

## 5. HEATON STREET - NEW BUS STOP LOCATION

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of a new bus stop location required in the Board's area following Environment Canterbury's consultation on a new cross suburban bus route. The Board is asked to approve the creation of one new bus stop on the south side of Heaton Street near the Rossall Street intersection.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. As a result of extensive consultation and following the success of the award winning Metro Orbiter bus route, Environment Canterbury has introduced a cross suburban bus route known as the 'Metro Star'. The new route travels between New Brighton and Halswell via shopping centres and major attractions, it also links with existing bus routes which travel to and from the central city.
3. Additional bus stops are required for the new route where it runs along streets not serviced by an existing route. A total of eight new stops are required in the Fendalton/Waimairi Ward, five of these stops have already been before the Board and have subsequently been approved, one of the remaining stops is included in this report. Two more stops are required at the eastern end of Heaton Street. After consulting with the residents we have decided to delay selecting a site for the two new stops (one on each side of the road) until a traffic study of the area has been completed.
4. This stop has been located to maximise access to the surrounding catchment area while allowing the bus to travel as freely as possible and to stop a minimum number of times. The distance between the stops will be convenient for bus patrons.
5. In locating new stops, the Christchurch City Council investigates a number of locations to assess suitability. It consults as a courtesy the property owner adjacent to a suitable location. It is preferred to locate stops where agreement has been gained from the property owners, however, where agreement is not reached a decision and recommendation has to be made as to what is the best location for all parties; bus users, potential bus users, motorists and residents.
6. Agreement has not been gained from the owners of 16 Heaton street to establish a permanent bus stop outside their property.
7. The owners have been invited to express their viewpoints to the Board at this meeting.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. One "Metro" sign at \$1,000 would be installed and costs will be met within existing budgets.
9. Land Transport Rules Traffic Control Devices 2004 provides for the erection of bus stop signs.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board approve a bus stop in the following location:

- (i) On the south side of Heaton Street commencing at a point 2 metres west from the eastern boundary of 16 Heaton street and extending in a westerly direction for 12 metres.

### CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.