

9. CITYWIDE PARKING STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the start of the public consultation period for the Citywide Parking Strategy and about the next stages in the process.

1. The Parking Strategy (Synopsis of Contents)

The Parking Strategy has now been released for public consultation. This follows a process of input from focus groups, officers from the City and Regional Councils, the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee as well as an open seminar to Community Board members.

The Strategy has a vision, objectives, policies, methods, monitoring and implementation sections. Within the policies and methods there are seven sections (General; Arterial; Business, including General Business, Commercial/Retail, Central City and Industrial; Residential; Recreation/Leisure; Education and Rural). Each section has specific policies that relate to the Land Use with the General Section covering all land uses.

Of specific interest to Community Boards may be the introduction of kerb space priority tables which outline the priority to be assigned to particular users when conflict over kerb space allocation arises. Each section (apart from the General Section) has a specific table.

2. Consultation Information

Submissions can be made by completing an online submission form, by completing the submission form on pages 35-36 of the Consultation Draft Parking Strategy (A4 version) or emailing ParkingStrategy@ccc.govt.nz.

The submission period formally runs between 1 October 2002 and Friday 8 November 2002 (a total of six weeks).

Consultation began in October with a summary of the full strategy in the form of a centre insert (four A3 pages) in the Christchurch City Council's "City Scene" publication. This has been delivered to 132,000 households.

At the same time the full 36 page (A4 size) Strategy has been delivered to key stakeholders. The external stakeholders primarily include all participants in the focus groups that assisted in the Strategy development, business associations, residents groups, educational institutions, sporting and recreation groups, transportation businesses, government organisations, professional organisations and other interest groups. Internal stakeholders include elected members and Council Units who are directly involved with parking and community issues.

Advertisements are also being placed in the Star and Press, and posters are being displayed at various locations.

Finally, a website www.ccc.govt.nz/ParkingStrategy has been set up that has the full Strategy and associated documents and information to assist in understanding the Strategy and making a submission.

3. Strategy Process

During the consultation period staff will be available to discuss matters addressed in the Strategy. If Community Boards would like to further discuss the contents in order to assist with the preparation of submissions then they can contact Heather Wallis (DDI 941-8292) to arrange a specific meeting or arrange for staff to be present at the November Board meeting.

After the close of submissions (8 November 2002), staff will begin to analyse submissions and consider possible amendments. This process will continue from November through to February 2003, as there are no meetings during December and January to report to. In February 2003 a report summarising the submissions received, along with possible responses will be presented to the Community Boards and the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee. Following feedback from these meetings, final amendments will be made to the Strategy ready for formal adoption in March 2003.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's**Recommendations:**

1. That the information be received.
2. That a Working Party be convened to prepare a submission to the Consultation Draft Strategy.
3. That submissions be sought from the New Brighton Taskforce, New Brighton Residents' Association and the Golf Links Residents' Group in respect to commercial areas in New Brighton and The Palms.