

## 6. WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### 6.1 REPORT OF 15 OCTOBER 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 15 October meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee  
held on Tuesday 15 October 2002 at 7.45 am  
in the Board Room, CCC Fendalton**

**PRESENT:** Val Carter (Chairman), Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart and Mike Wall.

Yiyi Ku and Cheryl Colley departed at 9.20 am and 9.55 am respectively.  
Mark Kunnen was temporarily absent and was not present for Clause 6.

#### 6.1.1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Sally Buck and Pat Harrow.

#### 6.1.2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Arising from Mark Kunnen's recent resignation as Chairman of the Committee, the matter of appointing a replacement Chairman was submitted for consideration.

The Committee **resolved:**

1. That Val Carter be appointed as Chairman of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee.
2. That Cheryl Colley be appointed as Deputy Chairman of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee.

#### 6.1.3. DEPUTATIONS

##### **Submissions on Kerb and Channel Renewal Requests**

Prior to the hearing of a number of submissions, Ken Stevenson from the City Streets Unit presented details on the existing criteria for prioritising kerb and channel renewal works throughout the city.

Clause 6.1.4 provides further detail on this matter.

Representatives from six streets were invited to attend this meeting for the purpose of presenting their submissions on kerb and channel renewal that were previously presented to the Annual Plan Sub-committee in June 2002. They were also each invited to submit their thoughts and ideas on the present assessment criteria as a means of assisting the Board in formulating its own response to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee in November.

Presentations on these matters were duly made by the following:

- Sir Lawrence Govan and Mr Terry Donaldson on behalf of Hamilton Avenue residents (and also Mr J I Sharpe, Mr R A Crooks and Mr B and Mrs D Morris).
- Mr W G A Watkins of Bryndwr Road.
- Mr David Anderson and Mrs Maureen Thompson of Thornycroft Street.

The submitters highlighted the following factors for the Board to consider as part of its review of the present kerb and channel assessment criteria.

- Elaboration requested on the technical aspects of the assessment form and of its practical application.
- A review be undertaken as to the order of works currently contained within the five year kerb and channel programme and for Hamilton Avenue to be included in year 1.

- Implementation of the Living Streets projects to be deferred until all other kerb and channel renewal works are completed.
- A transparent and understandable process be put in place for prioritising kerb and channel projects.
- Contract maintenance of the kerb and channels in Hamilton Avenue continues to be of a poor standard and a request was made for improved audit processes.
- Safety factors and intersection related aspects to be included in the revised criteria.
- Local/special characteristics be included in the criteria eg private urban renewal initiative and the enhancement of private properties.
- The assessment process to acknowledge the needs, wants and aspirations of residents and ratepayers.

The submitters were thanked for their presentations and for the ideas put forward to assist the Committee at its next meeting on 17 October.

**Recommendation:** That the Board again convey its dissatisfaction with the contractors performance in the maintenance of the channels in Hamilton Avenue and that an early report be submitted to the Committee on the intended steps to bring the maintenance work up to the expected standard.

(Note: Mark Kunnen withdrew from the meeting during the presentation of the residents' submission on Bryndwr Road.)

#### 6.1.4. KERB AND CHANNEL CAPITAL RENEWAL PROGRAMME

At the Board meeting on 1 October 2002, information was received on the initiation of the process to review the criteria for prioritisation of kerb and channel renewals in the city and for the finalisation of the capital programme thereafter.

The Committee received the following details on the Council's agreed timeframe:

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| • Consultation with Community Boards.   | October        |
| • Policy framework developed by Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.  | 26 November    |
| • Adoption by the Council.  | 12 December    |
| • Amended kerb and channel programme (including additional \$2m per year from 2005/6) – developed by Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee in February 2003 budget meeting. | February       |
| • Consideration, for prioritisation, by Boards.   | February/March |
| • Adoption of draft Financial Plan 2003.  | March          |

Having now heard the presentations from the resident's representatives and the City Streets Unit's elaboration of the current assessment criteria, the Committee was now required at its next meeting on 17 October to review the criteria and formulate a response for the Board's consideration and onforwarding to the November meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.

The Committee also noted the suggestion of carrying out some site inspections of local streets included in the current 5 year capital programme as part of validating what may be included in the Board's later response.

#### 6.1.5. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

The Committee resolved that the resolution to exclude the public as set out on page 4 of the agenda be adopted.

## 6.2 REPORT OF 17 OCTOBER 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 17 October meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee  
held on Thursday 17 October 2002 at 8.00 am  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

**PRESENT:** Val Carter (Chairman), George Hampton, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart and Mike Wall.

Mark Kunnen arrived at 8.37 am and Barbara Stewart departed at 10.01 am.

#### **6.2.1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Sally Buck and Cheryl Colley, from Mark Kunnen for lateness and from Barbara Stewart for early departure.

#### **6.2.2. KERB AND CHANNEL CAPITAL RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

At its meeting on 15 October, the Committee received a number of residents' deputations following the Council's referral of submissions received during the Annual Plan process.

An explanation on the basis of the current criteria determining priorities in the kerb and channel capital programme was also outlined at that meeting.

In conformity with the resolutions of the 1 October Board meeting, the Committee following on from 15 October, continued its review of the current criteria and the residents' submissions in order to formulate comment for the Board to convey to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.

The Committee also noted that the actual prioritisation of the kerb and channel programme would be undertaken as part of the budget process in early 2003 and input from the Board would be sought at that time.

The Committee agreed that the following feedback be provided on the current assessment criteria:

- An acknowledgement that the existing process provided consistency and a basis of fair measurement across the city.
- That the weighting given to the kerb and channel condition be increased (presently 0.4) to reflect the technical importance of this aspect of the assessment process. Further that component aspects of this factor also be included in the revised criteria.
- That environmental factors e.g. the presence or not of trees, be included along with an appropriate weighting factor.
- That those relevant matters highlighted by the submitters to the Committee on 15 October also be presented as part of the Board's feedback.

**Recommendation:** That the above listed points be adopted as the Board's response to the Council's pending review for the criteria of prioritising kerb and channel renewal works.

#### **6.2.3. REQUESTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES**

##### **Jeffreys Park**

Submissions were presented by Mrs Brenda Anderson of 23 Thornycroft Street in support of the Anderson family's request for the removal of the two western most gum trees located in the Thornycroft/Waiwetu corner of Jeffreys Park.

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate and Council Arborist provided a technical assessment of the request along with an outline of the extent and results of the consultation undertaken with local residents.

The Committee decided to hold this matter over for further consideration to the next meeting on 8 November in order to allow a site visit to be undertaken.

## **Wairarapa Stream**

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate provided details of the planting proposed to be undertaken for the area of the Wairarapa Stream, upstream of Greers Road to Nos 34 Wayside Avenue/17 Sevenoaks Drive.

A request from the owner of No 16 Wayside Avenue for the removal of a misshapen birch tree on Council land at the rear of the property was also considered by the Committee.

Details of the consultation undertaken with neighbours regarding the plant species to be used were also outlined to the Committee.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the planting plan for Wairarapa Stream, as presented, be approved.
  2. That Pat Harrow be authorised to review and approve the details of the plantings to be undertaken.
  3. That the Silver Birch tree behind No. 16 Wayside Avenue be removed.

### **6.2.4. OTHER CURRENT TREE ISSUES – UPDATE**

At the Committee's meeting on 12 September it was decided to favour revised positions in respect of three particular requests for trees to be removed and that the results of consultation be advised to the Committee.

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate reported on the feedback received from local residents with regard to the removal request regarding the Chinese Necklace Poplar in Stretton Reserve and the proposal to remove two eucalyptus trees and an evergreen tree in the road reserve at Lavandula Crescent.

He also provided details of a report from the Senior Arborist from City Care regarding the status and condition of the eight oak trees in Burnside Park.

#### **Stretton Reserve**

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Chinese Necklace Poplar in Stretton Reserve be removed.
  2. That a substantial replacement deciduous tree(s) be provided in an appropriate nearby park location(s).

#### **Lavandula Crescent**

- Recommendations:**
1. That the two identified eucalyptus trees and the one affected evergreen tree be removed.
  2. That an appropriate number of replacement deciduous trees be planted.

#### **Burnside Park**

**Recommendation:** That the eight oak trees be retained and that appropriate remedial work continue to be undertaken to the trees.

#### **Stewarts Bush Gum Trees – Update**

The Committee was advised that no response in opposition from local residents had been received to the Board's earlier decision not to remove the two gum trees on the Glenharrow Avenue frontage of the reserve.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**6.2.5. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY  
- CHRISTCHURCH PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES – UPDATE**

Detailed presentations were made to the Committee by Environment Canterbury's Jill Atkinson (Portfolio Manager, Public Passenger Transport) on the ongoing work in the provision of passenger transport services for the city and also from Mathew Noon (Passenger Services Operations Planner) on the upcoming review and timeframe associated with the Northern Christchurch Bus Service Review.

Members asked a number of questions during the presentations and information was provided on Ecan's decision made in February 2002 not to extend the Orbiter service to include the Bishopdale Mall.

The Ecan Officers were thanked for their presentations and for the success of the various strategies in bringing about a sizable growth in bus patronage since 1999.

Some concern however was expressed that the wishes of the petitioners to have the Orbiter extended to include the Bishopdale Mall had not been heeded by Ecan.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Board notes the opportunity for further input as part of the secondary consultation to be undertaken in 2003.
  3. That a delegation of the Board Chairman and the Chairman of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee seek to meet with Ecan's full Council to outline the concerns of the Board, the local community and the Bishopdale businesses on the decision not to extend the Orbiter service to include the Bishopdale Mall.

**6.2.6. MEMORIAL AVENUE  
- LANDSCAPING PROJECT**

The Landscape Architect (Andrew Craig) presented plans and staging details on a proposal to enhance the landscaping along the length of Memorial Avenue.

The Committee indicated its support for the principle of what was being proposed and identified an opportunity to work with the Burnside High School to enhance its Memorial Avenue frontage.

It was noted that actual planting details and site specific requirements along the Avenue still needed to be worked on in more detail. At this stage however it was considered appropriate to refer the intended plan to the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee (or the Garden City Advisory Sub-committee).

- Recommendations:**
1. That the proposed staged landscape enhancement plan for Memorial Avenue be received and that Stage 1 of the project (Median north of Greers Road) be recommended for implementation along with appropriate budget provision being made in 2003/04.
  2. That an approach be made to Burnside High School to consider a partnership with the Board to enhance the landscaping along the school's Memorial Avenue frontage.
  3. That the Board supports a strategic long term (Stage 3) landscape plan for Memorial Avenue.

The meeting concluded at 11.57 am

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the reports be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.