

Reference: TR 77 – 17

Location: Cuba Street, between Wakefield Street and Manners Street

Proposal: Cycle Connection

Information: Wellington City Council is working to make cycling safer and more convenient for people travelling on bikes. The current Cycleways Programme has allocated \$1.5 million for minor improvements in the central area. The changes proposed by this report are some of the first investments of this programme. Other proposals for the central area are currently being developed and are expected to come before the City Strategy Committee later in 2017.

Connectivity is one of the three key improvement themes identified during the working group meetings for the Wellington central area minor cycle improvements project. Provision of safe and convenient connections improves cycle accessibility and permeability in the city. It is also an essential element for promoting cycling as a viable transport mode and encouraging people to get on a bike.

The proposed changes outlined in this report aim to improve accessibility and permeability for cyclists by providing a more convenient connection through Cuba Street between Wakefield Street and Manners Street.

This section of Cuba Street has a one-way restriction which allows general traffic to travel only northbound from Manners Street towards Wakefield Street. The average daily traffic volume is in the order of 570 vehicles per day. The current speed limit is 10 km/h.

There are a number of key destinations in the vicinity of this location. They include Cuba Mall, Michael Fowler Centre, Wellington City Council and Weltec Wellington CBD campus.

The cycle connection from Civic Square towards the Cuba Mall area is poor as there is little provision for cycling on Victoria Street between the civic centre and Manners Street.

Given the low traffic volume and the presence of a 10km/h shared zone on this section of Cuba Street, we propose changing the existing traffic controls to allow people on bikes to use the section of Cuba Street between Wakefield Street and Manners Street to travel in both directions in the shared zone.

This report recommends allowing people on bikes to enter Cuba Street from Wakefield Street to travel contraflow in the shared zone.

Key Dates:

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| 1) Advertisement in the Dominion Post Newspaper | 25 July 2017 |
| 2) Feedback period closes | 11 August 2017 |
| 3) If no objections received report sent to City Strategy Committee for approval | 14 September 2017 |
| 4) If objections are received, further consultation, amendment/s, or proceed with explanation as appropriate | |

Legal Description:

Delete from Schedule C (Direction, Placement and Lane Use) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Cuba Street	<i>No Entry - at all times</i>	<i>At its northern end for traffic turning off Wakefield Street.</i>
Cuba Street	<i>One Way Restriction</i>	<i>Southbound, from Wakefield Street to Manners Street.</i>

Add to Schedule C (Direction, Placement and Lane Use) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Cuba Street	<i>No Entry, except cycles - at all times</i>	<i>At its northern end for traffic from Wakefield Street.</i>
Cuba Street	<i>One Way Restriction, except cycles</i>	<i>Northbound, from Manners Street to Wakefield Street.</i>

PROPOSED TRAFFIC RESOLUTION

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Traffic Resolution Plan:

