

7. RESEALING OF VEHICLE ENTRANCEWAYS

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the Fendalton/Waimairi and Riccarton/Wigram Community Boards request that the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee review the current practice on the maintenance of vehicle entrances.

BACKGROUND

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board received a petition from residents in Harkness Place in November 2003. Harkness Place has footpaths on one side only and when the footpaths were resurfaced the vehicle entranceways on the side with no footpaths were not resurfaced because of the Council practice that places the responsibility for the maintenance of these entranceways on the property owner. The petition asked for this practice to be revisited and revoked. The Board considered this issue at their February Board meeting and resolved:

“That the Council be asked to look at reviewing its maintenance policy on footpath resurfacing where there are footpaths on only one side of the street.”

The Riccarton/Wigram Board also received enquiries relating to the policy from people in streets with footpaths on one side only. The Riccarton/Wigram Board, at its March meeting, resolved:

“That the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee be requested to review the current policy on the maintenance of vehicle entrances.”

CURRENT PRACTICE

This issue was last considered by the Committee in May 2001. Attached is a copy of the report considered by the Committee.

In summary, the reason for the practice is that vehicle entranceways only serve individual properties and do not serve the general public. The benefit to the property owner is that there is some flexibility on pavement materials, and materials to match their own driveway may be able to be used. This practice has occurred in many occasions since 1990.

UPDATED COSTS FROM A CHANGE IN POLICY

The May 2001 report quoted increased costs of \$220,000 in the footpath resurfacing budget and \$50,000 in the footpath maintenance budget that would result if there was a change in the policy. These costs have been updated and are now \$285,000 for resurfacing and \$55,000 for maintenance.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Council confirm the current practice for resealing of vehicle entranceways.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: Not seen by Chairman.