

**Reference:** TR 80 – 17

**Location:** Willeston Street, between Willis Street and Victoria Street

**Proposal:** Contraflow cycle lane

**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 by providing a more convenient cycle connection through Willeston Street between Willis Street and Victoria Street.

This section of Willeston Street has a one-way restriction which allows the general traffic to travel only westbound from Victoria Street towards Willis Street and Lambton Quay. The average daily traffic volume is approximately 1,400 vehicles per day. Operating speed is around 23 km/h.

Willeston Street between Jervois Quay and Victoria Street allows two-way traffic movements. Together with the Victoria Street – Willis Street section, they form a good west-east connection linking the waterfront with the Golden Mile. The current level of service for cyclists is poor at this location as the southbound lane on Willis Street is for buses only and the eastbound cycle movement is prohibited due to the one-way restriction on Willeston Street.

Given the relatively low traffic volume and speed on this section of Willeston Street, we propose installing a contraflow cycle lane to improve cycle connectivity by allowing people on bikes to travel eastbound from Willis Street towards Victoria Street.

This report recommends:

- installing an eastbound, contraflow cycle lane on Willeston Street between Willis and Victoria streets.

## 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*

<b>Column One</b>	<b>Column Two</b>	<b>Column Three</b>
<b>Willeston Street</b>	One Way Restriction	Westbound, from Victoria Street to Willis Street.

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

<b>Column One</b>	<b>Column Two</b>	<b>Column Three</b>
<b>Willeston Street</b>	No Entry, except cycles - at all times	No entry to Willeston Street from its intersection with Lambton Quay/ Willis Street
<b>Willeston Street</b>	One Way Restriction, except cycles	Westbound, from Victoria Street to Willis Street.

# PROPOSED TRAFFIC RESOLUTION

*Add to Schedule I (Cycle Lane) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule*

**Column One**

**Willeston Street**

**Column Two**

*Cycle lane*

**Column Three**

*Eastbound, from Willis Street to  
Victoria Street.*

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Traffic Resolution Plan:

