# ADDITIONAL MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE



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#### FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2000

9.15AM

Committee Room One
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street

#### **MEMBERS:**

Mayor Blumsky Councillors Hutchings (Chair)

Armstrong
Foster
Parkin
Pepperell
Siers
Varnham

#### NON VOTING MEMBERS:

Wellington Regional Councillor McQueen Wellington Regional Councillor MacDavitt A Representative from Wellington Tenths Trust A Representative from Ngati Toa Rangatira

(Quorum 3 members)

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#### **Resources and Waste**

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#### **City outcomes**

#### Water and Energy

Residents and organisations have access to high quality water and energy supplies.

#### 2 Sustainability

Energy, water, and land are used efficiently to advance environmental sustainability.

#### **3 Reducing Waste**

Reducing quantities of waste entering the waste stream where an increasing volume is reused, recycled or recovered.

#### 4 Sustainable disposal

All waste is disposed of in an environmentally sustainable manner ensuring the protection of people and ecosystems.

#### **Transport**

#### City outcomes

#### 1 Transport Effectiveness

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

#### 2 Transport Accessibility

Transport options enable people to easily fulfil their work and lifestyle requirements.

#### 3 Transport Efficiency

Efficient transport contributes to the economic viability and growth of the city.

#### 4 Transport Sustainability

Transport solutions ensure the wise use of resources and cater for the long-term needs of the community.

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## TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE 8 December 2000



### REPORT 1 1215/33/IM

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#### **LAMBTON TRANSPORT TERMINAL**

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Committee on the progress made in planning for **improvements to** the Transport Terminal including **Lambton** bus station, Wellington Railway Station forecourt, Bunny Street and provision of pedestrian canopies between the Transport Terminal and Central Business District.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- I. THAT the information be received.
- 2. THAT the Committee approves the draw down of loan funding for:
  - a) The upgrading of the railway station forecourt to improve pedestrian amenities including shelters and waiting areas for taxis, shuttle buses and the City Circular. The budget sum is \$650,000.
  - b) The demolition and clearing of the proposed Terminal site. The budget sum is \$55,000.
- 3. THAT the Committee approves the final design for the Lambton Terminal Buildings.

#### 3. STRATEGIC FIT

#### KAA BUILT ENVIRONMENT

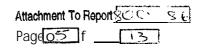
#### 1.2 Network City

Wellington is easy to get around, pedestrian friendly and has a highly interconnected street system.

#### KAA TRANSPORT

#### 8.1 Transport Effectiveness

A well planned/comprehensive transport network supports a compact and highly liveable city where people move about easily and safely.



#### 8.2 Transport Accessibility

Transport options enable people to easily fulfil their work and lifestyle requirements.

#### 8.3 Transport Efficiency

Efficient transport contributes to the economic viability/growth of the city.

#### 8.4 Transport Sustainability

Transport solutions ensure the wise use of resources and cater for the long term needs of the community.

#### 4. ANNUAL PLAN PROJECT REFERENCE

N/A – Relates to loan funding serviced by the Wellington Regional Council.

#### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council is responsible for raising a loan to fund the proposed works and is to enter into an agreement with the Wellington Regional Council to cover the cost of raising and servicing the loan. The Wellington Regional Council will meet future maintenance costs. It is therefore expected that the financial impact on Council will be nil.

#### 6. TREATY OF WAITANGI IMPLICATIONS

There are no Treaty issues involved.

#### 7. CONSULTATION

Consultation has been carried out with the Wellington Regional Council, Stagecoach, TranzRail and Historic Places Trust. The scheme has been peer reviewed by architects, urban designers and transport consultants to ensure all aspects of the design are functional and operationally efficient.

#### 8. MONITORING

N/A

#### 9. BACKGROUND

Council approved proposals for the development of the Lambton Transport Terminal in September 1999. This included the redevelopment of the present terminal site and surrounding area.

Approval was granted in August 2000 for work to be carried out in:

- Stout Street to widen the footpath so as to accommodate pedestrian canopies
- Bunny Street (west) to accommodate the temporary bus station
- Bunny Street (east) to traffic calm and to produce a pedestrian friendly street.
- Featherston Street to reconfigure the carriageway to accommodate the proposed terminal operational area boundary

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 Featherston Street to accommodate the construction of the southern covered walkway from the subway.

These are all sub-projects of the main scheme which is made up of the following main components:

- Lambton Terminal upgrade \$6,500,000
- Railway Station Forecourt pedestrian upgrade \$1,150,000
- CBD pedestrian shelter programme \$2,250,000

The work carried out to date was programmed to accommodate Victoria University's development plans and timetable. Their work, involving the construction of a new lecture **theatre**, is progressing well and is expected to be completed in February 2001.

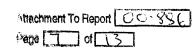
The main scheme is to be funded by Council taking out a loan (up to \$10 million) to fund the package of projects. The Regional Council will then cover the set-up, interest and capital repayments of the loan. This funding arrangement is required because current law does not allow Regional Councils to directly own public transport infrastructure. It was approved by Council in December 1999. However the draw down of the loan is subject to specific considerations and approval of individual elements of the overall project by Committee.

An economic assessment of the scheme was prepared by **Booz-Allen &** Hamilton (NZ) Ltd for the Regional Council. This was submitted to **Transfund** for approval. While the Regional Council is committed to funding the project they are also reliant on elements of the project gaining **Transfund** subsidy. Preliminary approval has been given by **Transfund** for improvements to the Railway Station Forecourt pedestrian upgrade and the **CBD** pedestrian shelter programme. Final approvals and approval of **Transfund** subsidy on the terminal buildings is yet to be made.

#### 10. UPDATE

An update on progress since approval of the above works programme by the Committee is as follows:

- Widening Stout Street footpath is complete. Pedestrian canopies are still to be manufactured and installed using the **Adshel "Evo"** design. These are expected in April. The area provides for the temporary set down of passengers.
- Bunny Street (Featherston to Lambton Quay) has been established as a temporary bus station for passenger pick-up. This will be in place until the completion of the new terminal area which is expected to be in September/October 2001.
- Featherston Street **kerblines** have been changed to accommodate the new terminal operating area. Lane markings have been changed to improve the efficiency of traffic movement through this area.
- Featherston Street subway access: Site work has started on the walkway with the relocation of services and cabling in the area. The covered walkway is expected to be complete in February 2001. This will provide access to the south from the subway and link well with the temporary Bunny Street pick up. Long term it provides covered pedestrian access to the city via Stout Street.



• Bunny Street (Featherston to Waterloo Quay): Work on Bunny Street traffic calming and pedestrian improvements is nearing completion. The overall result will be a traffic calmed street which gives greater priority to pedestrians and provides for cyclists without inhibiting the movement of vehicles.

#### 11. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME

#### 11.1 Railway Station Forecourt

The next stage of development is to complete work in the Railway Station forecourt. Final designs have been produced for this area and all resource consent issues addressed. A plan of the area is shown in the appendix. Improvements proposed are the provision of shelters on the radial arms from the front of the station to provide pedestrians with cover in inclement weather.

Improved waiting cover for patrons using taxis, shuttle buses and the City Circular will be provided on each side of the railway station. These will be serviced by a wider footpath immediately in front of the railway station which continues out to the comers of the forecourt. To meet and acknowledge the sensitive historic significance of the Railway Station Building, canopies have not been attached to the building. The middle forecourt area will remain relatively unchanged but will be **re-paved** to enhance its attraction as a focal point for the station.

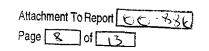
With work finishing in Bunny Street in advance of the busy Christmas period it is proposed that the railway station forecourt work should follow in the quiet month of January. The budget estimate for work in this area is \$650,000. Approval is now sought to have funds released for this work.

#### 11.2 Transport Terminal

With the relocation of passenger pick up to Bunny Street and set down to Stout Street the site at the rear of Rutherford House needs to be cleared for construction. Site clearance will involve the demolition of the old Cecil Hotel site. Again it is desirable for this work to be carried out in January. The budget for this work is \$55,000. Approval is now sought to have funds released for this work.

Final plans have now been produced for the terminal buildings. Plans of the area are shown in the appendix. More detailed plans and a model will be available at the meeting for Committee members. The waiting and drop off facilities provide for passengers using both city and northbound services. The main facility at the rear of Rutherford House will cater for up to 200 waiting passengers who will leave via two platforms destined for city-wide locations. The waiting area will be glazed and enclosed with automatic doors opening for passengers to load onto buses. Northbound services will be catered for on the western side of Lambton Quay in the vicinity of the existing waiting area.

The subway which links both waiting areas to the railway station will be upgraded with improved lighting, including greater natural lighting as a consequence of opening up the existing subway. The surface areas will be **re-paved** from the side of the railway station concourse to the northbound waiting shelter. Better pedestrian access



will be provided at either end of the subway and onto the western edge of Featherston Street. This will be linked under cover to shelters along Stout Street. Walls and ceilings will be relined. Security surveillance and panic stations will be installed. The capacity to provide real time bus timetable information will also be incorporated into the overall design.

Land ownership issues are resolved to a point where they do not affect the construction timetable. But final resolution of costs is yet to be determined although these look **favourable** for **Council**.

All resource consent issues have been addressed for the terminal. The design has been peer reviewed by architects, urban designers and transport consultants and their views incorporated as appropriate. Any views of the Committee can be considered at this stage prior to tendering.

**Once** tenders have been called and evaluated, a further report will come back to Committee for approval to release funding.

#### 11.3 Shelters Programme

Routes where pedestrian cover will be provided as part of the strategy to improve pedestrian protection has been identified. The approach taken is not to cover every footpath into the city with a glass tunnel, but to strategically place weather protection on the most exposed stretches of city street and where pedestrians congregate waiting to cross the road. Four levels of pedestrian protection and cover are proposed which will provide pedestrians with a choice. These are:

- Level 1 Minimal protection for fine days when people prefer to walk in the open.
- Level 2 Strategic cover on exposed stretches of street and at comers where pedestrians tend to wait.
- Level 3 A largely covered route.
- Level 4 A fully covered route.

Routes identified and the proposed level of cover are:

- 1. Railway station forecourt: central area level 1, edges level 3
- 2. Waterloo Quay (west side): level 4
- 3. Featherston street (east side) Bunny to Whitmore: level 4
- 4. Stout Street (west side) Bunny to Whitmore: level 4
- 5. Lambton Quay (west side): level 2
- 6. Featherston *Street* (west side) Mulgrave to Bunny: level 4

Three different designs will be **utilised** to provide these various levels of cover. The most comprehensive cover will be in the vicinity of the **Lambton** Bus Terminal either side of the subway and will be built in glass on all sides. The next level is the **Adshel** "Evo" type shelter similar to the prototype in Manners Street. The third level is the pocket umbrella shelters predominantly employed at exposed street comers to protect waiting pedestrians. The final result will be a good urban design mix. That is an aesthetically pleasing structure which fits well with any comer geometry, blends well

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with surrounding buildings and affords pedestrians the best protection without compromising safety

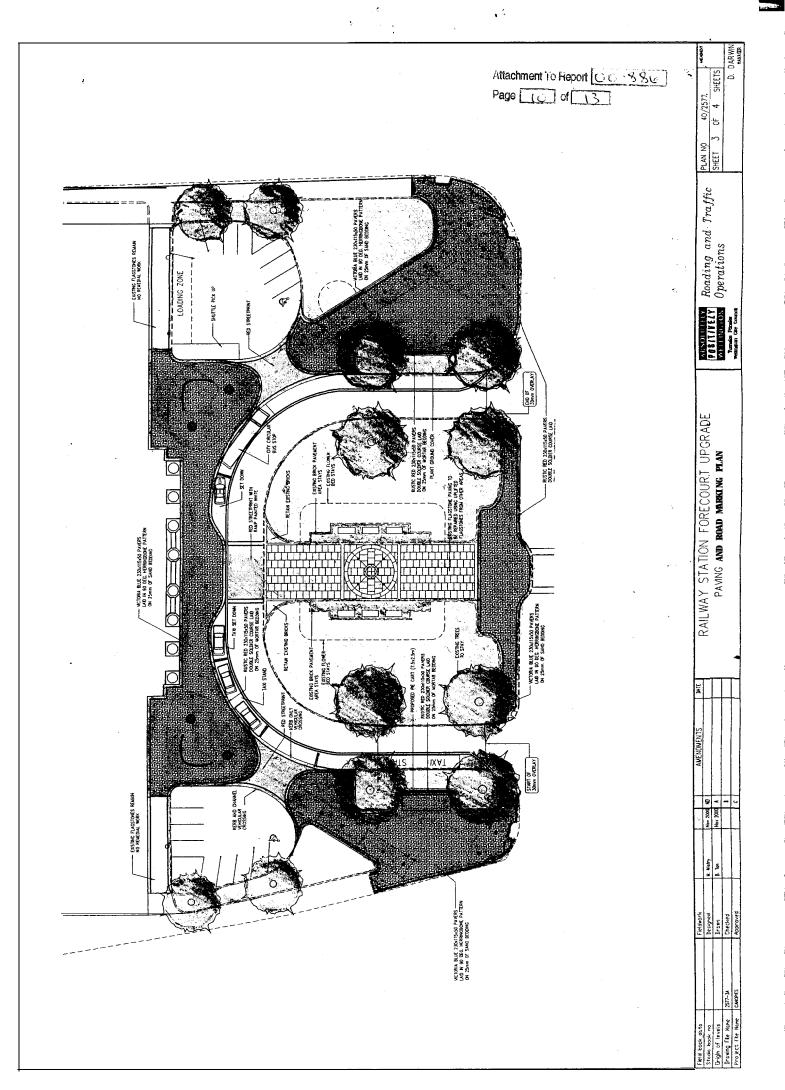
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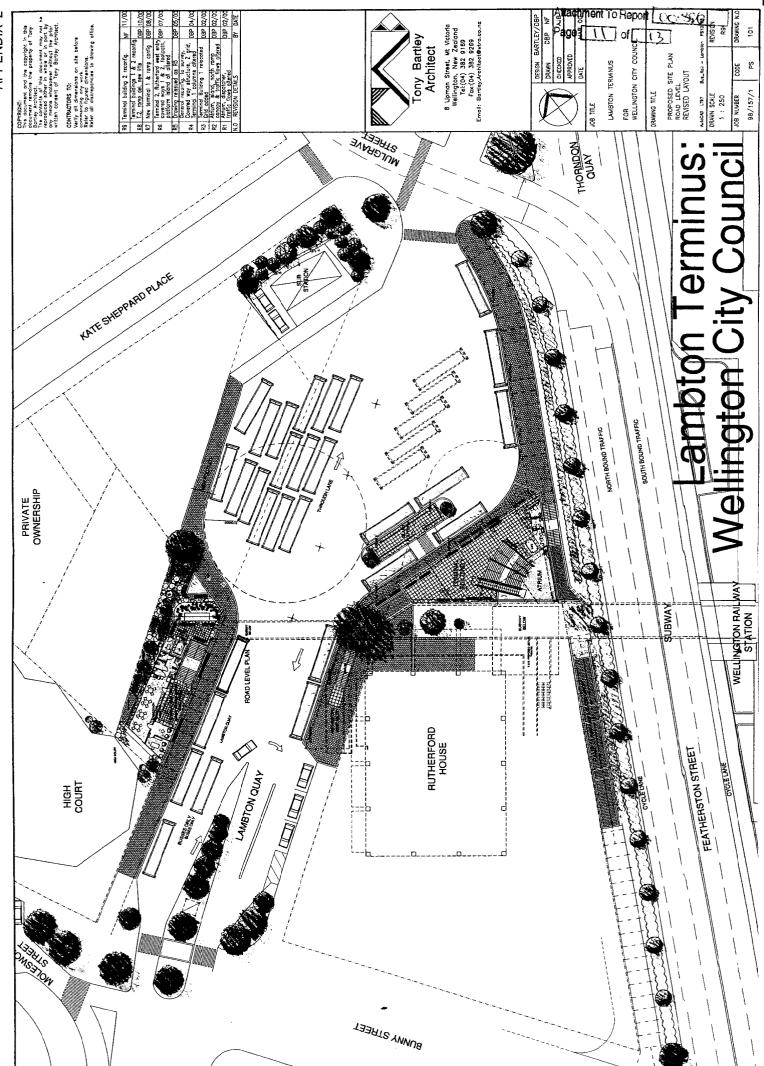
Work is progressing well on the three components of the Transport Terminal project:

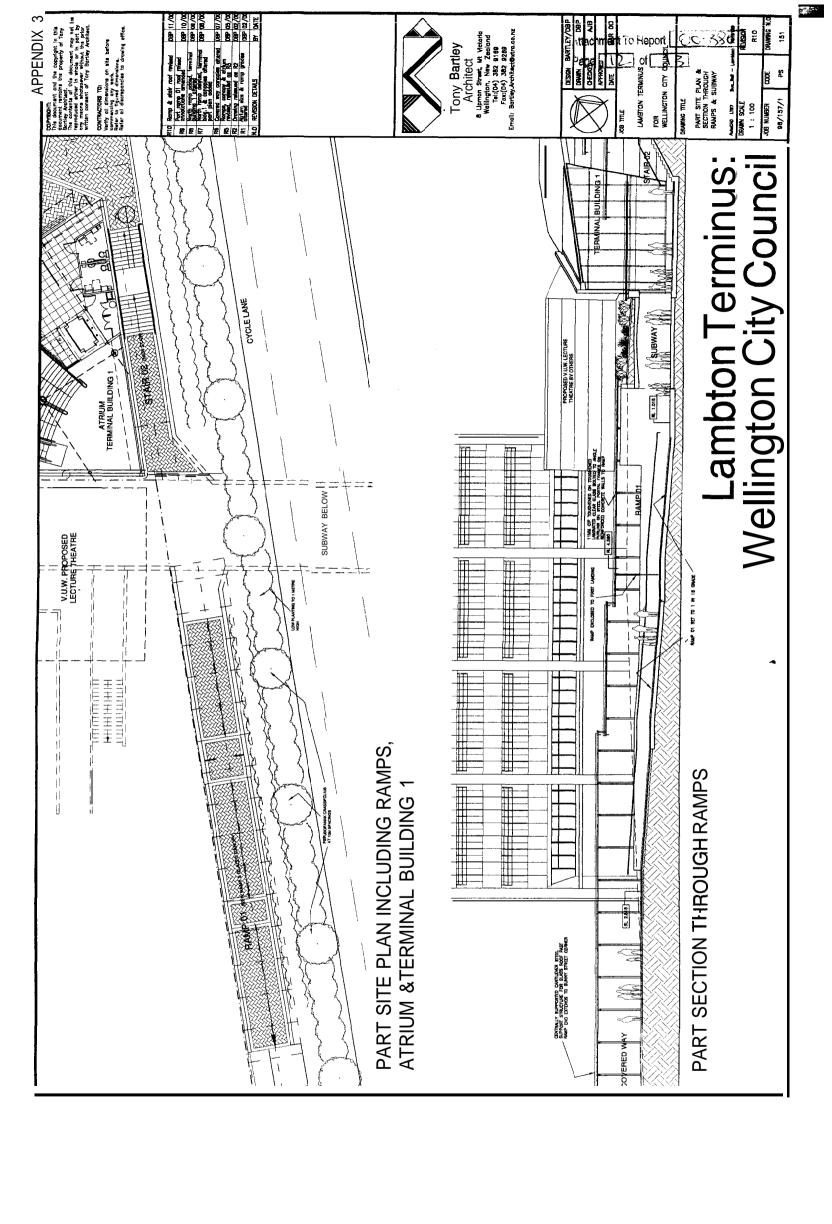
- 1. Lambton Terminal upgrade
- 2. Railway Station forecourt pedestrian upgrade
- 3. CBD pedestrian shelter programme

Approval is now sought from the Committee for release of funding for the next stage of the works. Further plans and cost details of other elements of the project will be reported back to the Committee for approval following evaluation of tenders as work progresses.

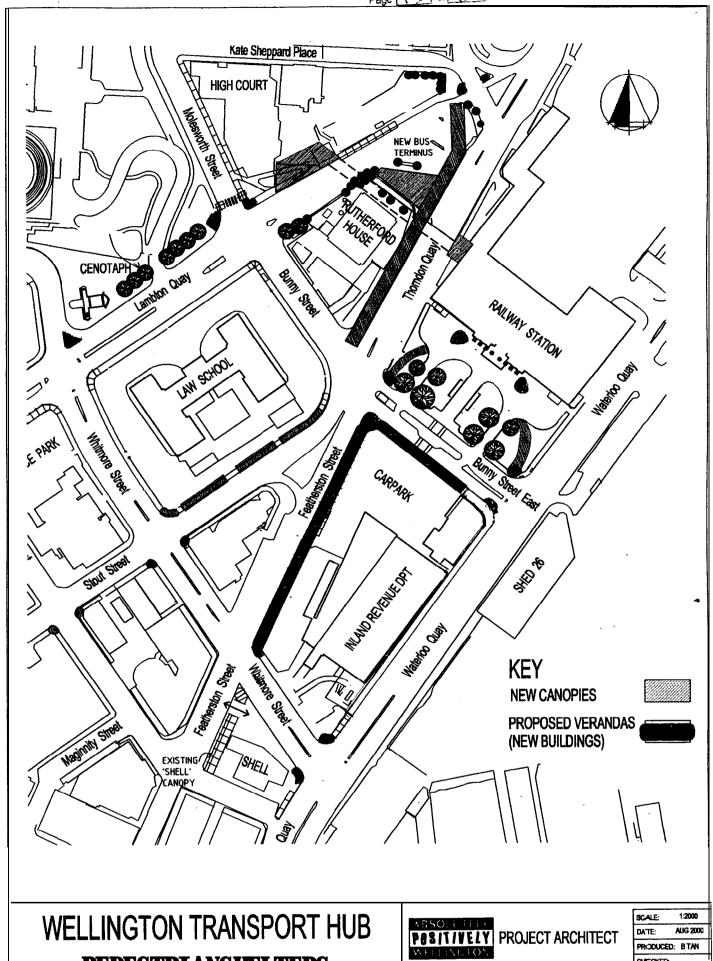
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