

Bus Stop Options

Option 1

Relocate the pedestrian crossing further west of its current position.

This would provide additional space to extend the current bus stop preventing the driveway blockage.

This option is not considered a viable. The approval and planning to move the pedestrian crossing is lengthy and would prove to be very expensive, and may not resolve the problem entirely as it would be dependant on how many buses actually stop or arrive at the same time.

Option 2

Removal of the bus stop from outside the Police station, and extending the second stop, east of the driveway, by reducing the number of vehicle parks to accommodate the bus stop.

This option would give some shelter to passengers by the use of the shop canopies. This option was also considered not viable. Reducing the length of the stop back east towards the shop canopy would create insufficient access for buses to parallel park and could result in congestion east of Elizabeth Street. Positioning the bus stop opposite Elizabeth Street may also have traffic flow implications with vehicles exiting Elizabeth Street and vehicles overtaking the stationary buses at the stop.

Option 3

Close and remove the bus stop outside the Police Station, extend the stop east of the driveway to accommodate more buses and leave the current bus shelter in situ or remove.

This option does not benefit the waiting passenger in terms of comfort and weather protection. If the shelter remains in its current location it will create a distance between the passenger waiting point and the bus boarding point, thus increasing the chance of people missing buses. This option may also see an increase in the number of reported trips and falls as a result of passengers running to catch the bus.

Option 4 (Preferred Option)

Close the bus stop outside of the police station and extend the eastern bus stop.

Officers from Greater Wellington, Hutt City Council and Petone Police suggest that the bus stop outside of the Police Station is closed with all road markings and signage removed. The current HM3 shelter is removed and relocated to an alternative site in the Lower Hutt area.

The eastern bus stop road markings are adjusted to lengthen the stop to 30 metres. This will accommodate the additional buses stopping and will mean the bus stop is at least one metre further east from the Police driveway. A new bus shelter is installed at the eastern bus stop.