



MEMO

TO Wellington Region Active Transport Forum
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Agency Updates

Porirua City Council

1. Looking at a joint proposal with WCC, KCDC and perhaps Horowhenua for application to National Cycle fund.
2. Council has brought farmland below Colonial Knob to the east. This area has one of the tracks that links to the Wgtn-Porirua leg of Te Araroa, the national walkway.

A couple of mountain bike groups are interested in developing a mountain bike park similar to Makara Peak and have approached Council.

This reserve has a link via paper roads, reserves, council owned non reserve land and roads to Mt Kaukau and the outer Town belt of Wgtn

3. Council turned down an application, at this stage, from Te Araroa Trust for Council to pick up the maintenance funding of the 7km proposed walkway along the escarpment from Pukerua Bay to Paekakariki.
4. Paths that have recently received upgrades are:
 - Camborne Walkway - Camborne (still underway)
 - Goat Track - Pukerua Bay
5. Proposed paths to be Upgraded
 - Spinnaker walkway - Whitby
 - Te Onepoto Bay pathway - part of pathway into Whitireia Park on PCC land at south eastern corner of park
6. Ongoing work with Aotea Block developers towards achieving connections across this new subdivision.
7. Discussion with Transmission Gully planners about pedestrian/cyclist connections

Kapiti Coast District Council

The Marine Parade shared path on Paraparaumu Foreshore stage 1 (500m) is now open

Living Streets Lower Hutt - Update November 2009

Living Streets Lower Hutt are continuing to meet monthly. As a new group, they are still getting to know the 'ins and outs' of Hutt City Council's plans and activities e.g. management of pedestrian facilities, road safety measures that target pedestrians. Members have attended a recent meeting of Hutt City Council's Road Safety Reference Group, and Council planning workshops for the Gracefield / Seaview area.

The draft of Hutt City's revised Walking Strategy will soon be available for comment, and they are looking forward to being involved with this process.

Living Streets Lower Hutt would like to congratulate Greater Wellington on the successful launch of the online Walking and Cycling Journey planner.

Greater Wellington Regional Council

1. The Cycling & Walking Journey Planner was launched on the 21st September. It has attracted just over 8,000 visits so far and we've received a reasonable amount of feedback. Since the launch the database has been updated and refined and the IT developers are currently uploading those changes. To generate further interest in the journey planner, a 'plan your journey' competition was recently run through Feet First and this will lead on to a larger competition called 'Sweet Summer Journeys'. This will be run through a blog called activea2b.blogspot.com (which we hope will go on to promote a variety of active transport endeavours).
2. Preparations are well underway for the 'Activea2b 2010' project, to be run with the support of Living Streets Aotearoa. This three month project aims to increase walking and cycling trips to work in the Wellington CBD through personalised goal setting, phone/email support, workshops and events.
3. GW made a substantial submission to the Safer Journeys 2020 strategy.
4. We're still working with 26 schools through the School Travel Plan programme, and look forward to working with WCC's new travel plan coordinator.

5. A draft set of criteria for the Regional Strategic Walking Network have been developed (for discussion at the November forum).

Update of NZ Transport Agency Activity

SH2 Petone to Ngauranga

The northbound side of SH2 was completed in June and the electronic signs switched on in July. Feedback comment has been good. The next phase will see the SH2 Petone on ramp improved for cyclists. This work is due early in the new-year.

Additionally, as part of this work, a cycle activated warning sign will be installed on the southbound approach to Petone over-bridge.

We are discussing a road space reallocation project with Masterton DC for SH2 in Masterton for the main urban section. Again the proposal is that this be implemented by April next 2010. This would involve narrowing parking bays and traffic lanes to allow the installation of cycling facilities and possibly a couple more pedestrian islands.

Discussions are also ongoing regarding how to address on / off ramps at D2P and the proposed SH2/58 upgraded intersection for cyclists (e.g. should green markings be added and if so where?).

Bike Wise

Registrations are now open for 2010 Bike Wise events. There is a link from the Bike Wise homepage to the online registration area.

Registrations for Go by Bike Day and Mayoral Challenge events will close on 11 December 2009 to allow time for resources to be ordered and distributed.

The other events can be registered through until 22nd January 2010.

Merchandise, posters, media templates and radio adverts will all be available as they have been in the past.

We have changed the name of the Battle and it will now be called the Bike Wise Challenge. This name change has been made to reposition the event as a more inclusive participatory event.

The Bike Wise team will also be developing a new website which combines the functions of the two existing sites into one easy to use, interactive site which will allow much better communication with and between Bike Wise, our coordinators and the public. The existing sites will continue to function until the middle of 2010 when it is expected the new site will be ready to go live.

Any questions about Bike Wise Month can be directed to Amy England by email amy.english@nzta.govt.nz

Feet First

Feet First is a NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) initiative that encourages safe travel and aims to relieve traffic congestion around school locations.

During 2009, the NZTA Feet First has become a flexible year-long initiative.

The NZTA has Feet First 2009 project celebrated diverse solutions to local problems. The website (www.feetfirst.govt.nz) has gathered over 200 pictures with stories from around NZ 22 have been from the Greater Wellington. 430 schools have enrolled in the national programme.

In Greater Wellington a recent Feet First project has celebrated local travel stories using the GW online Journey Planner.

Current local stories can be found at <http://www.feetfirst.govt.nz/stories/wellington>

Contact: feetfirst@nzta.govt.nz

New Bike Code

The first version of the *Official Code for NZ Cyclists* will be available online within the next few days. The release of this guideline presents councils with another opportunity to raise awareness of the recent Road User Rules amendments – specifically those that affect cyclists and pedestrians (see: <http://www.landtransport.govt.nz/road-user-safety/new-road-rules/summary-of-changes.html>). The NZTA will ensure that GWRC forum members are alerted when this resource is published.

Cyclist Skills Guidelines

Version three of the Cyclist Skills Training Guidelines will be available online in December 2009 (see: <http://www.landtransport.govt.nz/road-user-safety/walking-and-cycling/cyclist-skills-training/index.html>).

Key changes in this update include:

- Switch from programme ‘levels 1,2 and 3’ to ‘grades 1,2 and 3’ (this change was necessary to avoid confusion with the levels associated with the instructor qualification that is being developed).
- Additional illustrations (intersections and roundabouts)
- Amendments to ensure consistency with the latest Road User Rules amendments
- Improvements to the Monitoring and Evaluation framework
- Improvements to the Traffic Management Planning section.

Living Streets Aotearoa

- **New Zealand Walking Conference**

Planning has begun for the 2010 NZ Walking Conference. This is being held on 2 / 3 August in Wellington, which will be an excellent opportunity for people from the Wellington region to participate. There is good representation from the Wellington region on the organizing committee, with people from Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Regional Public Health. The theme of the conference is “Dollars and Sense of Walking” and will focus on the economics benefits of walking.

- **Walk2Work day**

Walk2Work day goes national this year. The focus will be on getting people to walk to work in the month preceding Walk2Work day on March 10th. We have appointed a national co-ordinator who is preparing website resources for groups and organizations wanting to participate. Living Streets is working closely with GW to encourage workplace participation in the event.

- **Submissions**

Living Streets Wellington has been kept busy with submissions on the Safer Journeys discussion document, Parking Charges, Waterfront Development, Manners Mall, Regional Road Safety & Travel Demand Strategies.

- **Humanising the City**

Living Streets member Mike Mellor was on the panel of an urban planning discussion “Humanising the City” held at the City Gallery recently. This looked at how planning and urban design in Wellington respond to human needs, the role of urban design in making our cities liveable, lively, and community-focused places, and how we can create public space which balances environmental sustainability with infrastructure sensitive to the needs of the inhabitants.

Lower Hutt Update

Recently registered for Bikewise will begin organising events for February (go-by-bike and mayoral challenge)

Summer of Cycling (*Duncan*)

Initiated Look Twice campaign for vulnerable road users - hopefully replacement will build on this Series of kindergarten visit promoting pedestrian safety messages

Ta Whai school signed up as newest STP school

Belmont school highly commended in National Road Safety Awards

Walking school buses in several schools: Eastern Hutt, Hutt Central, Belmont, Boulcott, Wilford, Sacred Heart

Looking to work with WCC and KCDC on regional 'STOP, LOOK, LIVE' pedestrian promotion

[Cycle works beneath the Petone Overbridge – in conjunction with NZTA.](#)

[Hutt River Trail Extension \(Ewen to KGB bridge\) seal extension.](#)

[Minimisation of barriers on the Hutt River Trail](#)

Additional Signage pointing to the Hutt River Trail access points

PLUS

Growing anecdotal evidence (reaching my ears) that Motorists are about to spit the dummy of grossly arrogant cycling behaviour.

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