



## REPORT

SUBJECT        **Regional Active Transport Forum**

WHEN            Thursday 26 February 2009

WHERE          Greater Wellington Regional Council

TODAY'S DATE   09 March 2009

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### 1.    **Present**

Mark Edwards, Sam Wilkie, Jason Morgan and Gunther Wild (NZTA), Andrew Gray (Porirua City Council), Stu Kilmister & Jane Pearson (Kapiti Coast District Council), Anna Blomquist (Hutt City Council), Patrick Hanaray & Cherry Downing (Upper Hutt City Council), Paul Barker & Michelle Stevenson (Wellington City Council), Ruth Locker (Wairarapa Road Safety Council), Doug Rowan & Peter Sorter (NZ Police), Jemma Diedrichs (Regional Public Health), Ross Jackson (Wellington Vets Cycling Club), Lynn Sleath (Kapiti Cycling Inc) , David Laing (Cycle Aware Wellington), Chris Blackford (Kapiti Cycling Club & Cycling NZ – Wgtn Centre), Janet Lawson & Mike Mellor (Living Streets Aotearoa), John Poppleton & David Crichton (NZ Greenbikes), Paul Bruce (Great Harbour Way), Andrew Mcleod (Duffill Watts and TSE), Ian Kirkman & Susan Hutchinson-Daniel (Greater Wellington)

### 2.    **Apologies**

Peter Baird (NZ Police), Yvonne Wood (ACC), Roy Hitchcock (NZTA), Malcolm Perry (PNP Cycling Club & Onslow Tar Babies), Wayne King (Hutt City Council), Barry Hislop (Sport Wellington), John Baldwin (Kapiti Cycling Inc), Peter James (Cycling NZ – Wgtn Centre), Liz Thomas (Living Streets Aotearoa), Helen Topham (Regional Public Health)

### 3.    **Interest Groups and Clubs updates**

#### 3.1    **NZ Greenbikes Trust**

Their workshop is currently out of action and they are investigating new premises.

Wellington City Council Info Centre is investigating using Greenbikes to supply bikes for hiring to tourists.

#### 3.2    **Great Harbour Way**

The Great Harbour Way concept is to have a continuous, safe, signposted walkway and cycleway around the whole perimeter of Te Whanganui-a-Tara - Wellington Harbour from Fitzroy Bay in the east to Sinclair Head in the west.

The section between Ngaraunga to Petone is a priority. A technical brief has been written, seaward side is preferred, waiting on input from Hutt City Council.

NZTA is investigating this section through the Triangle study (Grenada/Ngaraunga/Petone) and commuter access needs to be a priority.

### **3.3 Living Streets Aotearoa**

They are working with WCC and Victoria University on developing walking maps for between the campuses and are updating the Newtown walking map. The national Walk2Work Day on 18 March is being co-ordinated by the Wellington office of Living Streets, there will be events in Wellington and Lower Hutt as well as several other parts of the country.

## **4. Additional Agency Updates**

### **4.1 ACC**

**Response to the query on why ACC does not have a focus on cycling as it was felt that there is a cycling safety issue in Wellington.**

ACC base its injury prevention activities on where there are a lot of claims at a high cost, especially serious injury claims. As far as the ACC claims are concerned the issues in Wellington City are motor vehicle accidents at 41%, Pedestrians at 25% and motorcycles at 16% so we need to be working intensively in these areas. We do not have any resources with regards to cyclists and there are other agencies working in this area. If the cyclist injuries and the cost of the claims in this area increased dramatically to near the others then we would consider looking at this area with other stakeholders.

### **4.2 Wellington City Council**

Cycling and Walking Policies adopted in November 2008. A new Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group is being established with the first meeting on 26 March 2009.

### **4.3 Vision Ltd – Cycle Cone Supplier**

For your information we are currently producing an improved version of the cone (without the centre pole) and a new two piece canopy. This will allow us to try and keep the cost down (due to increased steel prices) while at the same time speed up the production and installation times. The new version should be ready within the next 10 days.

Also the cycle cone canopy (if required) is powder coated in a colour of choice plus we are now adding 8 x cables which are attached to the stand for cyclists to use when locking their wheels and frame to the stand using their own locks. The Cycle Cone also features a how to; “Park and Lock” signs. *(This information is not detailed on our current brochure)*

Greater Wellington, Kiwi Rail and Ontrack are considering the cycle cone to provide cycle storage solutions at the following railways stations: Wellington, Paremata, Plimmerton, Porirua and Paraparaumu.

Others who are also interested are Wellington City Council, Absolutely Positively Wellington, I-Site NZ and Victoria University.

## **5. Agency Reports question time**

### **Greater Wellington**

Questioned on the possibility of additional cycle lockers being installed at Paraparaumu Station. No new lockers planned and GW is only planning to install cycle racks at new and upgraded stations.

Station upgrades, PT need to let TA's know at least 12 months in advance so adjacent road improvements can be co-ordinated.

### **Kapiti Coast District Council**

Good feedback to KCDC re new cycleway.

It would be good to get more publicity out about the new cycle lanes and paths.

### **Public Transport cycling integration - Follow up from Jason Morgan at NZTA**

For the results of PT - cycling integration study in Auckland you could contact Jerry Khoo, Beca (jerry.khoo@beca.com). Their initial findings were that integration would encourage an additional 1 million trips on the Auckland PT network.

## **6. Presentation - Regional Walking and Cycling Plans**

The GW Transport Perceptions Survey 2008 was mentioned. This report is 144 pages long so if any members would like to see detailed results please contact GW. The headline indicators from the survey are reporting on in the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) on the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS).

The Regional Transport Committee is required by the Land Transport Act 1998 to provide an annual report on implementing the RLTS. The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) documents implementation progress as well as some 100 indicators to gauge progress towards achieving the objectives of the strategy.

Annual Monitoring Report 2007/8

The latest AMR that is for the period 2007/2008 is available here

[http://www.gw.govt.nz/story\\_images/5708\\_AMR20072008LRfi\\_s11365.pdf](http://www.gw.govt.nz/story_images/5708_AMR20072008LRfi_s11365.pdf)

The December quarterly agency progress report on implementing the RLTS is available here

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/section1159.cfm?MeetingID=6664>

The Cycling Plan and Walking Plan Activities are attached separately.

## 7. Active Transport Agenda Format

It was agreed that the report and agency reports would be posted on the Greater Wellington website. After discussion it was agreed to combine the cycling and walking sections and the agenda will now have the following format. Please provide feedback as appropriate.

Active Transport Forum Agenda and Format		
Noon	Lunch	
12.20pm 40 mins	Interest Groups and Clubs	<i>An opportunity for them to raise issues etc. not included in Agency Reports</i>
1pm 30 mins	Agency Reports question time	<i>Agency reports are submitted two weeks in advance and circulated prior to the forum. The reports are taken as read and the forum provides an opportunity to ask questions etc</i>
1.30pm 30 mins	Cycling discussion or presentation time	<i>Presentation on a matter of interest or for discussion on a cycling issue.</i>
2pm 30 mins	Walking discussion or presentation time	<i>Presentation on a matter of interest or for discussion on a walking issue.</i>
2.30pm 30 mins	Active Transport discussion or presentation time	<i>Discussion or presentation on issues that relate to both cycling and walking to be raised.</i>
3.30pm	Finish	

## 8. Presentation and discussion suggested topics for future Forums

1. Greater Wellington Public Transport Division to discuss bikes on trains and buses, cycle storage at train stations and improving pedestrian access to train stations.
2. The Great Harbour Way
3. The revised Government Policy Statement
4. Funding for Walking and Cycling

It was unclear what members would like information about. Jason Morgan can arrange for Coral Aldridge of NZTA national office to come along and make a presentation on the NZTA funding framework, timelines and processes if that would be helpful. Please respond if you would like her to speak at the next forum and any particular funding questions you would like her to address/clarify.

5. Walkways Commission

The Walkway Commission ceased to exist on 30 September 2008. The Walking Access Act 2008 that has new provisions for walkers has been enacted with the aim of providing the public with free and enduring access to the outdoors. It came into force on 30 September 2008 and repealed the New Zealand Walkways Act 1990. The main difference between the two is that the Department of Conservation's role has now been transferred to a new Walking Access Commission (the commission). Public access to private land remains subject to negotiation and agreement with landholders, and there is no power to compulsorily acquire land for public walkways. We will discuss if there is sufficient interest in this for it to be a topic at the next forum.

9. **Forum Dates for 2009**

21 May            Pelorus House, Hutt Park, Lower Hutt.

20 August        Porirua – venue to be confirmed

19 November    Wellington - venue to be confirmed