

# PROPOSED TRAFFIC RESOLUTION

**Reference Number:** TR 64 - 14

**Location:** Willis Street, Abel Smith Street - Te Aro

**Proposal:** Shared Space Footpaths

**Information:** A number of cyclists including the group Cycle Aware Wellington (CAW) have requested that a crossing area be provided for cyclists heading northbound on Willis Street to get safely, conveniently and legally onto Abel Smith Street which effectively provides a means of penetrating into much of the central business district (CBD).

This project proposes to create a small amount of shared space to allow cyclists to get onto the footpath from Willis near Karo Drive. The shared space in the area south of Karo Drive is sufficient to allow for such sharing. A shared pedestrian and cycle crossing will be installed across Karo Drive and cyclists can then immediately head east on small section of shared path to access a drop kerb to tie into the low volume roadway Abel Smith Street for entrance into the CBD.

Council officers have liaised with the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and the Memorial Park Alliance to provide the crossing facilities on Karo Drive.

It is anticipated that this may have a small negative impact for pedestrians, but a large benefit for cyclists. Complaints will be monitored to assess the suitability of the space for sharing, and if necessary can be widened. Widening would have significant cost implications to the project however and is therefore not recommended at this time.

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| 1) | Advertisement in the Dominion Post Newspaper                             | 7 October 2014  |
| 2) | Feedback period closes.  | 24 October 2014 |
| 3) | Report sent to Transport & Urban Development Committee for approval.     | 3 December 2014 |
| 4) | Feedback may result in further consultation or amendment as appropriate. |                 |

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**Legal Description:**

*Add to Schedule C (Turning and One Way Restrictions) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule*

<b>Column One</b>	<b>Column Two</b>	<b>Column Three</b>
<b>Abel Smith</b>	<i>Shared path, Cyclists must give way to pedestrians</i>	<i>North side, commencing 27 metres west of its intersection with Victoria Street (Grid coordinates x=1751125.6m y=5426932.6m) and extending in a westerly direction following the northern kerb line for 35 metres.</i>
<b>Willis</b>	<i>Shared path, Cyclists must give way to pedestrians</i>	<i>East side, commencing 142 metres south of its intersection with Vivian Street (Grid coordinates x=1748315.3m y=5426969.5m) and extending in a southerly direction following the eastern kerb line for 90 metres.</i>

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**Comments:**

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