that group, the second meeting (Mar-Apr 02) discussed options available for resolving issues and the third meeting (May 02) presented draft policies and methods for a strategy. These meetings have guided the initial development of the draft strategy.

Committee Deliberations

The Committee noted that the draft strategy was now being developed into a consultation document.

The process now is for a Community Board seminar to be scheduled for discussion on the draft strategy prior to it being circulated for public consultation (within the next two months).

The Committee **received** the information.

2. WATERLOO ROAD PARKING RESTRICTION

The City Streets Manager sought approval from the Board to install a short term parking restriction on Waterloo Road outside "Bits and Bites Takeaways" and the car sales yard on the corner of Carmen Road

The availability of short-term kerbside parking is important to the viability of these types of retail use, particularly the takeaway food business. In this instance such parking is seldom available due to the presence of long term parking associated with students from Hornby High School. Discussions with the school reveal an increase in car usage by students over the last ten years. Students are not permitted to park within the school grounds, therefore parking on the road is their only option if they choose to come by car. The operators of Bits and Bites and the car yard have requested a short section of parking limited to a maximum of 10 minutes. No other businesses are directly affected by this proposal. The request is supported on traffic management grounds as double parking of large trucks and other vehicles can occur. Also the primary purpose of parking restrictions is to create turnover of parking which as mentioned is a critical ingredient in the takeaway food business. The length of restriction would accommodate 6 cars or 2 moderately sized trucks.

The Committee supports the request; their recommendation is listed in clause 11 of this report.

3. BUCHANANS ROAD/HEI HEI ROAD PEDESTRIAN ISLAND

The City Streets Manager sought approval from the Board for the construction of a pedestrian island on Buchanans Road adjacent to the Hei Hei Road intersection. This is intended to improve the safety of the intersection for pedestrians, particularly for school aged users, with the provision of a pedestrian island and an associated flush median and kerb build out.

Background

Following survey work with local schools, there are strong concerns from Hornby Primary School about the dangers faced by children crossing Buchanans Road at the Hei Hei Road intersection. This crossing is part of a key route to school for children at both Hornby Primary and Hornby High School who live north of Buchanans Road. The primary school has a roll of 130 children and lies 800m south along Hei Hei Road from the intersection. Crossing Buchanans Road has been cited by parents as a barrier to walking to school. Cycle survey work with Hornby High School (with a roll of 520 students) also points to this crossing point as being a safety concern for students.

Hei Hei Road is a 14m local road. Buchanans Road is a minor arterial, with a seven-day average ADT of over 3,100 vehicles in this locality recorded in 2002. Both roads have a speed limit of 50km/h, although the community notes higher speeds on Buchanans Road. A recent after school count showed 40 pedestrian and cycle crossing movements across Buchanans Road at Hei Hei Road.

Proposed Work

To improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, the option of installing an 12 metre pedestrian island on Buchanans Road immediately east of Hei Hei Road was developed. A flush median would be placed with the island to encourage slower vehicle speeds through this point.

The proposed work also allows for a kerb out on the south-east corner of the Buchanans Road-Hei Hei Road intersection. Some minor footpath and driveway realignment on the north side of Buchanans Road will also be necessary to accommodate a nearby alleyway and residential property.

The proposed work will require the banning of some roadside parking alongside the pedestrian island. Consultation with residents from adjacent properties to the intersection has yet to happen, with the publicity plan yet to go out to the public.

Funding is available for the safety works, with the Community Board not being requested for funds.

The Committee supports the request, subject to the community consultation being reported back to this Committee; and (if the consultation is favourable) that full recommendations be given to the placement of the yellow lines to be put into place to prohibit kerb parking.

The Committee recommendations are listed in clause 11 of this report.

4. LOCAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME PLAN PROPOSALS

The Area Engineer (Paul Burden) tabled various scheme plans for acceptance by the Committee:

- Witham Street/Blankney Street intersection
- Wycola Avenue
- Jones Road rural threshold
- Amyes Road/Trevor Street intersection
- Cashmere Road/Penruddock Rise intersection
- Roberts Road rural threshold works; the Committee sought signage to have the use of trucks airbrakes discouraged, and “welcome...” added to the Hei Hei sign.

A plan for Foremans Road intersection improvements was received, and held over pending the outcome of discussions, with residents, on the Waterloo/Halswell Junction Roads intersection.

The Committee endorsed the plan proposals for the six listed works, for community consultation.

5. MOFFETT STREET/PARKER STREET/WATERLOO ROAD/GILBERTHORPES ROAD INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORK

The Committee was advised that the report had been received, and will be referred to this Committee by City Streets Unit and/or the consultants.

6. WATERLOO ROAD/HALSWELL JUNCTION ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE

The Committee was advised that a new proposal, giving right of way to Halswell Junction Road, onto Waterloo Road (which would be controlled by east and west give ways) would be discussed with local residents.

7. WAITAHA LEARNING CENTRE, KIRK ROAD, SAFETY WORKS

Following the on-site inspection, an estimate of \$4,500 - \$5,000 had been provided to construct a left-turn-in slip lane, and to relocate a power pole had been received.

The Ministry of Education advised that they were not able to provide any funds for this work.

The Committee agreed to recommend that it fund the work; their recommendation is listed in clause 11 of this report.

8. BELLA ROSE DRIVE/CATALUNA PLACE ON-STREET PARKING

A recent on-site inspection had shown a degree of on-site all day parking by employees of a large commercial operation, sited on Carmen Road.

Although on-site parking was (adequately) provided, there was still a regular “overflow” onto Bella Rosa Drive and Cataluna Place.

Bob Shearing has canvassed the local residents.

Reponses from 39 of the 45 households in Bella Rose Drive (from No 1 to numbers 19 and 36, being at the intersection with Jerez Place) and Cataluna Place resulted in support for some form of limited time parking.

The Committee endorsed a proposal for on-street limited time parking, their recommendation is listed in clause 11 of this report.

9. BOARD PROJECT FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THIS COMMITTEE, 2002/03

From the initial \$15,000, the Board has allocated \$9,000 to the Milns Road footpath, and there is a recommendation to allocate \$5,000 (maximum) to the Waitaha Learning Centre entrance safety works. If approved, by the Board, the Committee will have \$1,000 available, only.

10. ONGOING ISSUES, PROGRESS REPORT

The following is a schedule of issues given consideration by this Committee over recent months, and their current status.

Issue	Action	Comment
Hornby Hei Hei Heavy Commercial Vehicle Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halswell Junction/ Waterloo, intersection improvement options. Heavy vehicle signage in designated streets. 	Traffic signal option has been discarded and City Streets will be talking to local residents. Now in place.
Environment Canterbury Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy	Submission sent in to Environment Canterbury.	Ongoing
Environment Canterbury Passenger Branding Community Board Reference Group	Ongoing	Ongoing
Transit NZ: Southern (Arterial) Motorway Submission	Submission sent in to Transit NZ.	Ongoing
Transit NZ: SH 1 & 74 Four Laning: Carmen, Masham, Russley, Johns Roads.	Submission sent in to Transit: Joint Board/Transit meeting held on 4 February 2002.	Ongoing
Christchurch-Lincoln Little River Cycleway	Ongoing. Mike Mora is our representative on this committee.	Ongoing
Gilberthorpes/Parker/Waterloo Intersection	Safety issues have been identified with this problem intersection.	Report to next meeting.
Halswell Junction/ Sparks/ Kennedys Bush/ Halswell Road intersection	Question of funds for construction phase.	Transit advise funds for final planning have been secured but construction funding yet to be confirmed.
Nortons Road (Avonhead School) pedestrian blip	Concerns about children crossing the road at this point.	Area Engineer is working with the school on a number of options.
Hinau Street upgrading	Public meetings held concerning the 9 m or 10 m width options.	Further meeting for 23 July 2002 with local residents.
Christchurch-Rolleston Study	Extensive public consultation at present underway.	This Committee will be kept informed of process timetable.

11. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Waterloo Road Parking Restriction:**
That the parking of vehicles be limited to a maximum of ten minutes on the southern side of Waterloo Road, commencing at a point 20 m west of the Carmen Road intersection and extending 40 m in a westerly direction.
- Buchanans Road/Hei Hei Road Pedestrian Island:**
That the Board support the installation of a pedestrian island on Buchanans Road immediately east of the intersection with Hei Hei Road.
That the Board support the stopping of vehicles being prohibited (at any time) on both sides of Buchanans Road adjacent to the pedestrian island.
- Waitaha Learning Centre, Kirk Road, Safety Works:**
That the Board fund the (identified) upgrading work to the entrance of the Centre, to a maximum of \$5,000, to be funded from the Board's 2002/03 Transport and Roading Committee's project fund allocation.
- Bella Rosa Drive/Cataluna Place On-Street Parking Restriction:**
That the Board approve the installation of time limited parking (both sides) in Bella Rose Drive, from its intersection with Carmen Road to the Jerez Place corner and the boundary of Numbers 17 and 19 Bella Rose Place. (Actual distances, in metres, to be advised.)
That the time limited parking be Monday to Friday, two hours maximum between the hours of 8.00 am to 5.00 pm.

12. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS COMMENT

In respect to clause 6, 'Waterloo Road/Halswell Junction Road Intersection Upgrade', and the 'Foremans Road Intersection Proposal' (as noted in clause 4), I wish to provide an update for the Board.

An onsite meeting was held on Monday 15 July 2002, attended by the residents of three properties on Waterloo Road.

All the five residents in attendance were happy with the new layout.

Accordingly, I would now recommend that the Board endorse the scheme plan for Waterloo Road/Halswell Junction Road, for community consultation.

Also, that the Foremans Road scheme plan, be endorsed for community consultation.

13. REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE, 2002

16 August
13 September
18 October
8 November

Chairpersons

- Recommendations:**
1. That the report be received.
 2. That the Committee's recommendations be adopted.
 3. That the Waterloo Road/Halswell Junction Road scheme plan be endorsed for community consultation.
 4. That the Foremans Road scheme plan be endorsed for community consultation.
 5. In receiving the recommendation from the Transport and Roading Committee, the Board discuss the report from the City Streets Manager on the Bella Rosa Drive/Cataluna Place On-street Parking Restrictions (clause 9 of this agenda).