

## 10. DUNDAS STREET – PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PARKING METERS

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to remove the Pay and Display parking meters on Dundas Street.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Dundas Street runs between Manchester and Colombo Street just north of Moorhouse Avenue. Seven pay and display parking meters were installed in the street in August 2006. There are now four meters as three have been stolen or damaged beyond repair and have not been replaced. (See **Attachment 1** for details of meters and parking)
3. There is a total of 59 on-street parking spaces in Dundas Street made up of 56 x P120 pay and display metered parking spaces and three P10 free parking spaces.
4. The parking meters in Dundas Street are under utilised. The average annual return for the Dundas Street parking meters in 2009 was \$2,419 per meter. This is way below the average return for all parking meters in the CBD during the same period of \$10,675. (See **Attachment 2**). Three meters returned less than the \$1,504 that it costs the Council to service and maintain a meter for a year.
5. There has been an on-going campaign of theft and intentional damage of parking meters in Christchurch. Subsequently a number of parking meters have been damaged beyond repair. The remaining four pay and display parking meters in Dundas Street could be used as replacements for some of the irretrievably damaged meters in better utilised parking areas of Christchurch.
6. There will be no reduction in the number of parking spaces in Dundas Street and no change in the 120 minute time limit. The only change is in the requirement to pay for using these parking spaces.
7. Payment was required for metered parking in Dundas Street from 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, and to 8.30pm on Fridays. During weekends, no payment for parking is required. The standard hours of operation of parking time limits set down in legislation is from 8am to 6pm Monday to Sunday unless other hours are indicated on signs. It is proposed in this instance that the standards hours of operation of 8am to 6pm apply in Dundas Street from Monday to Friday only, with no time limits applying during weekends as was the case with the parking meters.
8. No consultation has been done with the businesses in or near Dundas Street as the only change being proposed in the street is that there will now be no need to pay for parking. This may encourage more people to park in Dundas Street.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The estimated cost of removing the remaining four pay and display parking meters and the removing of the existing pay and display parking signs, and replacing them with new signs advising the maximum parking time limit is estimated to be \$1,500.

### Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

10. The removal and replacement of any associated road markings and signs is within the LTCCP Streets and Transport Operational Budgets.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

11. Part 1, Clause 5 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008 provides Council with the authority to install or remove parking restrictions or meters by resolution.
12. The installation of any parking restriction signs and/or markings must comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

### **Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

13. As above.

## **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

14. Aligns with the Streets and Transport activities by allocating resources to where they can be better utilised.

### **Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?**

15. As above.

## **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

16. The recommendations align with the Council Strategies including the Parking Strategy 2003.

### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's Strategies?**

17. As above.

## **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

18. No consultation with local businesses has been done as no actual parking spaces have been removed.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the following:

- (a) That the Parking Meters with a time limit of 120 minutes installed on the north side of Dundas Street that commence at a point 13.5 metres east from its intersection with Colombo Street and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 182.5 metres be removed.
- (b) That the Parking Meters with a time limit of 120 minutes installed on the south side of Dundas Street that commence at a point 61.5 metres east from its intersection with Colombo Street and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 139 metres be removed.
- (c) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 120 minutes on the north side of Dundas Street commencing at a point 13.5 metres east from its intersection with Colombo Street and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 182.5 metres. This restriction is to apply to from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.
- (d) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 120 minutes on the south side of Dundas Street commencing at a point 61.5 metres east from its intersection with Colombo Street and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 139 metres. This restriction is to apply to from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.