

Reference: TR 78 – 17

Location: Bunny Street, between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street, Pipitea

Proposal: Shared zone

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 between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street.

Currently, only a small number of vehicles (Victoria University of Wellington business-related vehicles, buses, cyclists and taxis) are allowed to enter the street from Featherston Street. No traffic is allowed to enter from the Lambton Quay end. The average daily traffic volume is in the order of 500 vehicles per day. Operating speeds are generally below 15 km/h.

There are a number of key destinations in the vicinity of this location. They include Victoria University of Wellington Pipitea campus, Wellington central bus depot, Wellington Railway Station and a whole host of government organisations including the Parliamentary precinct.

The cycle connection from Lambton Quay and Molesworth Street towards the Railway Station and Thorndon Quay is poor as cycles are not allowed through the bus depot and Bunny Street between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street is for westbound one-way traffic only.

Given the high level of pedestrian activities, low traffic volume and low operating speed on this section of Bunny Street, we are proposing a shared zone be implemented that will allow pedestrians, cyclists and motorised vehicles to share the entire road space. To improve cycle connectivity, people on bikes will be permitted to enter Bunny Street from Lambton Quay and Molesworth Street.

This report recommends:

- converting the road space to a shared zone
- allowing eastbound cycle entry and through movements on Bunny Street between Lambton Quay and Featherston Street.

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
<i>Bunny Street</i>	<i>No Entry - at all times</i>	<i>No entry to Bunny Street southeast from Lambton Quay.</i>
<i>Bunny Street</i>	<i>No Entry - at all times</i>	<i>No entry to Bunny Street southeast bound from Lambton Quay.</i>
<i>Bunny Street</i>	<i>One Way Restriction</i>	<i>Commencing 35 metres northwest of its intersection with Featherston Street/Stout Street (Grid coordinates x= 1748997.9 m, y= 5428682.8 m), and extending in a north-westerly direction for 62.5 metres.</i>

Add to Schedule B (Class Restricted) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
<i>Bunny Street</i>	<i>Shared zone</i>	<i>From its intersection with Featherston Street/ Stout Street (Grid coordinates x= 1748997.9 m, y= 5428682.8 m) to its intersection with Lambton Quay (x= 1748938.9m, y= 5428760.2m).</i>

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

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
<i>Bunny Street</i>	<i>No Entry, except cyclists - at all times</i>	<i>No entry to Bunny Street southeast bound from Lambton Quay.</i>
<i>Bunny Street</i>	<i>No Entry, except vehicles on VUW business, taxis, buses and cyclists - at all times</i>	<i>No entry to Bunny Street northwest bound from Lambton Quay.</i>

PROPOSED TRAFFIC RESOLUTION

Absolutely Positively
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Bunny Street

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except cyclists*

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(Grid coordinates $x= 1748997.9$
 m , $y= 5428682.8 m$), and
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PROPOSED TRAFFIC RESOLUTION

Traffic Resolution Plan:

