
MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2010
11.30am**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Wellington City Council
101 WAKEFIELD STREET**

PRESENT:

Councillor Hayley Wain
Anna Blomquist (WCC – Transport Planning)
Joelene Noble (WCC – Transport Planning)
Emma Hope (WCC – Transport Planning)
Steve Spence (WCC – Transport Planning)
Stuart Bullen (WCC – Transport Planning)
Roy Hitchcock (NZTA)
Alex Gray (AA)
Christina Bellis (Sustainability Trust)
Mike Mellor (Living Streets)
Simon Kennett (GWRC)
Richard Hocken (NZ Police - Traffic)
Andrew Hill (ACC)

AGENDA:

1. Welcome – Councillor Hayley Wain
2. Apologies/Introductions
3. Previous meeting minutes
4. Agency updates
5. Transport safety education update on current main projects (Anna Blomquist)
6. Sustainable transport update (Emma Hope)
7. General business

1. **Welcome** – *Councillor Hayley Wain*

2. **Apologies** – Paul Barker (WCC – Transport Planning), Aaron Dann (NZ Police – Police Education Officer), Hilary Campbell (Sustainability Trust)

Introductions – Around the table introductions.

3. **Previous meeting minutes**

Amendment made to 6(a) bullet point 10 “every 50 years” should read “on a regular basis”.

4. **Agency updates**

Andrew Hill (ACC)

- ACC is supporting WCC’s upcoming intersection campaigns, there are eight intersections being targeted in total.
- Also supporting the Stop, Look, Live pedestrian campaign.
- Motorcycles – attended motorbike to work day last week. End of February funding confirmed for subsidised training.
- Employer engagement – workplace problems with fatigue and speed and the way it affects fleet. Looking into working with Wellington Combined Taxis about shift workers and the issues around fatigue.
- Ran summer safety over Christmas again which focused on the message to keep safe while drinking.
- To continue targeting fatigue on the Interislander.
- The speed trailer has now been handed over to WCC.

Roy Hitchcock (NZTA)

- Roy advised there are changes coming around the demand management and community programmes. To be better focused on the government statement in the 2020 Strategy. When it is made available Roy will share this with the SASTRG group. **Action: Roy to circulate once made available.**
- Roy advised the ride to work day last week was supported by the Mayor of Wellington and Mayor of Otaihanga who both spoke briefly.
- 28 February over in Martinborough NZTA is running a skills for motorcycles clinic in conjunction with ACC and Wairarapa Road Safety Council due to the large number of accidents in this area. Anna Blomquist from WCC will also be attending.
- Steve Spence asked if there was a date confirmed for the release of the 2020 Strategy. Roy advised it has been delayed at cabinet and we are now expecting it around 15 March.

Mike Mellor (Living Streets Wellington)

- Walk to work day is coming up on 10th March and Mike advised he appreciates WCC’s help so far.
- Have been busy making submissions on Newlands, District Plan changes etc
- Have pedestrian safety concerns around the CBD including Boulcott Street and railway.
- Working with Greater Wellington on the Regional Land Transport strategy.

Alex Gray (AA)

- The Horokiwi turn off has now been permanently closed as of December.
- Cobham Drive/Troy Street roundabout – we are proposing two turning lanes, uncertain though if this will help. We are meeting with MWH next week to discuss the issue. Also, there is no provision for walkers and cyclists to get across Cobham Drive to the seaside.
- Awaiting the scheme plans for the Basin Reserve.

- Alex asked Council about their plans for the Mt Victoria tunnel to stop pedestrians going through it. Steve Spence advised a detailed report has been completed and we are meeting with interested parties over the next two to three weeks. New signage and speed humps have been put in. There is only so much you can do in situations like this. Historically it has an excellent record for accidents. There have been suggestions of installing CCTV. Alex asked about the possibility of gates across the tunnel at night. Steve advised this is something that has been discussed but technology can fail and there is also the issue of vandalism.
Mike Mellor advised the speed humps that have been installed in the tunnel are wider than the old ones and they slow down the buses, he asked if this was deliberate? They also make it extremely uncomfortable for passengers.
Steve advised anecdotally buses had been travelling too fast through there. He will relook at the humps that have been installed in there. Steve also advised we have been monitoring the top end speed of buses and they are coming down.
- Hutt Road south in the evening – Alex advised cyclists turn to go on the cycle lane just before Tinakori Road. It would be better and safer if they crossed over further back. It would be good if it could be considered moving it back further.

Christina Bellis (Sustainability Trust)

- The Trust is focussing on exploring collaboration processes. Looking at companies that are doing similar work and developing software for everyone to use. It has been done successfully with DOC and Karori Wildlife Sanctuary. Working on the facilitation of getting organisations together and working together.
- Recently completed the Getting Around Wellington programme which was supported by WCC and involved a large amount of community engagement.

Simon Kennett (GWRC)

- Active a2b – this is a travel demand management programme using coaching to encourage people travelling to the CBD to walk and cycle. We have had approximately 800 people sign up to it so far. Our aim is to get 1600 signed up.
- Cycling and walking journey planner – continuing improvements to this. We also have a Sweet Summer Journey competition running at the moment.
- Mind the Gap campaign coming up shortly which is about sharing the road. Massey University students are working on the banner design for this.
- We had a stall at Bike to Work Day this morning.
- Supporting the walk to work day coming up on 10th March.
- Championing the crash car. The car has come from the fatal crash on Paekakariki Hill Road last year. The plan is to take this into schools and shopping malls.
- Car pool programme – we have 900 people signed up to this.
- The Cycle Road Code has been released. NZTA are not printing these off. GWRC are hoping to print off 300 and distribute them around libraries etc.
- School travel plans are progressing well.
- Over the long term we are looking at options to improve acoustics and air quality in the Mt Victoria tunnel. We will also be looking at the option of having an extra tunnel for walkers, cyclists and service vehicles.
Alex Gray brought up the safety issue of having the second tunnel. There is an example of one that has been done in Spain and it is really well lit. Concerned there could be a number of safety issues around it if it isn't designed properly.
Mike Mellor asked if the planning for the tunnels will be put out to the public domain for comment. Simon advised he wasn't sure but there is to be a stakeholder group established. It is part of the Roads of National Significance.
- Richard asked if the Mind the Gap campaign was about the space between vehicles and cyclists. Simon advised yes it was and explained to the group the ideas they have in mind for the graphics to be used.

Steve Spence (WCC)

- Advised that Paul Barker is WCC's representative on the technical advisory group for the tunnels work.
- Paul is attending a one day workshop being run by David Engwicht today. He works with local communities and focuses on the way local streets are used.
- Currently having meetings with NZTA regarding the funding for SaferRoads and discussing if this is still the right approach. We think that it is. Paul Barker met with Peter Hookham yesterday to discuss the funding (\$1M) that we are working on getting confirmed.

Stuart Bullen (WCC)

- Since SaferRoads has been implemented a year ago we have seen a reduction in crashes here.
- Andrew Hill advised entitlement claims in total a 27% decrease for Wellington city across the board.
- Te Aro is being implemented in the next financial year pending funding.
- Speed limits – the 30km/h limit at the Tinakori Road shopping area was implemented on Tuesday 26th March. Aro Street we had to do further consultation after SPC requesting we extend the proposed area. This goes back to SPC on 11th March, if approved it will be implemented in April.
- The next areas in the lower speed limits in suburban shopping areas programme are Island Bay and Kilbirnie. Public consultation starts on Monday 8th March and runs through until Wednesday 7th April.
- We have had requests from residents and the residents association in Oriental Bay for a lower speed limit along Oriental Parade. We are preparing a report to go to the Strategy and Policy Committee to get approval to go out for consultation.
- Schools – dual flash lights have been installed at Cardinal McKeefery School and Island Bay School. Wadestown School are the next school to get them. We have enough funding to install these at three schools per financial year at a cost of approximately \$15k per school. We hope these will bring speeds down around schools. We have tube counts down at the moment to see what difference they have made.

Richard Hocken (Police)

- A strong focus on alcohol leading up to Christmas.
- Advised the group there was an alcohol related fatal crash on the Quays just before New Years Eve.
- There have also been two other fatal accidents over the past three months.
- Ongoing issues on Hutt Road/Thorndon Quay shared cycleway with cyclists and pedestrians. The situation isn't going to get better the way it is. Stuart Bullen has been looking at the Spotlight area to come up with solutions to improve the area.
- Involved in the motorcycle training day on Sunday 28th February over in Martinborough.
- Child restraints – carrying out weekly checkpoints around the city/suburbs with WCC staff.

5. Transport safety education update on current main projects (Anna Blomquist)

See attached report.

Questions asked after Anna's report:

- Christina asked what Orange Day was. Anna explained it is the annual parade held for the school patrollers where they march from parliament down Lambton Quay to Civic Square and then are entertained at Town Hall and then the prize giving held.

- Councillor Hayley Wain asked if we knew the number of tickets that have been issued after the 14 day compliance was up. Richard advised it wasn't something they have followed up on but he will find out how accessible this information is.
Action: Richard Hocken to follow up.

6. Sustainable transport update (Emma Hope)
See attached report.

Next meeting: Date to be confirmed