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SUBJECT **Active Transport Forum 20 August 2009**

WHEN Thursday 20 August 2009

WHERE Porirua City Council

TODAY'S DATE 9 September 2009

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1. Attendance

1.1 Present

Ross Jackson (GW), Lynn Sleath (Kapiti Cycling), John Poppleton (Green Bikes Trust), David Crichton (Green Bikes Trust), Lily Linton (Living Steets Aotearoa), Jan Simmons (Living Streets Lower Hutt), Alastair Smith (Great Harbour Way), Craig Lucena (Cycle Aware Wellington), Iain McAuley (Ministry of Transport), Andrew Gray (Porirua City Council), Paul Barker (WCC), Peter Baird (Police), Andrew McLeod (CPG), Michelle Stevenson (WCC), Anna Blomquist (HCC), Wayne King (HCC), Duncan Chisholm (HCC), Cherry Downing (UHCC), Sam Wilkie (NZTA), David Pearce (NZTA), Simon Kennett (GW), Susan Hutchinson-Daniel (GW).

1.2 Apologies

John Wilmer (BikeNZ), Jane Pearson (KCDC), Stuart Kilmister (KCDC), Peter James (CNZ).

2. Agency Updates

2.1 Wellington City Council

Councillors had not yet approved morning clearway for Thorndon Quay – not “unapproved” either, just awaiting report outlining other options. Paul Barker looking for reference group’s feedback on Lambton Quay bike racks. Speed Cushions on Scorching Bay, also used around Wellington have been successful.

2.2 Hutt City Council

River Trail – barriers prevent trail bike access, but inconvenient for cycling. River Trail guardians are against sealed surface. However if it was sealed HCC will replace/maintain. Undesirable people and their activities are not visible from behind stop banks.

2.3 NZTA SH2

Cycle improvements warning lights Wellington – Ngauranga - red light flashes, not intuitive for cyclists as they suggest stop when you should be going through. Cycle routes should be marked across intersection - Fabian Marsh NZTA resp. Ross Jackson – queried whether there were safer options available as traffic is very fast coming off ramp.

Query about cycle safety of Dowse roundabout given high speed merging. Speeds likely to increase when it's completed?

2.4 Otaki

Lynn Sleath showed Ocean DVD about danger spot south of Otaki

Kapiti Coast District Council support speed limit reduction on bridge. Sam Wilkie – Mark Edwards response, concurs with KCDC re speed limits - long + drawn out process to increase priority.

Slower Road Environment = self enforcing speed reduction. Must survey to see what's currently happening.

Only a grade separation on the bridge at present separates walkers/cyclists from traffic. Could a low barrier be an option? Footway barrier has caused vehicle accidents. Is there a possibility of a west side cycleway from residential area of Otaki to Te Horo? Bridge clip-on is a longer term and more expensive option, as is having a cycleway underneath the bridge.

2.5 David Pearce - Bike Wise Month

As Amy England was ill, David gave a presentation in Bike Wise. The programme has been increasingly popular over the last few years and will run in February again in 2010. Go by Bike Day will be on the 17th Feb.

Paul Barker asked when Bike Wise would shift to November.

WCC numbers down in 2008, but some elements of 'Cycle into Summer' still very successful. Would benefit from Bike Wise marketing support.

Simon Kennett felt that it was important to address recruitment (in early summer) and retention (in late summer). Gave analogy of inflating a bike tyre while it has a puncture – need to patch the leak and inflate.

2.6 Iain McAuley

2020 Road Safety Strategy presentation outlined the development of the draft strategy and the consultation process.

Online submissions to www.saferjourneys.govt.nz

Rank your top 10 or 20 initiatives online before 2nd Oct

Email saferjourneys@transport.govt.nz with more detailed submissions.

2.7 National Cycleway Project Update

National Cycleway is morphing into a 'Great Rides' project. Seven 'quick starts' selected in cluster areas around NZ (which didn't include Wellington region). Might only be another five selected. Proposals for round two will be invited in late Sept. Wellington region has two main proposals – Wellington to Kapiti via shared paths and backroads, and Wellington to Wairarapa via GHW, Hutt River Trail and Rimutaka Rail Trail; returning via Lake Onoke and Turakirae Head. Proposals will be due in by mid-December.

2.8 Forum terms of reference

Alastair – thought it good to mention RLTS in forum objectives.

Disability Reference Group membership?

Walkers under-represented in membership?

Simon will email out 2nd draft of forum terms of reference prior to next meeting

2.9 Progress towards RLTS objectives to be discussed at the next Forum

Strategic Walking Network Map Working Group Volunteers:

Paul Barker

Jan Simmons

Anna Blomquist

Alastair Smith

Andrew McLeod

Cherry/Patrick

Wairarapa?

Sam Wilkie

RLTS target

“Improve Walking Connections Between Local Networks”