

## Safe and Sustainable Transport Forum meeting minutes

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

11.00am – 1:30pm Committee Room Two, Wellington City Council

### Present:

- Wellington City Council: Anna Blomquist, Kim Young, Steve Spence
- Greater Wellington Regional Council: Simon Kennett
- Cycle Aware Wellington: David Laing
- Regional Public Health: Siddhartha Mehta
- Living Streets Aotearoa: Mike Mellor
- BRONZ: Byron Cummins

### Agenda:

1. Welcome (Cllr Foster)
2. Apologies and Introductions (Cllr Foster)
3. Previous meeting minutes (Cllr Foster)
4. Agency updates (All)
5. Safe and Sustainable transport education updates on current main projects (Anna Blomquist)
6. General business

### Minutes:

1. **Welcome:** Anna Blomquist welcomed the group.
2. **Apologies:** Paul Barker (WCC), James Burgess (CAW), Tim Rutherford (Youth Council), Jo Vilipaama (ACC), Richard Hocken and Aaron Dann (NZ Police), Ellen Blake (LSA), Alex Gray (AA), Paula Booth (AAG).
3. **Previous meeting minutes:**
  - Mike talked agenda item 6 – parking on footpaths, there is not a clear distinction between the footpath and private property which leads to vehicles parking on the footpath, upper Taranaki Street opposite Wellington High School is a good example. Vehicles park blocking the pedestrian egress. Mike asked if there is way to indicate the separation. Steve confirmed that this area is an example of mixed use areas where public and private areas are not clearly marked; previously bollards that were installed have been removed.  
*Action: Steve Spence to look in this matter.*
  - *Item 7: Policy Framework to be moved to next meeting.*
  - Steve talked about Featherston Street veranda and issues involving heritage and building owners.

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- Agency update from Police: Anna talked about non-compliance of people on bicycles stopping at red lights and lack of crash statistics. Mike talked about annoyance when people witness this.
- Agency update from GWRC:
  - Steve is yet to hear anything from Cllr. Foster regarding signage for cruise ship passengers.
  - Mike recommended time radius maps be put online.
  - David mentioned confusion over two websites called Joinery planner, Simon talked about retiring the GWRC Journey Planner in a few years and may use google maps functionality.
- Sid talked about cycle path under motorway overpass Hutt Road and Thorndon Quay. as potential issue. Simon mentioned that this area was improved with white line markings. Suggested install of street lights or sighting mirror. Planning to improve this area is underway but may be a few years before implementation.

## 4. Agency updates:

### Cycle Aware Wellington – David Laing:

- Currently has 200 active members and between 600-700 followers on Facebook, represent Cycle advocacy in Wellington City.
- James met with Richard Gallaway about Victoria Street project. They are planning to educate cyclists and pedestrians. Mike talked about the area being easy for pedestrians at present. Steve mentioned the project is due for completion at the end of July.

### BRONZ - Byron Cummins:

- BRONZ represent the interests of the Motorcycle Community.
- Charity ride season is over the latest ride raising \$10,000 for the RSA.
- BRONZ have delivered first aid training which has been well received and more are planned.
- Mentor reading programme going well and the focus is shifting to restricted and returning riders; more mentors wanted and may look for funding.
- BRONZ attends the MSAC disappointed that spend is in study and not action.
- AGM was held, Byron re-elected as President and new Vice President Sean Webb.
- Focusing on winter programmes and maintenance workshops
- Talking with Jess of scooter NZ but find that scooter riders don't see themselves as motorbike riders. Areas of concern are gear, parking and condition of machines. WCC doing checkpoints with NZ Police and subsidising rider training as part of continued rider education. Mike supports warrant and licensing for all mopeds. Sid suggested additional targeting of university students. Byron suggests legislation change is required to affect rider behaviour and attitudes.

### Greater Wellington Regional Council – Simon Kennett:

- Carpool week this week. Steve talked about work on ride share and car share or schemes such as City Hop. Uber was also discussed.
- School travel planning teachers' forum held last week.
- Have released video on folding bikes to promote use on trains and buses.  
<http://www.gw.govt.nz/folding-bikes/>

- Working on video about bike lights and reflective gear. Byron mentioned the motorcycle fraternity promote a triangle of visibility profile when placing lights on your bike.
- Pedestrian activity is supporting the WCC The Wellington Way <http://wellington.govt.nz/about-wellington/the-wellington-way> and Two Way Street video which is under-going a shorter edit.
- Pedal ready having quiet winter term. Plans for this to be run in house from July 2015.
- Promoting being bright and high visibility for cyclists via reflective gear and discount vouchers on lights.
- Bike racks on the front of buses being trialled from July 2015 and being trialled on Go Wellington routes tbc. This may have implications for bus stop length.
- Concern from PT team about Victoria Street project cycle path through the bus stop.

## Living Streets Aotearoa – Mike Mellor:

- Parking on the footpath in Strathmore has received media attention, LSA is unhappy with WCC policy of discretion around enforcing by-law of no parking on footpath.
- LSA has been in talks with Cllr. Foster about street reviews regarding pedestrian access in particular Wellington Railway Station and Bunny Street.
- Also talking with Cllr. Free about concerns in Kilbirnie regarding NZ Post vehicles driving on footpath. *Mike, see legislation below (from Road Use Rule which only applies to motorbikes/mopeds:*

### 2.13 Driving along footpath

(1) A driver must not drive a motor vehicle along a footpath.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to a person who rides a moped or motorcycle on a footpath in the course of delivering newspapers, mail, or printed material to letter boxes if the road controlling authority has authorised the use of the footpath for that purpose.

- Submissions to WCC not being acknowledged. Have to pursue to confirm submission received. No automatic response.  
*Have asked democratic service to follow up if this is available through our current submission software, you should receive a generic acknowledgement email if you do this through the Council website. Those done by letter or email to a Council officer will receive one in due course.*
- Inconsistent response from WCC to queries such as missing footpath signs. Some receive quick response but one query still outstanding after 12 months.  
*Action: Mike to send specific example to Steve.*
- Walking at night – urban design project (see Ellen Blake for more details).

## Wellington City Council – Steve Spence:

- Work on Johnsonville triangle is busy – project due for completion by end of September.
- Cycling team working on framework.
- Signals team working on signal cycle length adjustments to favour pedestrians.
- Safety audit of Golden Mile underway.
- Working on the Bus Rapid Transit project.

## Regional Public Health – Siddhartha Mehta:

- Finished submission to LTPS.
- Sent seed money to Lake View School for Bikes in Schools programme and may possibly look into funding in the Hutt Valley.
- Doing a literature review and study in to fuel poverty and effects on vulnerable populations.
- Working with NIWA looking at air quality in urban areas as a planning tool.

## 5. Safe and Sustainable transport education updates on current main projects - Anna Blomquist:

### Safer Road Use

- Motorcyclists:
  - Rider Training: Scooter/Moped rider training was provided on the 18th of April to seven attendees. Within the region motorcycle rider training has been provided to 9 participants in Masterton on Sunday the 3rd of May, we had 14 participants registered for the 6th of June rider training in Wellington and there will be one more rider training provided at Southwards museum on the 20th of June. The regional TAs are in discussion about the future of rider training provision given best practice has been identified as CBTA training provided through ride forever.
  - Checkpoints: Four checkpoints were held through March with 102 riders spoken to. Lack of good coverage continues to be a problem especially with moped riders.
- Cyclists:
  - Cycle light checkpoints – We held four checkpoints through May which was assisted by NZTA H&O and GWRC with the provision of vouchers. 66 temporary lights were given out.
  - Shared Pathways – continues to be an issue of perceived unsafety (and therefore complaint), Council looking to work with City Shaper on this matter.
  - The demonstration project is currently being reviewed for how this type of programme might be funded and managed going forward. We are currently meeting with school and council staff to collect their findings and recommendations. Holy Cross School (Miramar) held their launch on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. West Park School (Johnsonville), work is completed although the school is doing some planting and installation of furniture; they are looking to hold a launch event in Term 3. Karori West Normal School – other construction on site has delayed the commencement of work.
- Young Drivers/ Distraction - Video and resource were developed and distributed as part of the Wellington way campaign. Planning for Coca Cola careers expo in late June.

### Safer Vehicles

- Restraints:
  - Restraint checkpoints were held through the region for Road Safety week 4th-10th of May. We held two checkpoints I attended two checkpoints, one in Porirua and one in Tawa, during this time. Plunket Car seat rentals are the lead agency on the organisation of these.
  - We continue to respond to the occasional requests for information through the NZTA certified restraints technician web page.

### Safer Roads and Roadsides

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- Intersections - The winter roll out of the Stop on Red campaign is currently being rolled out. We have received support from Go Wellington Buses, Wellington Combines Taxis, Wilson's car parks, VTNZ and Bunnings in the delivery of this campaign.
- Safe School Travel Planning:
  - Wadestown School have agreed to pilot a Scooter training course which will be delivered by the Recreation Centre staff in Term 3. We continue to work with them on other road safety issues.
  - I visited the Amesbury School WSB.
  - With engineers we have visited Cashmere Avenue and St. Francis Xavier schools to conduct site visits.
  - Berhmapore School are using the speed radar guns to conduct a maths enquiry study on speed around their school.
- Orange Day - The date for the 2015 Orange Day Parade (Schools March for Road Safety) has been set for the 7th of August, we are currently busy with preparations.

## Safer Speeds

All schools that are working with Council as part of the school travel planning programme have been offered the use of this speed trailer although it is currently under-utilised. The area traffic engineers also use this during weekends and school holidays to address sites around the city with perceived speed issues; the trailer does not collect data but provides instant feedback to drivers regarding their speeds. This trailer is being lent to Hutt City Council this month as part of their speed campaign.

Meeting adjourns at @ 1:30pm.