

**SAFE & SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT  
REFERENCE GROUP MEETING****MINUTES****WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011  
11.00am****COMMITTEE ROOM 2  
Wellington City Council  
101 WAKEFIELD STREET****PRESENT:**

Paul Barker (WCC – Transport Planning)  
 Anna Blomquist (WCC – Transport Planning)  
 Emma Hope (WCC – Transport Planning)  
 Ronald Karaitiana (ACC)  
 David Laing (Cycle Aware Wellington)  
 Alex Gray (NZ Automobile Association)  
 Mike Mellor (Living Streets Wellington)  
 Aaron Dann (NZ Police – Education Officer)  
 Richard Hocken (Police – Wellington Traffic Unit)  
 Susan Hutchinson-Daniel (GWRC)  
 Carly Woodham (Regional Public Health)  
 Georgie Rhodes (WCC – Youth Advisor)  
 Rosemary Cole (Accessibility Advisory Group)  
 Paul Ellen (Bikers Rights Organisation New Zealand)  
 Byron Cummings (Bikers Rights Organisation New Zealand)

**AGENDA:**

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

**Minutes:**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome:</b> Paul Barker welcomed the group in Councillor Pepperell's absence.	<b>Action:</b>
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2.	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Councillor Bryan Pepperell, Roy Hitchcock (NZ Transport Agency), Steve Spence (WCC), Tom Bryan (AAG), Stuart Bullen (WCC), Joelene Noble (WCC),</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting (15<sup>th</sup> December 2010) and matters arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Richard would like to hear from the group on how they feel the new layout on Manners Street is working.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Agency updates:</b></p> <p><u>Aaron Dann (Police Education):</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Richard Hocken (Police – Traffic):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Traffic Unit is short staffed and some may be required to go and supplement Christchurch.</li> <li>➤ Fatal crash last week at Karaka Bay (single vehicle) – most likely to be speed related (awaiting coroners report).</li> <li>➤ Fatal crash in January (cyclist vs. vehicle on Arlington Road) – no fault on cyclists, vehicle failed to see and cut in front when turning.</li> <li>➤ Currently focusing on motorcycles this month.</li> </ul> <p><u>Alex Gray (AA):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Key submission is on Pekapeka to Otaki. There is proposed 100 km/hr speed limit which will discourage vulnerable road users but not prohibit this.</li> <li>➤ Future submission on the Oriental Bay 40km/hr speed limit. An investigation into cycle crashes shows that most are not due to speed. There have also been for pedestrian crashes. Paul E. asked for motorcycle crash data. Paul B. will provide this to AA and BRONZ.</li> <li>➤ Two meetings with vulnerable road user engineering working group with WCC. These occur at lunchtime the first Tuesday of the month and is hosted by GWRC. Alex to extend invitation to BRONZ.</li> </ul> <p><u>David Laing (CAW):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Making submission on lower speed limits.</li> <li>➤ CAN national campaign ‘Stop on Red’ with the aim of making cyclist more compliant, increasing courtesy on the roads and increasing the positive perception of cyclists.</li> <li>➤ Bus and Bike workshop is planned for May in Waterloo. Cyclists are allowed in the bus lane but not allowed to proceed on a green ‘B’ phase – this is anomaly in the law. David will bring up the bus lane signal information (below) at this training.</li> </ul> <p>Paul B. has had a request from Patrick Morgan to allow cyclists to go through intersection on a red phase (e.g. Mulgrave Street/Thorndon Quay). Paul is not sure of the legality of this.</p> <p><u>Mike Mellor (Living Streets Wellington):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Making submissions to WCC on lower speed limit proposals.</li> <li>➤ Seminar in January on footpath design was well attended.</li> <li>➤ Mike attended a meeting with WCC staff Stavros Michael and Paul Barker – found this useful.</li> <li>➤ Assisted with Walk2Work day.</li> </ul> <p><u>Byron Cummings &amp; Paul Ellen (BRONZ):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Looking at road marking application – the use and over-spray of micro-</li> </ul>	<p><b>PB</b></p> <p><b>AG</b></p> <p><b>DL</b></p>

spheres causes a sliding hazard. Paul B. will give contact details of person in charge of road marking and re-sealing to BRONZ.

- BRONZ have been promoting the rider training in partnership with WCC and ACC. They have also been promoting learning good practices to new riders rather than trying to fix bad ones.
- BRONZ will put in a submission on the motorcycle levy.
- 1 May is the Motorbike Awareness Day (global day) – rides will be organised and BRONZ are looking into a possible venue for the end of the day with retailer displays.

Susan Hutchinson Daniel (GWRC):

- Go-by-Bike day was well attended and GWRC handed out reflective tape.
- Walk2Work day: GWRC helped and handed out reflective bag tags.
- There is a new walking safety page on the GWRC website.
- Let's Carpool has had increased internet usage.
- The Streets Alive walking challenge was very popular and they are looking to expand into "World Car Free Day" which is happening during RWC and target commuters.
- Cycle skills training is being delivered with money from WCC. The training works with the PEO Ian Browne to train parents as trainers.
- There is a new bikes on trains policy. Some discount to be provided for folding bikes.
- Mind the gap banners are still up and about.
- The strategic walking Maps continue to be worked on.

Aaron mentioned that he is doing cycle safety with his schools and working on school policies that only allow students to ride bikes to schools from year 6 onwards (this means that they begin high school with only having had one years experience of independent cycling). He is also looking to do bike checks during lunchtimes.

Carly Woodham (Regional Public Health):

- Some involvement in Walk2Work day.
- Submission on lower speed limits and MacKays to Pekaeka.
- There is a newly appointed representative on the regional transport committee Dr Steven Palmer.
- Also working on the WHO Safe City reaccreditation for Wellington.

Rosemary Cole (AAG):

- Looking at ramps, kerbs and sensor pads on Manners Street as well as signage and redistribution of disability parking spaces.
- There is some difficulty for some people around navigating road works – there is a need to keep the roads smooth and clear signage, roads also need to be obstacle/barrier free. This is so blind people don't walk into road cones, rubbish bins, etc. People in wheelchairs need to be able to negotiate kerb cuts/pedestrian crossings freely rather than have large gravel and mats, e.g., at the corner of Cuba and Wakefield Sts.

Paul B. mention that other big engineering projects are:

- Lower Cuba
- Waterloo Quay (both to be completed by RWC)
- Panama Street/Quay

	<p><b>Ronald Karaitiana (ACC):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Fatigue project is on-going and information is delivered through the Interislander (Wainuiomata Lions assisting).</li> <li>➤ ACC is supporting motorbike training throughout the region.</li> <li>➤ The Ulysses AGM is this week.</li> <li>➤ ACC has also been supporting WCC in the pedestrian safety campaign.</li> </ul> <p><b>Georgie Roads –Youth council (WCC):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Georgie coordinates the WCC youth council and is looking or representative to sit on this group.</li> <li>➤ The youth council has prepared a submission on the Alcohol Reform Bill particularly with attention the BAC.</li> <li>➤ Other youth transport issues are the cost of bus fares, commuting to school once you have your driver's licences and mopeds.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Transport safety education update (Anna Blomquist):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ See attached report.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Transport update (Emma Hope):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ See attached report.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>General business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Submission on lower speed limits for Oriental Bay and Miramar Peninsula close next Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.</li> </ul> <p><u>Manners Street (Richard Hocken)</u></p> <p>Richard asked for feedback from the group on how they felt that Manners street was working.</p> <p>Alex Grey: A steep learning curve for pedestrians and in hindsight considers more temporary barriers were required. Has noted more pedestrians are looking before they step out (especially between Taranaki and Cuba streets). The wide footpath is working well and the bus route is quicker.</p> <p>Mike Mellor: Feels it runs pretty well and bus traffic is moving better. Some cyclists and motorists are still using the bus only lane. The Manners and Victoria traffic lights need some work and are blocked on one side. The road markings are not as clear.</p> <p>David Laing: Cycling routes around the city are difficult now; people seem to use the pedestrian crossing points more often than other parts of the city.</p>	

**Meeting closed: 1.00pm**

**Next Meeting: June 22nd 2011, 11am-1:30pm, Committee Room One**

At the next meeting we will be looking at our funding application for 2012-2015 please bring to the group any ideas you have on forward planning especially particular issues you believe need addressing (please note this is not engineering), also any issues you would like to work with us on.

## **Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group Report March 2011**

**Road Safety** Anna Blomquist, Transport Safety Education Coordinator

### **Child restraints campaign**

WCC and Police are continuing to run weekly child restraint checkpoints throughout the city (staff availability and weather permitting). Location selection is based on feedback from our police colleagues and local knowledge. Drivers with incorrectly restrained children are given tickets with 14 days to comply where appropriate. The main issue continues to be incorrect installation or no tether strap in use. Since our last meeting we have checked 326 vehicles with an average of 55% compliance. These checkpoints require significant commitment from Wellington police, and we wish to extend thanks to the Wellington STU for their on-going support.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February I had a display on child safety around vehicles at the Wesley church home safety day. This was a safety event attended by the Fire service and other health providers and organised by the ACC.

I have been in touch with PORSE child car and organised to do a presentation for their carers on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

### **Motorcycles**

I am delivering our subsidised motorcycle training in Wellington; ROADSAFE Ltd won the tendering process and the dates set are:

- ☞ 17<sup>th</sup> March – beginner riders - this was cancelled due to lack of numbers.
- ☞ 23<sup>rd</sup> March – moped riders - this has been cancelled due to lack of numbers.
- ☞ 7<sup>th</sup> May – advanced riders

This is a joint project with UHCC, HCC, KCDC, WAIRSC, ACC and PCC. I am in discussion with our comms and marketing team to look at how we can better publicise this opportunity.

I am also currently delivering six high profile motorcycle checkpoints – these are targeting new riders. We have completed three so far and spoken to 98 moped or motorcycle riders. These checkpoints are done in conjunction with the STU.

### **Intersection campaign – It's Your Call**

The next phase of intersection campaign is currently being delivered and features the following media: radio, adshells and bus backs. It will follow the same lines as the November campaign and will be followed up with a Spotter campaign in April. This campaign involves both ACC and Hutt City Council and we would like to thank them for their support.

### **Pedestrians**

The 'Look Both Way's campaign has been launch as of late February with a multi-media approach building on the imagery and branding from the Manners street campaign. Currently we have radio and bus advertising and have had the Look walkers on the golden mile last week targeting afternoon workers in the CBD.

### **Cyclists**

Emma and I had stand at the Go-by-Bike breakfast which is organised by CAW as part of the Bike wise month. I had developed a shared pathways resource which was distributed at this event along with bicycle bells. In May we will look to do our cycle lights campaign with the Police again.

## **Alcohol**

The week prior to Christmas we (myself and Sgt. Pete Sowter) had the 'Last Choice' Crash trailer at the Wellington Railways station promoting the drive sober message to CBD employees.

I have recently met with the new SADD coordinator for this region who is based in Napier. He is keen to get SADD moving in Wellington High Schools again.

I have also attended the Orientation clubs day at Massey University (Victoria was called off due to rain) where I helped to promote the 'Stick with your Mates' pedestrian alcohol safety message as well as moped/motorcycle safety.

## **Young Drivers**

I am looking to utilise a space at the Coca Cola careers expo at the TSB arena in late June which will target young drivers using the Last choice crash trailer.

## **Billboards**

The billboards are currently displaying the "Stick with your Mates" which is part of the pedestrian alcohol safety campaign and will be changed to reflect the pedestrian 'Look Both Ways' campaign soon.

## **Orange Day**

The Orange Day parade which celebrate the work of school road patrols and draw attention to safety around schools will occur on July the 1<sup>st</sup> this year (it has been brought forward because of the Rugby World Cup).

## **Sustainable Transport** Emma Hope, Sustainable Transport Coordinator

### **School Travel Plans**

In addition to the 14 schools currently signed on, this calendar year we welcome on Bellevue School and Strathmore Community School. We have also had interest from Khandallah School, Queen Margaret College and West Park School.

Existing schools are, for the most part, progressing well, with a number of schools due to undertake an annual follow-up survey of transport modes to school next term. This survey will be able to be compared with the base-line survey, and will give us an insight into the effectiveness of the programme.

All signed-on primary schools have now received waterproof, high-visibility backpack covers for each child at the school. A number of schools have adopted these into the school ethos, where they are given to each new-entrant along with information for the parents about how to reduce vehicle congestion outside the school.

### **Organisational Travel Plans**

The Wellington City Council Staff Travelwise plan was formally 'launched' in August 2010. All staff were invited to be part of the broader, 'Active A2B' project. A cycle training module is also in the process of being developed with local cycle trainers, which would be offered to staff interested in using the fleet bicycles.

## **Walking and Cycling Policy Implementation**

### **Walk2Work Day**

The annual Walk2Work event was delivered on 16 March 2011. The original plan for this event was to have one main site at Frank Kitts Park, where people walking could receive apples, bananas, fruit buns and a coffee voucher, as well as five “Snack Stations” situated around the city, where walkers could receive a piece of fruit as they walked by. Unfortunately a rainy morning meant that the main Frank Kitts event was cancelled; however an additional two ‘Snack Stations’ meant that walking commuters were still reached during the morning. Although exact numbers as difficult to measure, it is estimated that approximately 2,000 people were reached – 1,300 apples, 1,000 fruit buns, 1,000 coffee vouchers and 500 bananas were distributed during the morning.

Thanks to members from Living Streets Aotearoa, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Cancer Society Wellington and Regional Public Health for their efforts as part of the organising group.

#### Cycle Skills Training Courses

Two cycle skills training courses were offered January and February, promoted through the Greater Wellington ‘Active a2b’ project. Evaluation results from the 2010 skills training are included at the back of this report. There was a 50% response rate (taking into account there were a number of children, and their parents responded on their behalf), all respondents found the training either ‘useful’ or ‘very useful’, and responded learning a number of different skills from the training.