

## 16. MAIN ROAD AMENITY PLANTING

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the progress that has been made on amenity planting along Ferry Road, from the City to Sumner and the proposed consultation plan.

### BACKGROUND

In April 2003 a report by Alix Newman, City Streets Unit and Dennis Preston, City Solutions, was presented to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee seeking some direction on the Main Roads Amenity Planting project Budget provision is 2003/04 - \$161,504, 2004/05 - \$87,134, and 2005/06 through to 2007/08 - \$87,975 each year for more planting of street trees along arterial roads.

The Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee decided:

1. That the City Streets Unit develop the City to Sumner amenity planting plan further and report back to the Committee, prior to consultation.
2. That the Committee directs a series of main roads in priority order, that it would like to see this funding allocated to beginning with Ferry Road from Ferrymead to Sumner with special reference to the causeway.

### DISCUSSION

The project team has looked at the whole length of Ferry Road and divided the project into sections. In some sections it is possible to plant trees within the road reserve, in others it is possible to look at planting along the road reserve boundary but in private property, and in other sections it is not possible to put in any planting due to services.

The arterial roads throughout the city are also the roads that carry the majority of the services and several of these services are heavy duty cables.

#### **Madras Street to Fitzgerald Avenue**

The underground services through this section limit the amount of planting that can be achieved. There is a possibility of planting up to eight trees along the frontage of property No 106 (Red Bus Company) on the south side. Landscaping could also be placed under the trees. The landscaping at the corner of Barbadoes Street will also be upgraded.

Consultation on this section will be undertaken with the adjoining businesses.

#### **Fitzgerald Avenue - Aldwins Road**

There are a large number of services through this section and there is also a widening designation. At this time it is proposed to leave this section.

#### **Aldwins Road to Charlesworth Street**

There are some possibilities for planting within the grass berms but there is a need to investigate this further before any consultation is undertaken.

#### **Charlesworth Street to Humphries Drive**

This is an area that provides an opportunity to plant trees on private property throughout the commercial area of Ferrymead. The Council officers will be recommending that the trees be Norfolk pines or elm trees to create an avenue. There are elm trees on land opposite the supermarket.

Consultation will need to be carried out with the businesses and property owners through this section.

## **Scott Park**

There is an opportunity to plant some trees at the eastern end of the Scott Park reserve by the carpark. It is proposed to plant Pohutukawas in this area.

Consultation will need to be undertaken with the Parks and Waterways Unit and the recreational groups who use Scott Park.

## **Causeway**

There are a lot of services across the causeway but the project team has identified some opportunities for planting in this area. On the south side it is proposed to plant Norfolk pines along the frontage of the reserve at the Mt Pleasant Community Centre, ground cover planting along the whole length of the southern side to tidy up this side, and two or three trees opposite the eastern end culvert.

On the northern side it is proposed to place raised planter boxes - 20 metres long by 3.0 metres wide - either side of the culverts, between the culverts and between the culvert and the eastern end of the causeway. A total of six. The trees in these planters will be pohutukawas. By planting them in the planters as a group planting, they can be screened and watered. They are unlikely to grow into significant specimens.

Fibre optic cables on the southern margin of the causeway prevent any large trees being planted there however it is possible to mass plant groundcover (euphorbia and pingao grass) along the entire length of McCormacks Bay.

Landscaping at the Beachville Road intersection is also proposed.

There are proposed strengthening works to the central culvert in 2004/05 and this may impact on the timing for any planting around the culvert.

Discussions will need to be finalised with the Parks and Waterways Unit. Thereafter, a flyer will be delivered to residents in the McCormacks Bay area and notification will appear in the local newspapers directing people to pursue large scale plans at the Redcliffs, Sumner and Linwood Libraries, the Linwood Service Centre and Civic offices.

## **Causeway to Sumner**

This area needs some more investigation of the services but there will be some opportunities to plant trees in private property and along reserve frontages.

Large scale plans will be tabled at the meeting.

## **CONCLUSION**

Council officers are preparing to consult with Council Units, Community Boards, businesses, and residents in the following areas - Fitzgerald Avenue to Bardadoes Street, Charlesworth Street to Humphries Drive, Scott Park, and the Causeway area - in the next month.

### **Staff**

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

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the above plan with special reference to the beautification of the causeway be approved subject to the planned consultation process.