

**Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board
Information Session/Workshop
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS**

Date: Thursday 27 June 2024
Time: 4 pm
Venue: Board Room, Papanui Service Centre,
Corner Langdons Road and Restell Street, Papanui

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Cranford Street - between Innes Road and Berwick Street

Pre-consultation Information session

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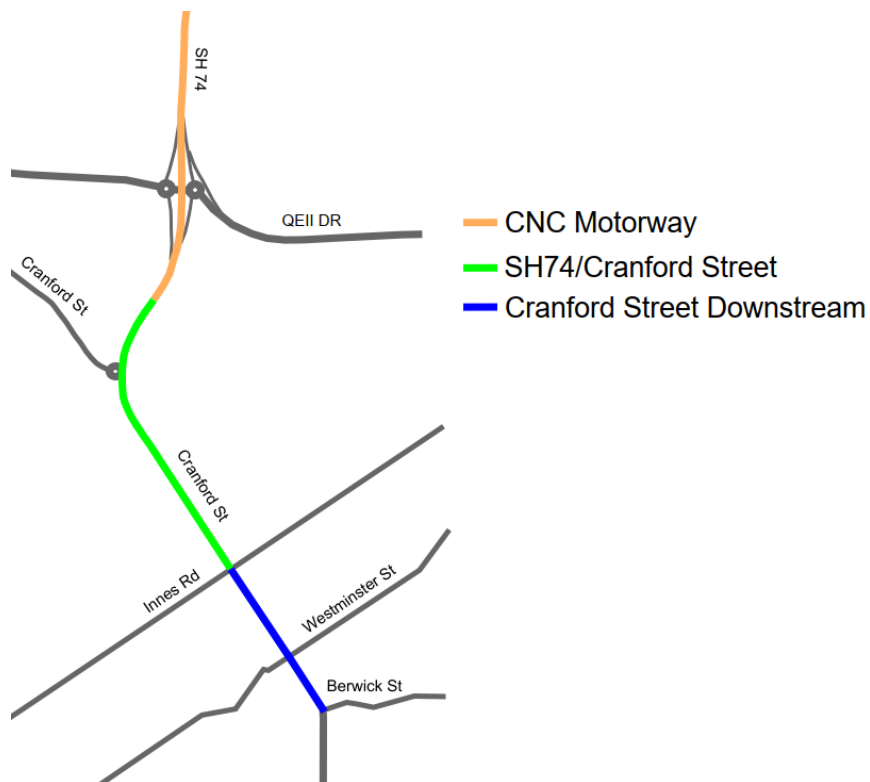
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Purpose of this information session

Provide information on the solution for Cranford Street between Innes Road and Berwick Street before the public consultation.

- Background information
- Options investigated
- Options for public consultation
- Consultation tactics
- Post-consultation briefing and decision-making process

1.0 Background information



- Clearway proposal (2019):
Not supported by key stakeholders (residents' association, ECan, Waimakariri DC, NZTA)
- Peak-hour bus lane trial since early 2021
 - 7 buses per hour during peak times

2.0 Options Investigated

1. Peak-hour Bus Lane
2. Peak-hour Clearway
3. Peak-hour T2 Lane
4. T2 extension to Berwick Street (joint study with NZTA)
5. ~~Urban Arterial~~ (discounted)

3.1 Options for Consultation – Peak-hour Bus Lane



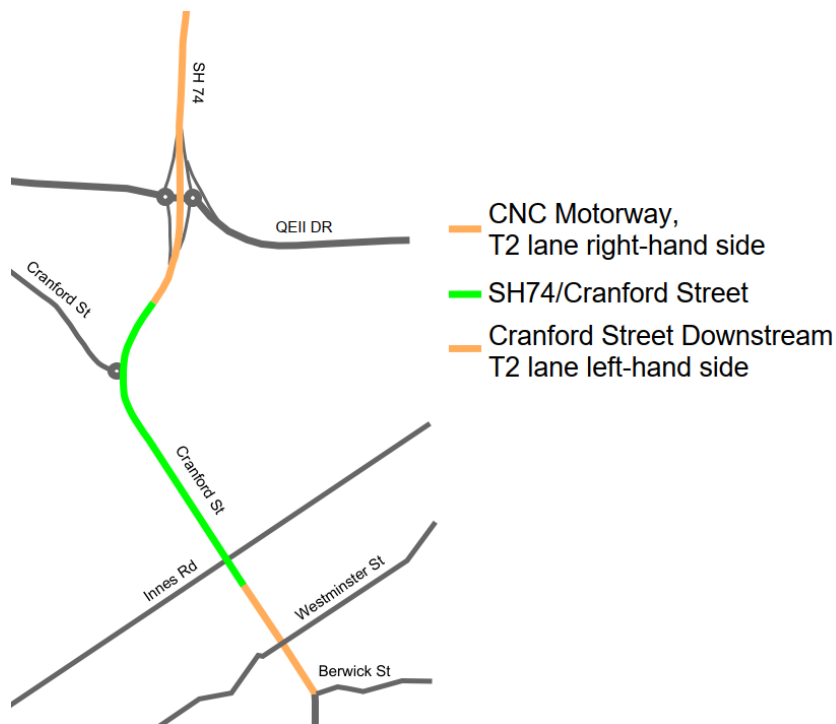
3.2 Options for Consultation – Peak-hour Clearway



3.3 Options for Consultation – Peak-hour T2 lane

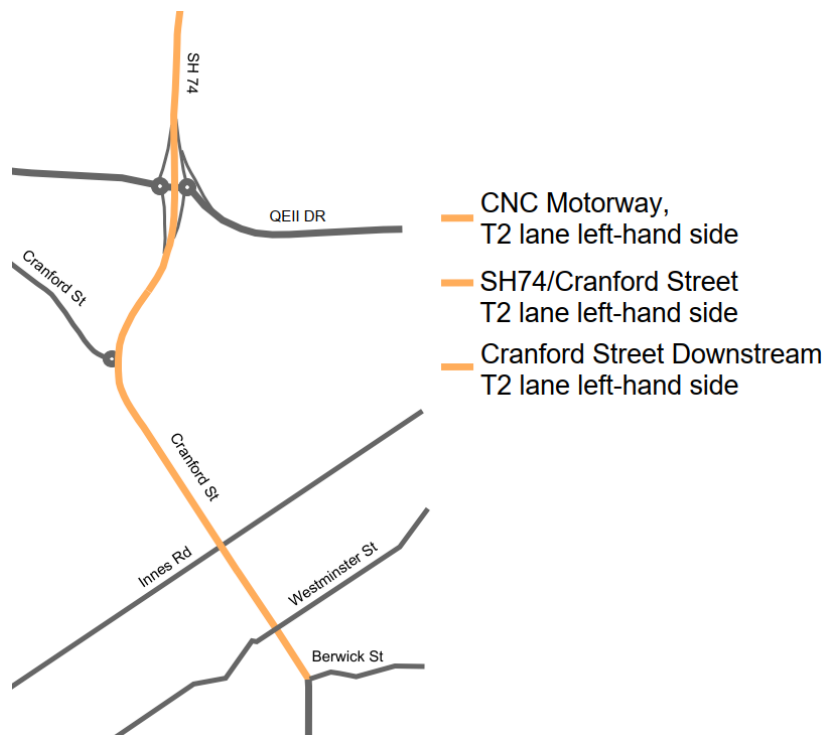


3.4 Peak-hour T2 Lane – Lane Shifting



- High occupancy vehicles shift from right-hand side T2 lane on CNC motorway after QEII Drive to left-hand side T2 lane south of Malvern Street; single-occupancy vehicles need do the opposite
- **Concerns:** May cause driver confusion and potential violations, and potential collisions

3.5 T2 Extension



T2 extension from motorway to Berwick Street. T2 lane stay on the left-hand side for the entire length.

- No need for T2 lane swapping but may be merging/diverging issue at on/off ramps and side roads.
- Travel time saving for high occupancy vehicles but longer delay for single occupancy vehicles
- Single occupancy vehicles may re-route via QEII Drive, Innes Road or Westminister Street, increasing local road traffic

3.6 Additional changes that apply to all options

- Increased off-peak on-street parking spaces
 - 6 spaces between Innes Road and Westminster Street
 - 10 P60 spaces between Westminster Street and Berwick Street
- Safety improvement at Cranford/Westminster intersection
 - High friction coloured surfacing on approaches
 - Updated electric no right turn signage to support existing southbound right turn ban during morning peak
- Safety improvement at English Park signalised crossing
 - High friction coloured surfacing on approaches

3.7 Safety improvement considered

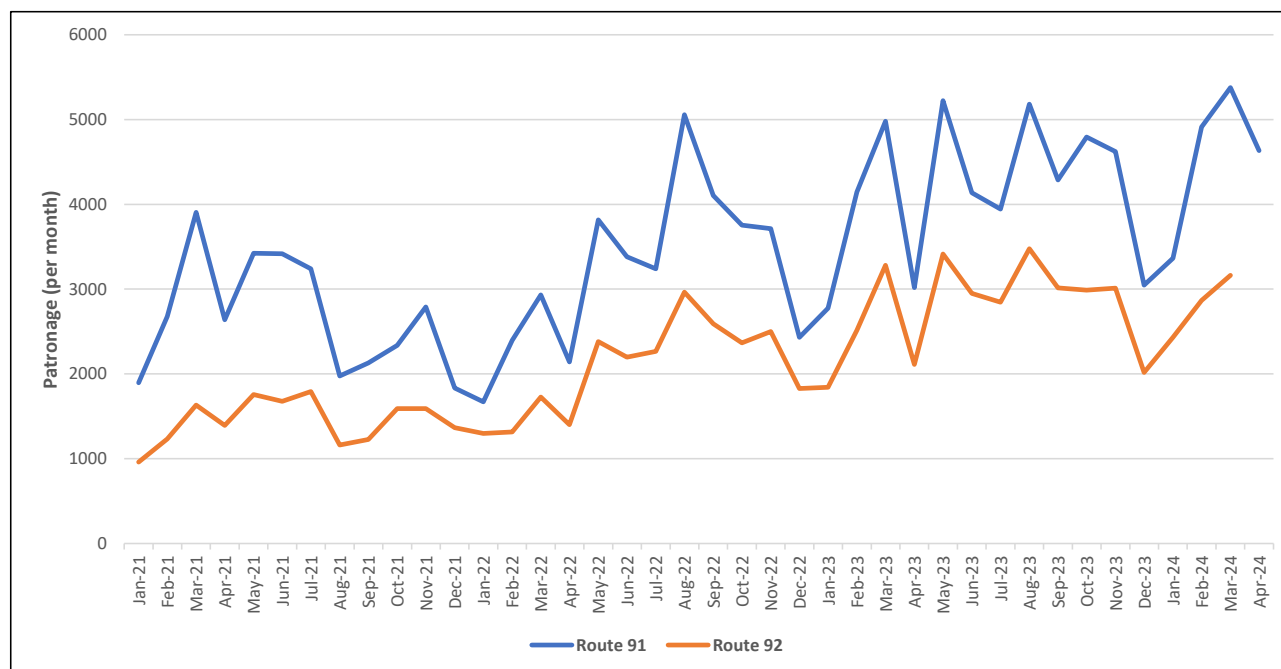
- Cranford/Westminster Intersection
 - Red light cameras
 - Raised platforms
 - Barnes Dance
 - **High friction coloured surfacing on approaches**
 - **Updated signage to support existing southbound right turn ban during morning peak and southbound lane utilisation**
- English Park signalised crossing
 - Red light cameras
 - Raised platform
 - **High friction coloured surfacing on approaches**
 - **Signal lanterns adjustment**

3.8 Bus patronage numbers

- Since 2021, bus patronage has increased by 55.5% on Route 91 (Rangiora to City direct) and 92.6% on Route 92 (Kaiapoi to City direct).

Annual bus patronage

	Route 91	Route 92
2021	32,260	17,379
2022	38,640	24,836
2023	50,156	33,469
Growth since 2021	17,896	16,090
2024 Q1	18,284	11,443



3.9 Traffic modelling – travel time

Average Travel Time in Minutes in 2028 South of QEII Drive to Berwick Street			
Options	Single Occupancy Vehicles	High Occupancy Vehicles	Buses
Bus Lane	6.5	6.5	4.4
Clearway	4.3	4.3	4.6
T2 Lane	4.6	4	4.4
T2 Extension	7.5	3.4	3.9

Average Travel Time in Minutes in 2028 Tram Road to Berwick Street			
Options	Single Occupancy Vehicles	High Occupancy Vehicles	Buses
Bus Lane	12.8	11.7	9.6
Clearway	10.5	9.3	9.7
T2 Lane	10.9	9.1	9.6
T2 Extension	15.1	9	9.6

3.10 Traffic modelling – traffic volume

Southbound Single Occupancy Vehicles AM Peak Hour in 2028

Sections	Bus Lane	Clearway		T2 Lane		T2 Extension	
	Vol.	Vol.	± to Bus Lane	Vol.	± to Bus Lane	Vol.	± to Bus Lane
CNC south of Belfast	1,754	1,777	23	1,773	19	1,800	46
CNC South of QEII off-ramp	976	1,133	157	1,140	164	603	-373
Cranford south of roundabout	1,396	1,600	204	1,625	229	947	-449
Cranford north of Innes	1,119	1,355	236	1,338	219	811	-308
Cranford north of Westminster	851	1,127	276	1,015	164	912	61
Cranford north of Berwick	974	1,201	227	1,118	144	989	15
Cranford south of Berwick	921	1,002	81	988	67	938	17

Southbound High Occupancy Vehicles AM Peak Hour in 2028

Sections	Bus Lane	Clearway		T2 Lane		T2 Extension	
	Vol.	Vol.	± to Bus Lane	Vol.	± to Bus Lane	Vol.	± to Bus Lane
CNC south of Belfast	296	299	3	298	2	309	13
CNC South of QEII off-ramp	165	191	26	192	27	195	30
Cranford south of roundabout	247	281	34	281	34	284	37
Cranford north of Innes	204	239	35	232	28	269	65
Cranford north of Westminster	151	201	50	175	24	200	49
Cranford north of Berwick	172	214	42	191	19	207	35
Cranford south of Berwick	164	180	16	171	7	173	9

4.0 Consultation tactics

- Engagement period
 - 29 July to 26 August 2024
 - Marketing campaign, including:
 - Google and Facebook ads targeting the local community
 - Street posters and bus backs
 - Newline and local online media
 - Community social media groups
 - Local newspapers (The Star and Nor'West News)
 - Physical collateral
 - Flyer drop to affected residents and businesses on Cranford Street and on Cranford express bus services
 - Consultation booklets in local libraries, service centres and community facilities
 - Webinar workshop
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4.1 Consultation survey structure

Option A



What do you like about this option and why?

What don't you like about this option and why?

Which option is your most preferred? Required

Clearway		1
Bus lane		2
T2 Lane		3

Is there anything else we need to know?

5.0 Consultation feedback and decision-making process

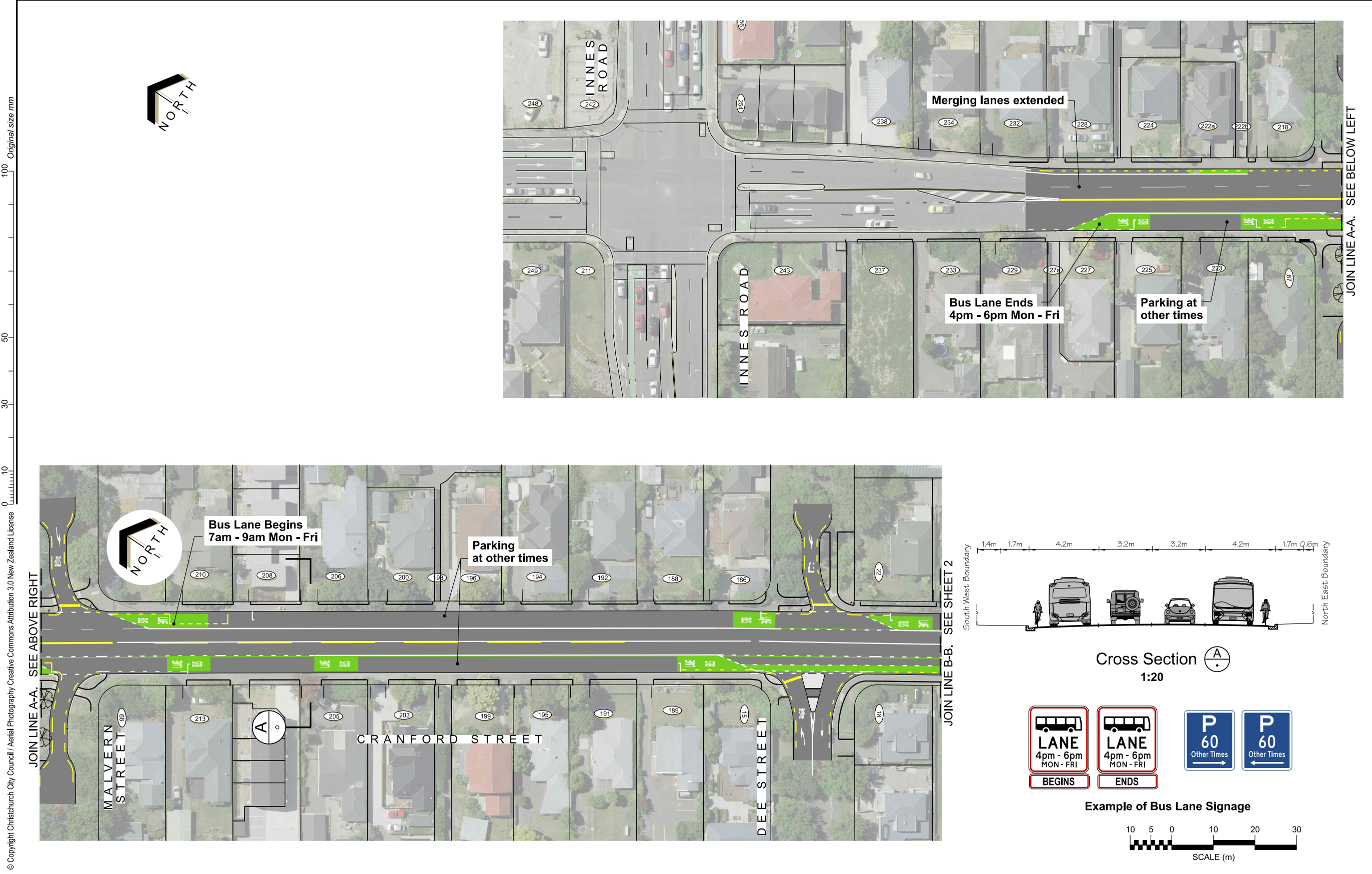
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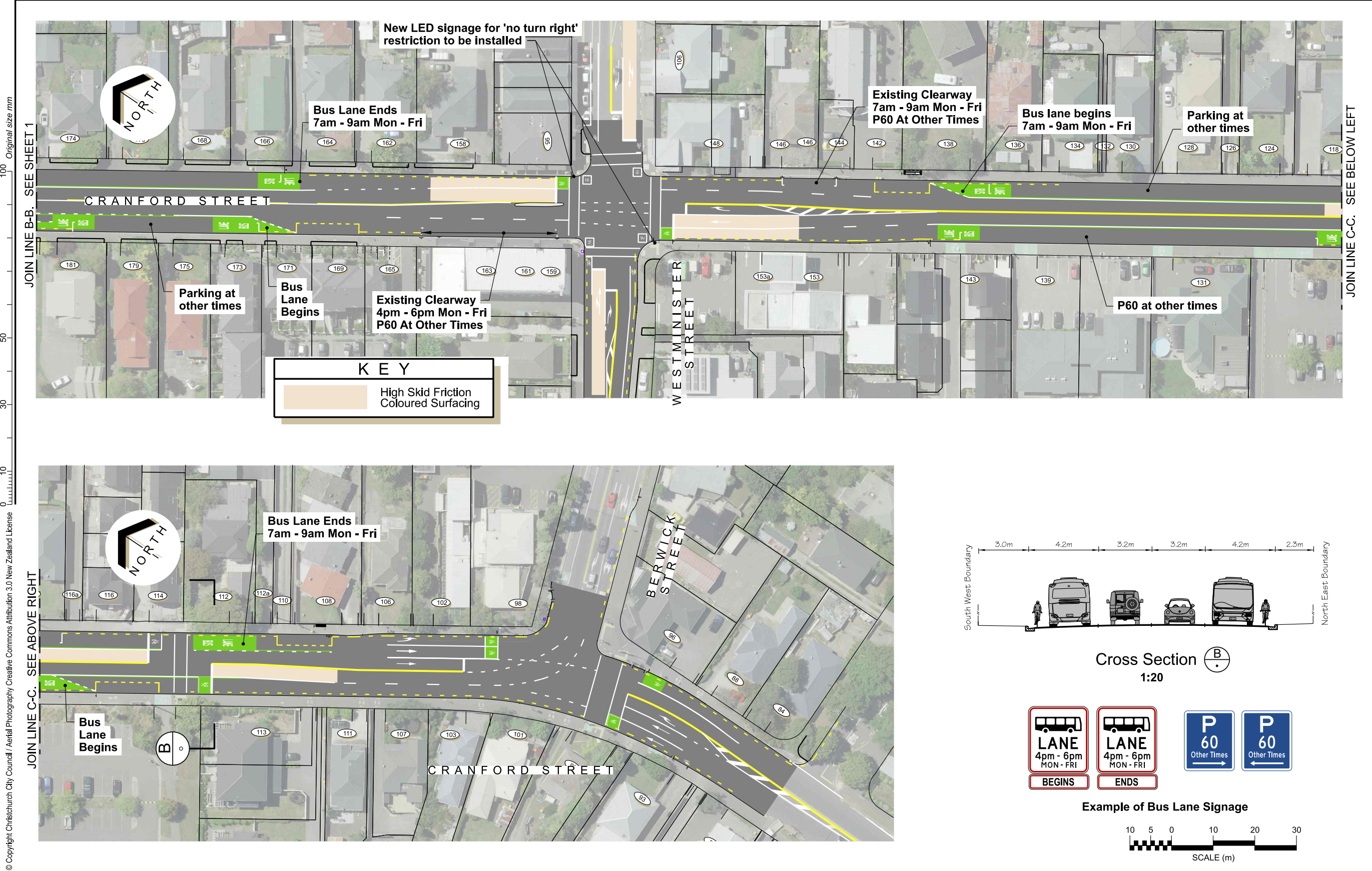
- Post-consultation community board information session – 26 September 2024
- Post-consultation Council information session – 1 October 2024
- Decision making process - further information will be provided early July

Questions

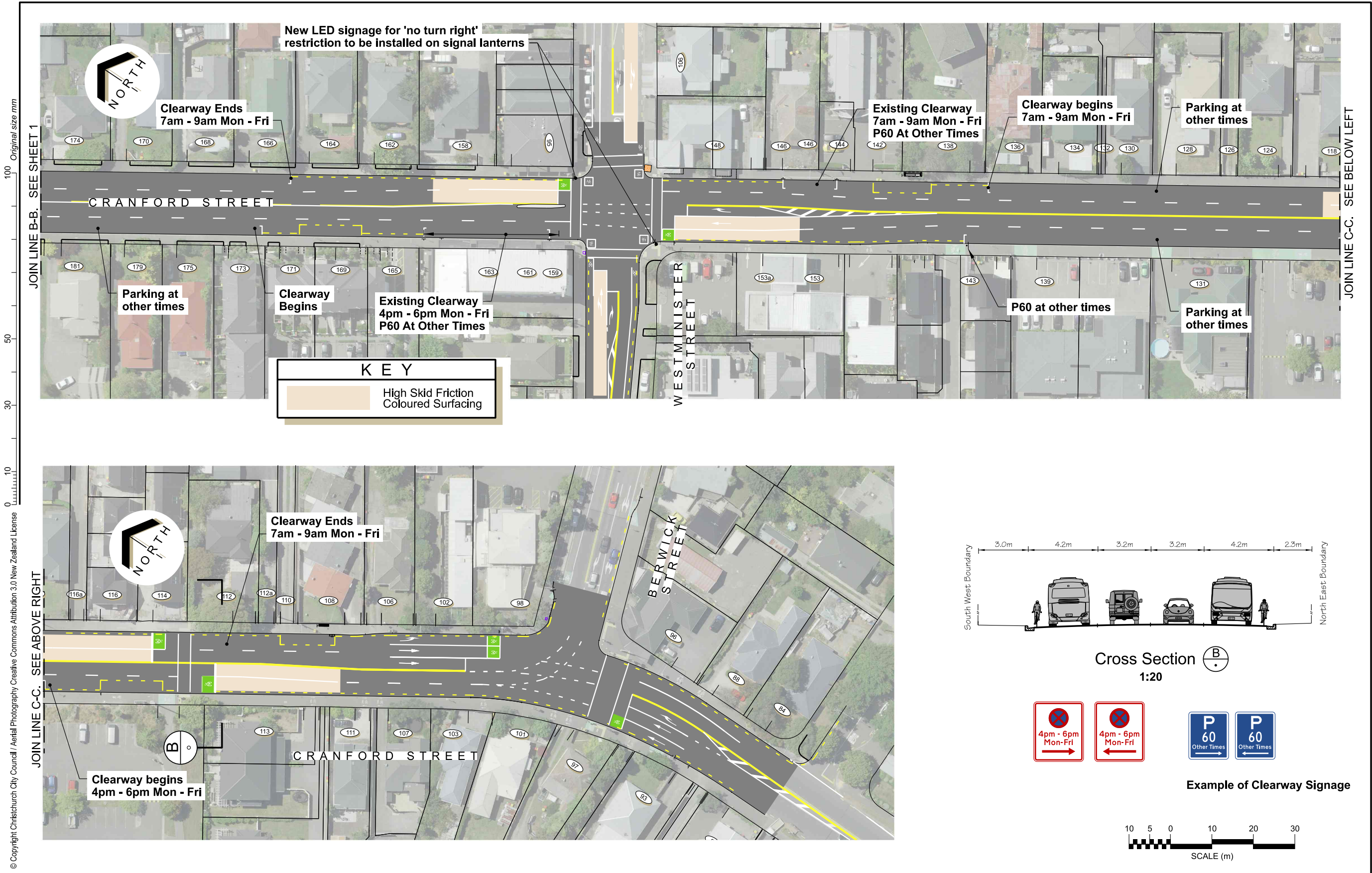
In-lane bus stop

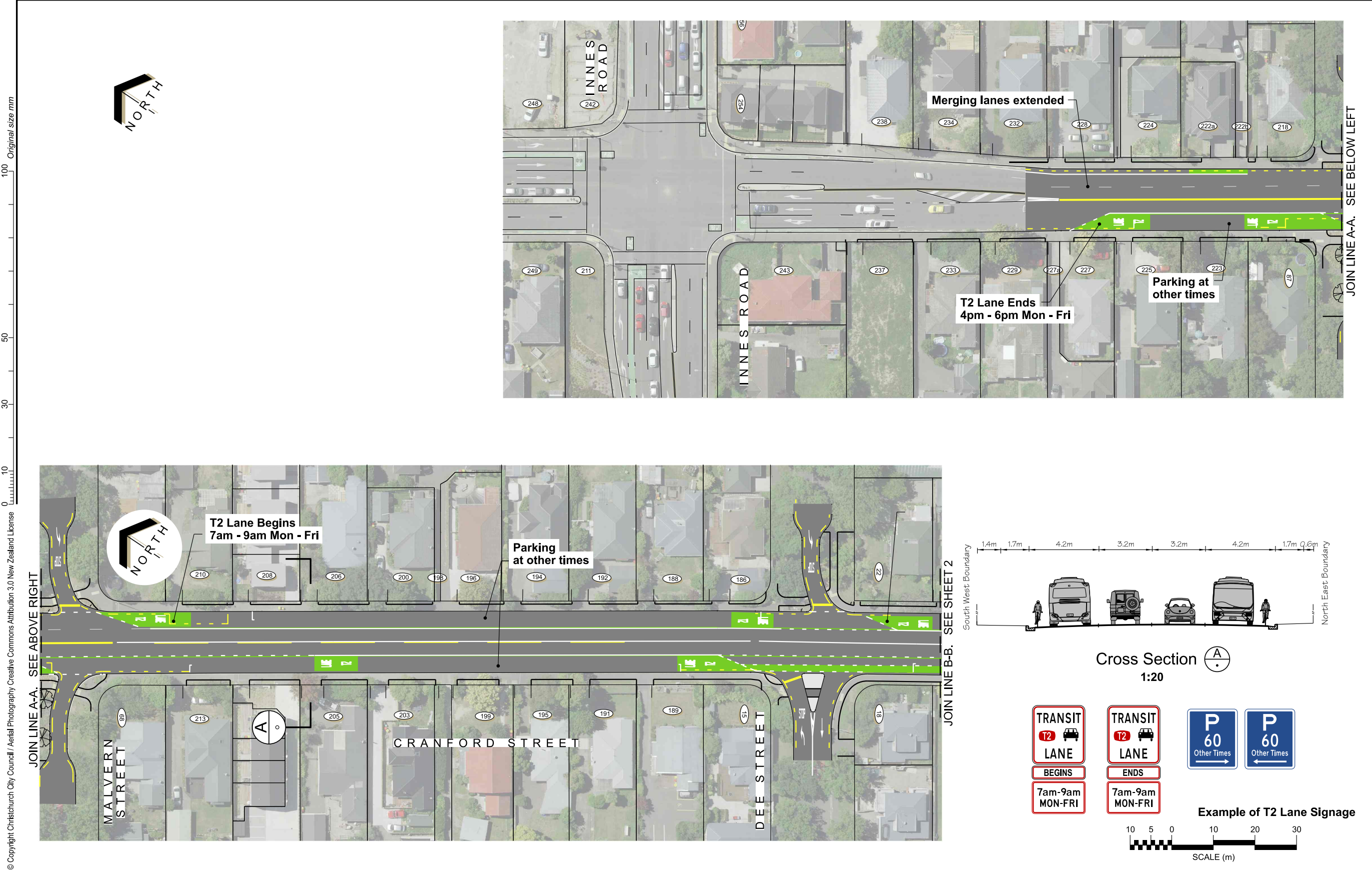
Cranford Street bus stops		In-lane bus stop?	Weekday average boarding March 2024	Buses in peak hours (hourly)	Bus route
Southbound	North of McFaddens Rd	No	26	9	27, Oc
	South of Knowles St	Existing	32	9	27, Oc
	South of Malvern St	Clearway/T2	16	3	27
	South of Westminster St	Clearway/T2	16	3	27
	North of Berwick St	Clearway/T2	12	3	27
Northbound	North of Berwick St	Clearway/T2	12	3	27
	North of Westminster St	Clearway/T2	13	3	27
	North of Malvern St	Clearway/T2	5	3	27
	North of Knowles St	Existing	29	9	27, Oa
	North of McFaddens Rd	No	29	9	27, Oa

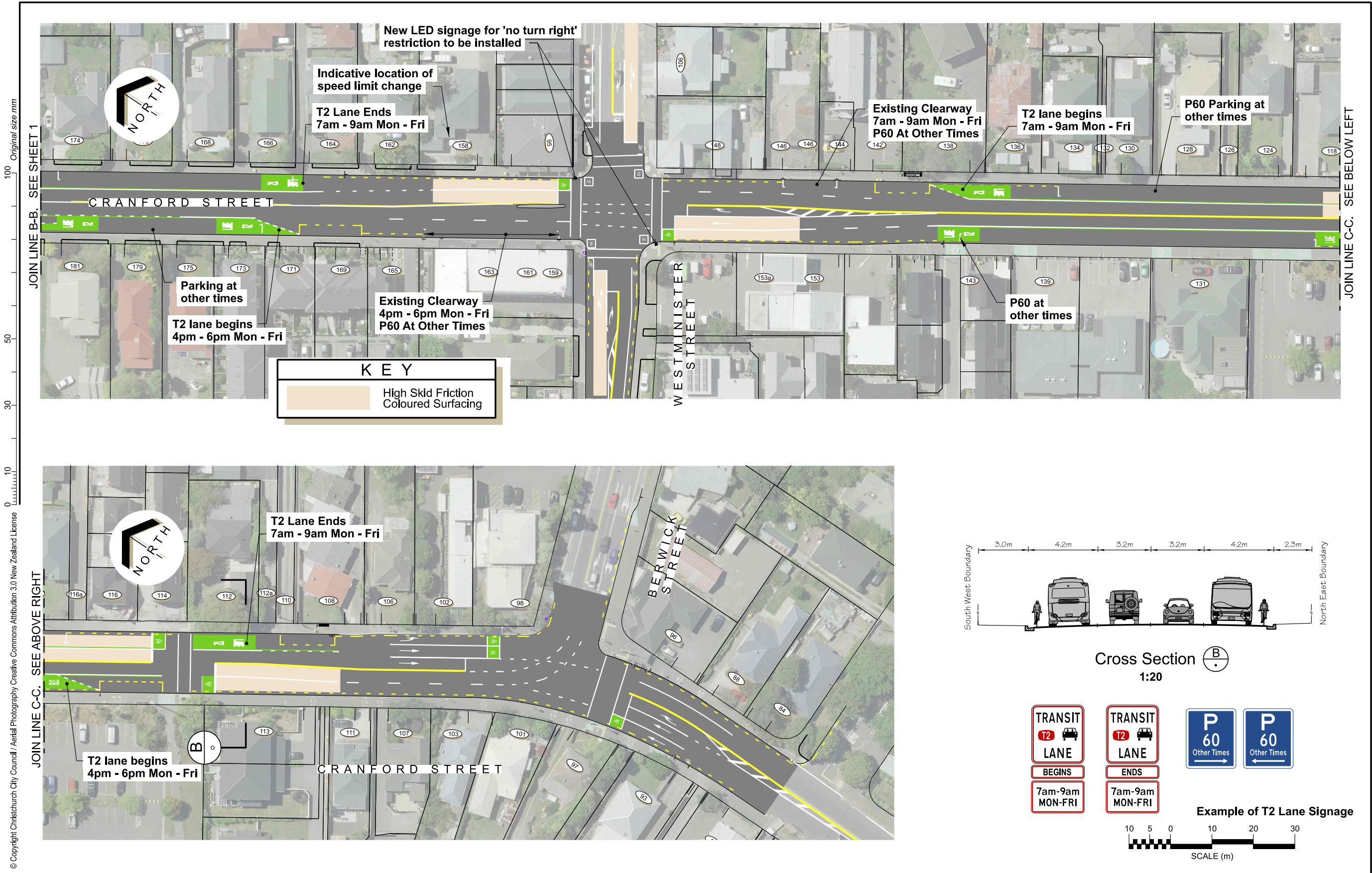








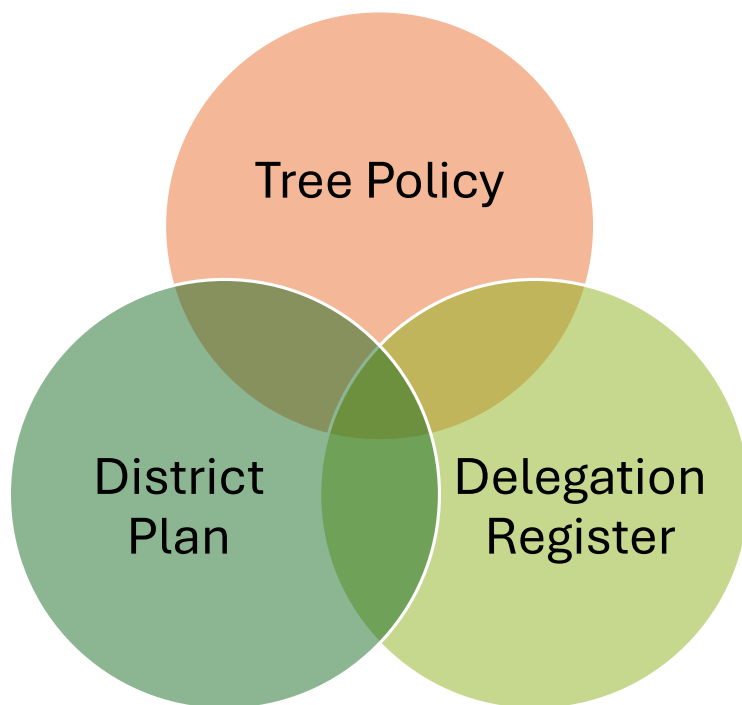




Tree Removal Process

Presented by Toby Chapman

Removal requirements

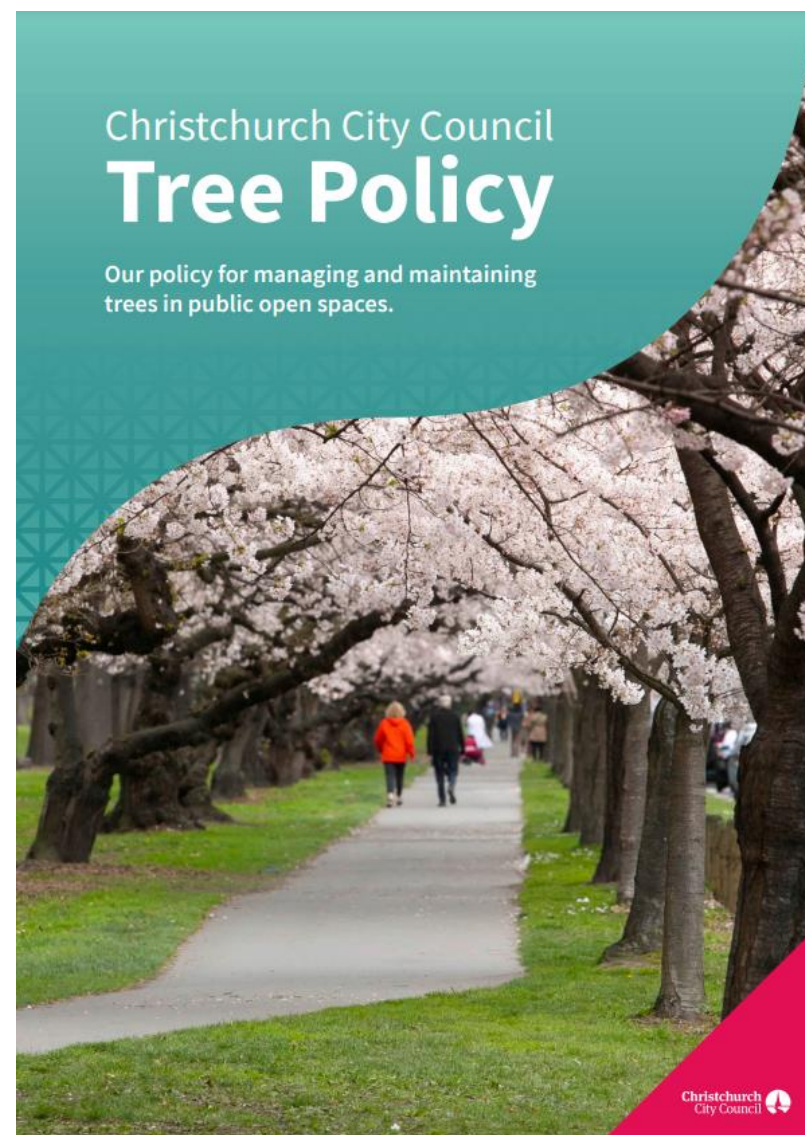


In order for a tree to be removed, it must meet the requirements of the Councils:

- Tree Policy- This document outlines when we would remove a tree (specifically section 4)
- District Plan- This document covers whether or not the tree is protected and if a resource consent is required
- Delegations register- This covers who is able to authorise the removal

Tree Policy

- Section 4 covers tree removal
- Tree removal is split into two sections:
 - **Tree removal** – Covers removals that relate to the normal management of Council trees
 - **Public Requests for tree removal** – Split into three categories and covers removals for reasons that specifically impact a resident



Delegations

42	<p>To determine to plant, maintain and remove trees on reserves within the policy set by the Council and in accordance with this section.</p> <p>This delegation does not include the removal of structurally unsound and unhealthy trees, trees causing damage to infrastructure or other safety concerns where there is no viable alternative other than to remove the tree.</p>
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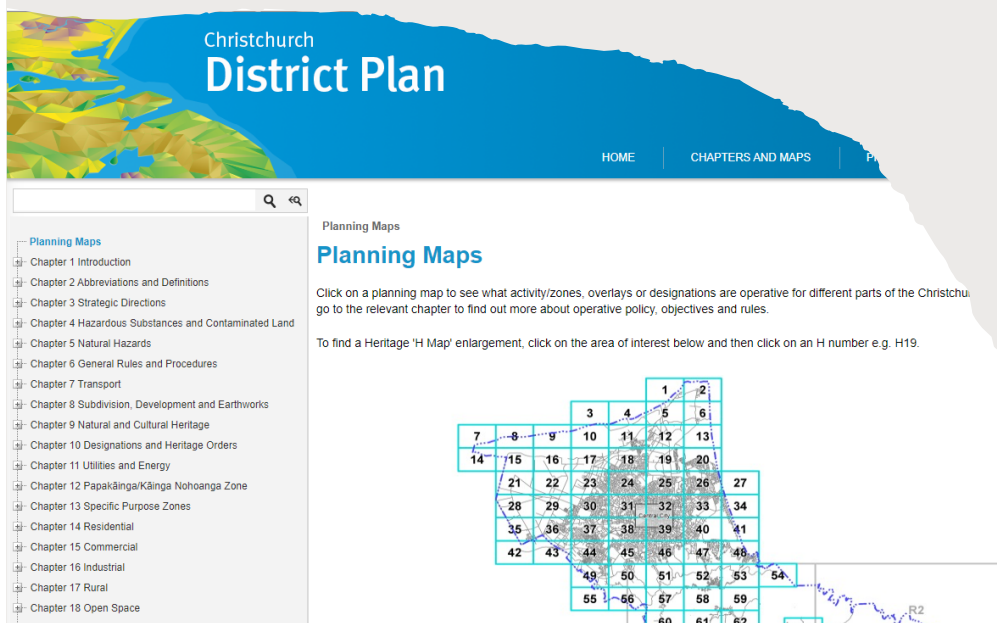
19. Parks / Trees etc

Delegation	GMCC	HOP	HOT
To avoid any doubt, this delegation is subject to all requirements of the Christchurch District Plan and the Resource Management Act 1991. This delegation may not be sub-delegated.		✓	
To approve intrusions or not allow intrusions through recession planes of buildings adjoining parks.	✓	✓	
To grant or decline permits (other than leases or licences) for activities on reserves.	✓	✓	
To require bonds for any use on Council parks property.	✓	✓	
To make decisions on the siting of floodlights on sports parks, noting the appropriate community board would have decided on the installation of those floodlights.	✓	✓	
In consultation with any other units affected, to authorise the following work on any tree from any reserve, park, open space or road corridor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> planting and maintenance; removal of structurally unsound and unhealthy trees, trees causing damage to infrastructure or other safety concerns where there is no viable alternative other than to remove the tree, removal of a tree where the tree is impeding the consented legal access to the road (eg vehicle crossing). 	✓	✓	✓

PART B – Sub-Part 3 – Other Matters

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District Plan



- Chapter 9.4 provides a list of rules related to Trees
- - 9.4.4.1.1-P6 states that all trees over 10m tall in an open space
- or 6 m tall in the road corridor are protected
- UNLESS:
unless:
 - the tree is dead; or
 - within tolerance zones for overhead electrical conductors and continued pruning is detrimental to the ongoing health or
 - structural integrity or landscape value of the tree; or
 - the tree is damaging buildings, utilities or property and further damage cannot be reasonably avoided except by removing the tree; or
 - the tree is a threat to vehicle and pedestrian safety and pruning cannot mitigate the threat without causing the tree to become severely disfigured or affect its long term health or structural integrity; or

Global consent RMA/2023/1996

Pre-conditions to use the consent

4. The felling and associated earthworks of public-realm trees where they are over 6m in height (in road corridors) and 10m in height (in parks/public open space, shall only be undertaken where;
 - a. An application was made by a resident to the relevant delegated authority, and
 - b. The relevant delegated authority has approved the removal in line with CCC's Tree Policy, polices 4.20 (personal health), or 4.21 (property damage), or 4.22 (other), and
 - c. The trees removal can be undertaken as part of Councils routine maintenance and renewals project.

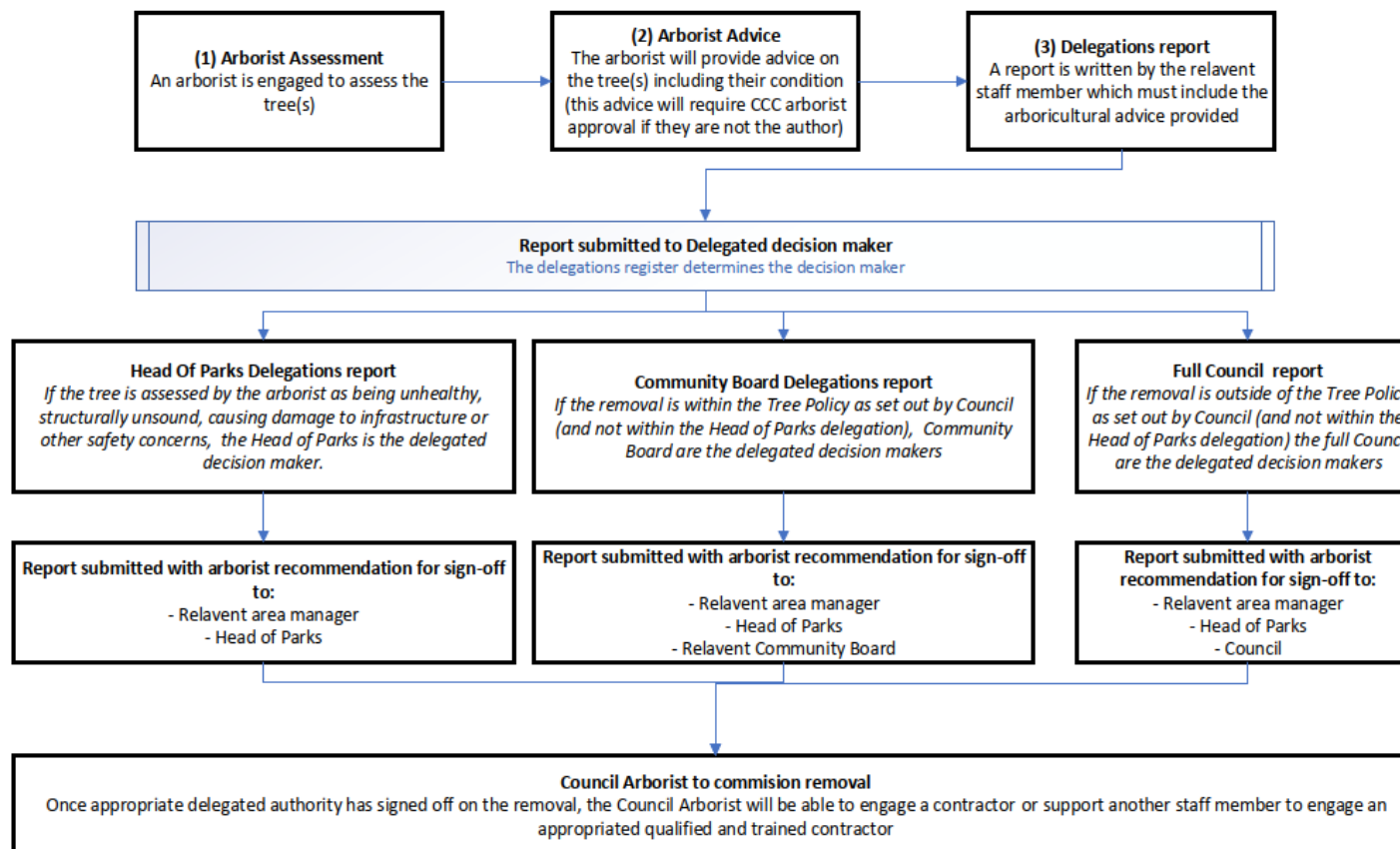
Replacement planting

7. Where a tree has been removed the person(s) exercising the consent shall ensure replacement planting(s) is/are undertaken within the first available planting season. The replanting(s) shall comply with CCC's Tree Policy, polices 1.9 (replacement), 1.10 (location for removals within a road corridor), or 1.11 (location for removals outside the road corridor).

Further limitations on the exercise of this consent

8. That a maximum of 5 (five) trees per application can be removed at one time under this consent.

Process
chart



Public Tree Removal Requests

Step one is always for staff to meet the resident to inspect the tree and assess whether it needs to be removed under its delegation or if the issue can be resolved through pruning.

Where this is not possible the resident is advised that they may proceed with a tree removal application under one of the following:

Human health:

We need confirmation from your doctor, a clinical immunologist or the medical officer of health that the tree is the sole cause of your medical condition and that its removal is the best possible way to improve your health.

Property damage:

We need proof that the tree is the direct cause of the property damage and that there is no other way (including engineering solutions) to resolve the problem.

Other issues:

We need evidence of exceptional circumstances, such as the tree significantly affecting your day-to-day life, that it is the sole cause of the problem, and that this can't be resolved or reduced through general maintenance, pruning, or engineering solutions.

Tree removal application forms are on our website:

ccc.govt.nz/environment/trees-and-vegetation/apply-to-remove-a-tree

Staff produce a report

- Once staff have received an application they will do the following:
 - Assess the application to ensure that it meets all of the requirements to allow the community board to consider the tree for removal.
 - Develop a decision report which outlines the facts that form the removal request aswell as providing some back ground on the impact any tree removal will have on the local environment and budget
 - Take report to Board for a decision

Note: Prior to the report being made, staff have already assessed the tree for removal for any tree management related reasons. For this reason, staff are unlikely to make a recommendation within the report.

What does the Community Board need to consider?

- Does the application align with the Tree Policy?
 - Staff should only bring reports to the Board that have met the requirements of the Tree Policy
- For applications from the public, why are they requesting the tree to be removed?
 - The Tree Policy sets out three avenues for removal applications:
 - **Health** –The tree is impacting their health
 - **Property damage**- The tree is causing none-significant damage to property
 - **Other issues**- The tree may be causing excessive shading or dropping debris

Specific considerations

Removal Reason	Tree Policy	Decision Maker	Considerations
Health Reasons	4.20	Local Community Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirmation from a medical professional has been provided. Evidence that the tree(s) is/are the sole cause of the applicants condition. Alternatives to the tree removal are not considered to address the problem. Removal of the tree is the most practical solution to address the applicants condition.
Property Damage	4.21	Local Community Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Damage is a direct result of the tree No alternatives to removal are available No reasonable engineering solution would address the issue.
Other issues	4.22	Local Community Board	<p>Requests for removal of tree(s) due to other issues will only be approved under exceptional circumstances and will be required to meet all of the criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue caused by the tree has a significant effect on the applicants day to day living; and • The tree is the sole cause of the issue; and • The issue is not able to be mitigated through general maintenance by the property owner e.g. clearing gutters of leaves; and • No pruning intervention can be undertaken which will mitigate the issue caused by the tree; and • No reasonable engineering solution can mitigate the issue caused by the tree

Other considerations

- *Aswell as the above considerations, the board may also take into account the following considerations:*
- Any significant attributes of the tree such as cultural, ecological, historical, social or contributing to the landscape amenity
- Age and size of the tree
- Length of time the applicant has resided by the tree and whether it was reasonable for them to have known about the concerns raised prior to them residing there
- The useful life expectancy of the tree
- Whether mitigation pruning to alleviate the issue should be considered sufficient
- Any other attributes provided by the tree that are considered important to the local community

What next

- If removal is approved, staff will schedule the removal in alignment with its other priorities and organise replacement planting
- If declined, staff will work with resident to see if there are any alternative solutions to removal that may mitigate by not rectify the issue

Questions?