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**SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD'S  
GREENSPACE TRAFFIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
14 APRIL 2008**

**A meeting of the Greenspace Traffic Works Committee  
was held on Monday 14 April at 4.00 pm  
in the Boardroom, Papanui Service Centre**

**PRESENT:** Matt Morris (Chairperson), Ngaire Button, Megan Evans, Aaron Keown  
Yvonne Palmer and Norm Withers.

**APOLOGIES:** An apology for absence was received and accepted from Pauline Cotter.

The Committee reports that:

**PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

Nil.

**2. BRIEFINGS**

**2.1 GOSSET STREET KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL**

Philippa Upton and Philip Crossland briefed the Committee on the Gosset Street kerb and channel renewal project which is planned for reconstruction during the 2008/09 financial year. The consultation period will be from 25 April to 18 May. The consultation documentation will be going all residents and absentee landowners in Gosset, Malvern and parts of Westminster Street. The Committee clarified that this would also include stakeholders such as churches, businesses in Rutland Street and the Rugby Club.

Clarification and undertakings were as follows:

- A give-way sign at Westminster Street would be considered
- Philippa Upton undertook to pass on Committee's concerns about school children safety at the Westminster Street corner and the suggestions of a give-way sign, school crossing and school signage.
- Staff to consider if the historic nature of the trees warrants a history board.
- The Committee considered the lighting upgrade would be more effective with lantern-style fixtures, which would be more appropriate for the low tree canopy.
- It was clarified that checking for illegal stormwater connections was outside the scope of the project.
- A "park and ride" problem was noted in the street.
- The unusual street numbering was noted as being a potential problem for emergency services.

**3. UPDATE FROM CONTRACTS AND MAINTENANCE TEAM**

The Pavement Maintenance Team Leader, Peter McDonald, reported to the Committee on the following projects.

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3.1 **SAWYERS ARMS, NORTHCOTE AND GREERS ROADS**

Peter McDonald advised a realignment with signals was planned for 2012/13 and was unlikely to be advanced because of other priorities.

The Committee **decided** to ask the Board to make an urgent submission to the LTCCP for a project to install traffic signals at the Sawyers Arms/Northcote and Greers Road intersection be given priority because of safety concerns.

3.2 **MARY STREET**

The Board believed there had been a Board decision that a report would come to them about the one laning of Mary Street at its intersection with the Main North Road. This resolution had come after consultation with the Papanui Residents Association.

Peter McDonald reported that the Police had formally opposed the proposal. It was **decided** that staff would research the background of this issue.

3.3 **LEANDER STREET**

It was the Committee's understanding that a report was to be written to assess whether or not a P120 parking limit was working successfully.

It was **decided** that staff would research the Board decision of 7 July 2004 to clarify if this was the case.

3.4 **SAWYERS ARMS ROAD PARKING BY THE DOMAIN**

Some parking anomalies had been noted. Peter McDonald advised that the Board may have approved an incorrect measurement, in which case another resolution was required. If, however, the parking lines had been installed incorrectly, they would be corrected. The Committee would be kept informed.

3.5 **SAWYERS ARMS ROAD/MAIN NORTH ROAD**

Committee members noted that there is often a difficulty for cyclists at the intersection of Sawyers Arms Road and Main North Road with large numbers of cars turning left from Sawyers Arms Road into Main North Road. The Committee considered whether property could be purchased at the corner to address the issue.

Peter McDonald advised that proposal was not supported by staff. The Committee **decided** that the Board be asked to submit to the LTCCP on the proposal.

3.6 **EDGEWARE ROAD**

The Committee **decided** to hold a seminar between users, businesses, stakeholders, residents to discuss pedestrian safety in Edgware Road between Colombo Street and Sherborne Street.

3.7 **MARSHLAND ROAD**

The Committee supported requesting the Board to in turn request the Council to approve that the speed limit in Marshland Road (between Briggs Road and Prestons Road) be reduced to 50km/hr.

Peter McDonald undertook to investigate this possibility and also to provide crash statistics for that area of the road.

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#### 3.8 SAWYERS ARMS/GARDINERS ROAD INTERSECTION

The Committee sought a joint meeting with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board on an update on the implications of this intersection especially now that the traffic has increased since Hussey Road has become a popular route to and from the Northwood housing development.

Peter McDonald reported that reported crashes had decreased (eight in 2004, four in 2005, and two in 2006).

The Committee **decided** that joint meeting with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board should proceed to discuss this intersection, after a report from ViaStrada (due May 2008) had been received.

It was further **decided** that staff investigate the possibility of the Board being advised in advance of all resource consent applications within the Ward and that a greater involvement of Community Boards in Resource Management Act matters be raised as a topic for discussion at a Community Board Chairs Forum.

#### 3.9 ROOSEVELT AVENUE AND O'NEIL DRIVE

The Committee **received** the results of the recent speed trailer placement in Roosevelt street. Detailed information will be given to the Board.

### 4. UPDATE FROM TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND

Tony Spowart reported as follows:

- A minor safety project to improve a right turn from Englefield Road onto Main North Road has been completed.
- Drainage work under the Styx Bridge was underway.
- An on-site meeting with the Board Chairperson and Clayton Cosgrove MP has been arranged to look at a right-turn at the Queen Elizabeth II Drive/Main North Road intersection for westbound traffic. It was clarified that the request arose out of concerns expressed by Grimseys Road residents and the Residents Association. There was some concern that this project was based on a verbal request; Tony Spowart undertook to investigate this and report back to the Board.
- Webcams to enable the public to monitor traffic conditions are being installed at four locations and should be operating by the end of the month.
- Planning is underway for two left hand turn lanes north at the Johns Road/Main North Road intersection.
- Replacement of the Queen Elizabeth II Drive/Marshland Road roundabout with traffic lights was in the design phase with a construction target of the end of 2009.
- A three-year project brief is underway to investigate options for the Northern Arterial with the aim of commencing construction in 2015.
- On 1 July, Transit New Zealand will combine with Land Transport New Zealand to become the New Zealand Transport Agency. Mr Geoff Dangerfield has been appointed Chief Executive Designate of the new Agency.

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Members raised the following matters.

- The safety of the pedestrian crossing over Main North Road at the Daniels Road intersection with residents of Manse Place experiencing difficulties. The Transit New Zealand view, based on video evidence, was that the crossing was safe and adequate time allowed. Members disagreed and Tony Spowart undertook to have the crossing cycle/synchronisation checked.
- Traffic lights had been verbally promised at the Belfast Road/Main North Road intersection to provide an alternative for logging trucks which were using the Tyrone/Richill Streets route. The Transit New Zealand view was that this was not an option on the basis it would mean a further disruption to the flow on traffic on the Main North Road. Other matters which had an influence was the proposed bus priority lanes and a development in the area which could see lights installed elsewhere at developer expense.
- The planned northern arterial was seen in the 1960s as being four lanes. Funding was clarified as coming from the Regional Land Transport Committee, which had allocated \$80 - \$90 million recently for the Southern Motorway.

### 5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- Cleveland Street - It was suggested a speed trailer be used in Cleveland Street to monitor traffic behaviour.
- Meeting with local Members of Parliament - The Committee **decided** that in view of only one confirmed attendance by an MP (Clayton Cosgrove) the scheduled joint Boards breakfast meeting on Friday 16 April be postponed. Merit was seen in inviting Clayton Cosgrove to a Board meeting.
- Somme Street - Ngaire Button reported the concern of some METLIFECARE residents who need to cross Somme Street to access the dining area of the complex. It was **decided** that Ngaire Button would arrange to meet with the concerned residents, traffic staff and METLIFECARE Management to investigate the issue.
- Canterbury Neighbourhood Support meeting - Thanks were given to the Deputy Mayor, Norm Withers, for arranging parking outside the Cathedral for meeting attendees.
- Childcare centre in Sawyers Arms Road- A Commissioner decided resource consent was recently granted for a childcare centre on the southern corner of Sawyers Arms and Gardiners Road. The Consultant Traffic Engineer's report concluded that any additional traffic generated by the application would have insignificant effects on the operation of the surrounding road network. The Committee's concerns were firstly that the consent was processed on a "limited notification" basis and, secondly, that both roads were minor arterial, with the intersection being particularly congested now that Hussey Road provided easy access from Northwood onto Gardiners Road.

The Committee **decided** there was a need to raise Resource Management Act issues of notification/non-notification and Community Board inclusion with the Council.

It was also **decided** that the Board have a copy of the traffic report and resource consent application for the childcare centre proposed by the Sawyers Arms/Gardiners Roads intersection.

- Community Facilities Plan - It was noted that this plan did not show two childcare centres – St Albans Edu-Care and the Redwood Playcentre. Both centres were in Council premises, paying rent and receiving grants.

It was **decided** that staff would contact the Unit Manager – Community Support for clarification.

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- Prestons Road/Marshland Road Roundabout - Extensive backing up of traffic has been noted at this roundabout. It was suggested that an LTCCP submission from the Board advocating its replacement, was needed.

The Committee **decided** to ask staff whether or not plans for this roundabout were already being considered.

**PART C – REPORTS ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE**

Pending the election of a Chairperson, Megan Evans took the chair.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT – 17 MARCH 2008**

**6.1 GREENSPACE COMMITTEE**

The Committee **resolved** that the report of the Greenspace Committee meeting of 17 March 2008 be confirmed.

**6.2 TRAFFIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Committee **resolved** that the report of the Traffic Works Committee meeting of 17 March 2008 be confirmed.

It was **agreed** that staff be asked to research a previous 1990s motion by the Board that footpaths be provided on both sides of street for new subdivisions

**7. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE GREENSPACE TRAFFIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

For this clause, Megan Evans vacated the Chair and the Community Board Adviser temporarily assumed the chair.

The Committee **resolved** that System A be adopted as the method of voting for both positions.

Nominations were called for the position of Chairperson.

Megan Evans was nominated by Yvonne Palmer, seconded by Norm Withers. Megan Evans declined the nomination.

Matt Morris was nominated by Megan Evans, seconded by Aaron Keown.

There being no further nominations, the Committee **resolved** that Matt Morris be the Chairperson of the Greenspace Traffic Works Committee.

(Note: Yvonne Palmer recorded her vote against the foregoing decision.)

Matt Morris assumed the Chair.

Nominations were called for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Megan Evans was nominated by Yvonne Palmer, seconded by Norm Withers.

There being no further nominations, the Committee **resolved** that Megan Evans be the Deputy Chairperson of the Greenspace Traffic Works Committee.

The meeting concluded at 7.25 pm.

**CONFIRMED THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY 2008**

**MATT MORRIS  
CHAIRPERSON**