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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Elected Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



**3 HENDERSON CITY CENTRE - GREAT NORTH ROAD STREETScape UPGRADE
AND ROADWORK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present and explain to the City Development Committee the proposal for the redevelopment of Great North Road through the Henderson City Centre. It is proposed that these matters be discussed in a workshop format.

BACKGROUND

This meeting and workshop is part of a series to consider the roading design proposals around Henderson City Centre and New Lynn town centre. At the first workshop and meeting held Friday, 18 May 2007, the Committee resolved:

1. *That the Henderson City Centre Transport Development Principles report be received.*
2. *That further follow up workshops be held to discuss transport and land use integration in Henderson and New Lynn.*
3. *That a report be prepared for the next meeting of the City Development Committee to enable the Committee to make a decision on the Trading Place Bridge connection.*

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A further report was received at the Thursday, 7 June 2007 City Development Committee and it was resolved that:

1. *The Trading Place, Henderson - Bridge Design Report be received.*
2. *That the design of the Trading Place Bridge, Henderson be approved.*
3. *That the Trading Place Bridge, Henderson project be approved to proceed to tender and construction in due course.*

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A review of the Alderman Drive/Edmonton Road upgrade project is to be the subject of a future workshop. Further work is required to better understand how this project will integrate with the ongoing strategic planning for the Henderson City Centre.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

As the City's Central Business District Henderson needs to be developed in a manner that integrates community, economic, environmental and cultural goals. An important element of this is to appropriately integrate land use and transport investments.

Council has previously invested in the main street of Henderson to create a high quality environment that supports retailers and promotes foot traffic.

Council has more recently worked with ARTA and ONTRACK to develop the integration of the bus / rail facility and the City Council buildings. The proposed works being considered in this report are designed to further integrate land use and transport by facilitating bus, pedestrian and private vehicle movements. The issue is whether or not the proposed works are in fact an improvement over the existing conditions.

ISSUES

A number of works have been proposed for Henderson Main Street and the Railside Avenu / Ratanui Avenue intersection as a further stage of the integration of the bus / rail facility and Council buildings with the town centre. These works focus on improvements to the footpath area and a number of on-road investments.

It is understood that the footpath investments are supported by Councillors and these are not reviewed. Note, however, that there may need to be adjustments to the proposed footpath improvements depending on decisions regarding the on-road works.

The on-road works are generally designed to improve conditions for pedestrians, buses and private vehicles. However, in order to achieve benefits in one area existing benefits in other areas would be reduced – trade offs are involved.

The proposed works are as follows:

1. Edmonton / Edsel / Great North road intersection.
 - a. Provide bus / cycle advance on Great North into Main Street from New Lynn end. Add bus advance lane and alter left turn to Edsel.
 - b. Provide cycle advance at signals.

It is proposed to acquire some land from the adjacent primary school to provide an additional lane as a bus / cycle priority measure. This would allow buses and cyclists to come to the front of the intersection and trip a signal to allow them to cross on a separate phase. This will increase the overall distance across Great North Road and increase the overall time of the intersection cycle. This will stop buses being caught in the queuing traffic which takes several phases to clear the intersection at peak times.

2. Railside / Ratanui intersection –
 - Change Great North Road from 1 x left turn only lane, 1 x straight through lane & 1 x right turn lane into 1 x left and straight through lane, 1 x straight through lane & 1 x right turn lane (i.e. additional straight through to the existing left turn only lane).
 - Put in bus transponder to facilitate buses from Railside into Ratanui and right turning into Great North (already been installed).
 - Alter pedestrian crossing on the south-west corner of Great North Road / Railside Avenue intersection so it is a one stage crossing instead of 2 stages.
 - Replace 11 angled parking spaces with 5 parallel parking spaces on the south-west side corner of Great North Road / Railside Avenue intersection to

create additional departure lane to mitigate the effect of adding the bus phase at this intersection.

This intersection is the main entry and exit point for buses to the Railside interchange. Buses are currently getting caught in the queuing traffic along Railside Ave in the afternoon peak. A dedicated bus phase to allow right hand turn movements from Railside Ave to Great North Road has been installed. The combination of allowing buses to extend the green light to their advantage and making the pedestrian crossing a single phase slows the overall phase of lights. This means that vehicles coming from any direction to this intersection will have longer delays and will affect bus time table's commitments. To address this disadvantage Council officers have proposed changing the existing intersection layout so that cars travelling west on Great North road have two through lanes instead of one. This widens that section of Great North Road between Railside Avenue and Henderson Valley Road and reduces car park numbers in front of shops.

3. Henderson Valley / Great North / Alderman intersection – provide cycle advance at intersections.

Council officers will review the benefits and disadvantages of the proposals with Councillors in the workshop. However, officers understand that the proposed changes at either end of the main street are supported and the focus of concern is the Great North Road / Railside / Ratanui intersection.

RESOURCES

The total cost estimate for the roading improvements is about \$600,000 with benefit cost ratio of 4.4, this project will be likely be approved for subsidy by the Land Transport NZ. Budget for the proposed roading projects are in the 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 financial years work programmes.

CONCLUSION

A redevelopment of the Great North Road streetscape and roading through the Henderson City Centre has been proposed. The main aim of these works is to improve the overall pedestrian amenity and facilitate better bus movement to and from the interchange. To achieve these wider benefits there will be some road configuration changes and local impacts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Henderson City Centre – Great North Road Streetscape Upgrade and Roadwork Improvement Project report be received.
2. That the City Development Committee adjourn into a workshop to discuss the City Centre - Great North Road Streetscape Upgrade and Roadwork Improvement.
3. That the Great North Road streetscape upgrade and proposed road works be approved subject to any changes required as a result of the workshop session.

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