

Submission Form

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Thank you.

Your feedback

Do you support the Statement of Proposal for your area?

Yes No This proposal is partially supported.

Are there any other areas you think should be classified as priority thoroughfares or strategic routes? Outline below:

Please explain your answer below:

The South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on this important area of work. We value the time taken by TDC Officers to brief Chamber members and to engage in constructive dialogue. The submission below seeks to cover key issues raised by Chamber members:

It would appear that the TDC have identified a high number of strategic routes and priority thoroughfares and that this may be too onerous and unnecessary. It is suggested that 4 to 5 routes in Timaru including Stafford Street is sufficient. It is additionally proposed that this approach should be utilised in the other towns. It is suggested that the "Priority Thoroughfares" should be extended down Heaton Street to the port.

Clarity is sought on whether the trigger created by identification as an EPB building requiring remedial strengthening also triggers other areas of change currently encountered through the consent process e.g. additional toilets, fire rating. (TDC advice at the meeting was that cafes currently without toilets would not be required to provide in the future.) In addition if a building is changed from commercial to residential use do the commercial zone requirements still apply?

Clarity is also sought regarding a buildings position next to a thoroughfare, if the building is recessed back say 5 metres from the thoroughfare or pavement does this still require the same remedial action? Advice is also sought on whether the entire EPB on a priority route needs to be strengthened in the reduced timeframe or whether just those building elements closest to the thoroughfare and likely to have an impact can be strengthened with the remainder of the building strengthened within the normal timeframe.

It has been raised by members as a matter of concern that once a building has been identified by the TDC and assessed by an engineer as EPB the TDC will sticker this building advising the general public of the risks. This is likely to have a major impact on the main street and the ability to trade for many of the current tenants. Also concerns around ability to renew insurance and/or financing. The uncertainty that this will create and the very real risk of tenant flight from the main street should be anticipated. Is this an opportunity for the CBD group and the Chamber to work together in establishing a more long term vision/solution for the CBD enabling new and ongoing development and investment?

In closing the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce supports the need to make our communities safer and that this is a legislative requirement, we also support the principle of protecting our heritage buildings where this is economically and safely possible. We suspect that this may lead to a dispersed and

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