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**REPORT 10**  
*(1215/11/IM)*

**Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee**  
**Meeting of Thursday 4 June 2009**

**Members:** Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair), Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

**MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE**

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 113/09P DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*

2. **ITEM 114/09P RESTORING THE GOLDEN MILE**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Note the critical relationship between this project and the city's transport network objectives including the Ngauranga-Airport Plan and the growth spine.*

3. *Note that short and medium term enhancements are needed to the network in response to public transport growth and increasing network congestion to ensure reliability and adequate operating conditions.*

4. *Note the results of the public consultation (detailed in Appendix 1 of the officer's report).*

5. *Agree to signalling the pedestrian crossings on Courtenay Place, reducing the speed limit to 30 km/h and banning the right turn from Victoria Street into Manners Street in accordance with the timetable in this report.*
6.
  - (a) *Agree to opening up Manners Mall to two way bus traffic*
  - (b) *Note that the New Zealand Transport Agency has confirmed that the \$10.7 million already approved for the Council's bus priority proposals can be used for this project without a requirement for further approvals.*
7. *Note that Manners Mall was established by Council resolution under the Local Government Act 1974.*
8. *Agree to commence the revocation of the 'pedestrian mall' status of Manners Mall and note that a Special Consultative Procedure will be required and reported to Council to approve commencement.*
9. *Note that provision of \$11.1 million for these proposals phased over 3 years starting 2009/2010 is identified in the draft Long Term Council Community Plan.*
10. *Agree to the public space improvements proposed for Dixon, Wakefield, Mercer, Willis and lower Cuba Streets, with lower Cuba Street being a shared space with priority for pedestrian access and amenity.*
11. *Note that further consultation on detailed aspects of the proposals will be undertaken during the preparation of traffic resolutions required to give effect to the changes.*
12. *Agree that the Mayor asks the New Zealand Transport Agency to bring forward work on Ngauranga to Aotea because of the combined benefit to both public transport and the transport network of the project.*

3. **ITEM 115/09P RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A SECTION OF MOUNT VICTORIA TUNNEL AS LEGAL ROAD**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the remaining section of the surface of Mount Victoria tunnel (shown as area E on attached drawing 08006-1 in appendix 1 of the officer's report) be declared as road.*

3. *Delegate authority to sign the appropriate legal documents for land owner consent to the Council's Chief Executive Officer.*

4. **ITEM 116/09P WASTE MINIMISATION ACT 2008**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to a work programme to:*
  - (a) *Complete a Waste Assessment by July 2010*
  - (b) *Prepare a regional draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan by November 2011 for consultation with the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2012/22*
  - (c) *Provide for alignment of the Council's bylaws to ensure information gathering, enforcement and compliance obligations, and the Council's waste management and minimisation objectives, can be met.*
3. *Agree and support a regional approach to waste management and minimisation to achieve the objectives of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.*
4. *Note that the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan will detail how the levy funds are to be allocated.*

5. **ITEM 117/09P CARTER OBSERVATORY: COMPLETION OF REDEVELOPMENT**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that Council assumed responsibility for the Carter Observatory in December 2007, agreeing to invest \$1.4 million in the Observatory redevelopment plus \$300,000 in ongoing annual OPEX funding, and committing non-financial resources to complete the redevelopment and re-establish operation of the Observatory as a visitor attraction.*
3. *Note that modelling by Positively Wellington Tourism and the Observatory Director demonstrates that a digital full-dome planetarium provides the best opportunity for sustainable revenues and a high quality visitor attraction at the Observatory.*

4. *Note that the Pelorus Trust has offered a commitment of \$300,000 to fund the Carter Observatory planetarium auditorium upgrade, contingent on Carter securing funding for the balance of costs for a digital full-dome projection system, and project completion by September 2010.*
5. *Agree to include the following in the Council's 09/10 LTCCP deliberations:*
  - (a) *The reallocation of \$300,000 from the Cable Car Precinct upgrade project (CX496).*
  - (b) *The allocation of \$200,000 additional CAPEX to fund the purchase of a digital full-dome planetarium projector.*
  - (c) *The Carter Observatory re-opens in Summer 2009/10.*
6. *Encourage officers to continue pursuing funding opportunities.*

6. **ITEM 118/09P STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
FORWARD PROGRAMME  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)**

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee for the remainder of 2009, attached as Appendix 1 to the officer's report*
3. *Agree that a report seeking approval for Councillor attendance at the Resource Management Law Association Conference be added to the forward programme.*

**Ian McKinnon  
Chair**