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**PROJECT BRIEF: PARKING ISSUES AND POLICY**

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**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this project brief is to outline parking-related work to be completed during 2005 and to introduce a wider Parking Policy.

**2. Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Parking Issues and Policy project brief.*

**3. Strategic Fit**

The project will contribute to achieving the following strategic outcome in the Transport Key Achievement Area:

- 8.1 Transport Effectiveness  
A well-planned and comprehensive transport network supports a compact and highly liveable city where people move about easily and safely

**4. Background**

The supply and availability of parking in the city is a recognised travel demand management tool. The high level determination of Council's parking priorities in the form of a Parking Policy has therefore been placed on the Strategy and Policy Committee forward programme for development.

There are however a number of projects underway to be completed over 2005-2006, such as the Greater Wellington Regional Council Regional Travel Demand Management Strategy and the CBD Corridor Study, that will ultimately have a significant effect on any Council parking policy. It is therefore appropriate that Council's Parking Policy be developed at the completion of these projects and in the interim, work in the parking area should focus on operational level projects that can be determined separately. The two of primary concern are:

- parking on footpaths – a report outlining the issues around footpath parking was agreed to by the City Infrastructure Committee on 23 September 2004. The Committee agreed in principle to undertake enhanced education/publicity, followed by incremental increase in enforcement over the next 2-3 years (prioritised where vehicles block pedestrian access on through routes). The Committee also agreed that officers would report back on the implications of adopting such an approach.
- Resident and Coupon Parking – resident-only parking was first introduced in the mid 1980's and the coupon parking in 1993 and neither have been comprehensively reviewed since then.

## **5. Objectives**

The immediate objective will be to develop a policy on Parking on Footpaths. It will follow up on the 23 September 2004 report by producing an operational plan for Council to undertake increased education, publicity and enforcement, as well as investigate initiatives to increase on and off-street parking. It will also determine under which circumstances Council will issue infringement offence notices under the Traffic Regulations 1976 providing clarity to both the public and enforcement officers about what is acceptable and what is not.

A Residents and Coupon Parking Schemes Review will also be undertaken. It will take into account a range of factors, such as Council's approach to traffic management, changes in demand from an increase in inner city living, as a result of events or business at various areas around the city.

## **6. Key issues**

Key issues that will need to be investigated include:

Parking on Footpaths:

- impact on footpath users, including those who have a mobility/vision impairment and people using strollers, wheelchairs etc.
- impact on traffic flow, including emergency services
- measures that can be adopted to reduce demand for on-street parking. 12

Resident and Coupon Parking:

- appropriateness of existing resident-only and coupon-parking boundaries
- accommodation of additional resident-only parking at events or near places that attract a large number of visitor parking e.g. near the Airport or near sportsfields
- increasing demand for resident and visitor parking as a result of more people living in the central and inner city.

## 7. Proposed consultation

Consultation on the Footpath Parking Policy will be carried out with a range of groups including the AA, NZ Police, NZ Fire Service, Disability Reference Group and Road Safety Reference Group. Residents' Associations that cover areas that generate a significant number of complaints will also be consulted.

## 8. Proposed timeline

The Parking on Footpaths Policy will be reported back to this Committee in August 2005. The Residents and Coupon Parking Review will be completed in December 2005/ January 2006, taking into account developments in projects relating to overall travel demand management.

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<b>Supporting Information Template</b>	
<b>1) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact</b>	None identified.
<b>2) Treaty of Waitangi considerations</b>	None identified.
<b>3) Decision-Making (significance and options development)</b>	The content encompassed within this project brief will not result in a significant decision.
<b>6) Legal Implications</b>	Any legal implications of the resultant policy will be explored as part of the policy development process.