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**REPORT NO 2 BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD
9 MAY 2008**

PART A – MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE - COLOMBO STREET/CITY SOUTH BUS PRIORITY ROUTE

At a meeting on 9 May 2008 the Board received information it requested at the meeting held on 15 April 2008 in relation to the Colombo Street/City South Bus Priority Route in the form of a staff memorandum as follows:

The project team, lead by Kirsten Mahoney, Project Manager responded to the Board's request as follows:

The Board decided to request a Council staff memorandum to be provided prior to the 9 May Board meeting on the following matter:

- (a) *An investigation into a solution regarding parking arrangements and the possibility of incorporating a combined parking bay/pedestrian way outside the businesses situated at numbers 245-247 Colombo Street.*

With regard to the business located at 245-247 Colombo Street, Paul Durdin and Kirsten Mahoney held an on-site meeting with Anthony Duncroft, Cyclone Cycles and Mowers on 22 April 2008 to look at options for retaining parking in the area of the businesses in this block between Beaumont Street and Angus Street.

Further to the meeting with Anthony Duncroft of Cyclone Cycles & Mowers, the following amendments are suggested for the Colombo bus priority scheme.

1. *Removal of the inbound bus lane between Beaumont Street and Angus Street; and*
2. *Installation of a B-signal at the Beaumont Street traffic signals to give inbound buses a 'head start' over other traffic.*

These amendments retain parking for the small block of commercial premises fronting Colombo Street between 7am and 9am without unduly compromising the bus priority scheme. The bus priority objectives would only be affected if queues from the Huxley/Milton intersection extended beyond Angus St in the morning peak. The modelling of the Colombo/Milton intersection presented in the Part 5 scheme report indicates an average back of queue of 97m in the morning peak period, so it is not expected that queues would extend more than 200m (i.e. the distance between Milton St and Angus St) with any regularity.

Mr Duncroft was happy with this solution.

BOARD CONSIDERATION

The Board considered the staff information above and **recommends** to the Council that the following amendments be made to the Colombo Street/City South Bus Priority Route which is the subject of a separate report to the 15 May 2008 Council meeting.

That the Council adopt the staff recommendation:

That the Colombo Street/City South Bus Priority Route be amended to include the following:

1. Removal of the inbound bus lane between Beaumont Street and Angus Street; and
2. Installation of a B-signal at the Beaumont Street traffic signals to give inbound buses a 'head start' over other traffic.

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