

**SAFE & SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT
REFERENCE GROUP MEETING****MINUTES****WEDNESDAY 22nd June 2011
11.00am****COMMITTEE ROOM 2
Wellington City Council
101 WAKEFIELD STREET****PRESENT:**

Paul Barker (WCC – Transport Planning)	Simon Kennett (GWRC)
Anna Blomquist (WCC – Transport Planning)	Claire Pascoe (Cycle Aware Wellington)
Emma Hope (WCC – Transport Planning)	David Laing (Cycle Aware Wellington)
Joelene Noble (WCC – Transport Planning)	Vanessa Osborn (Regional Public Health)
Steve Spence (WCC – Transport Planning)	Mike Mellor (Living Streets Wellington)
Aaron Dann (NZ Police – Education Officer)	Alex Gray (NZ Automobile Association)
Richard Hocken (Police – Wellington Traffic Unit)	Rosemary Cole (Accessibility Advisory Group)
Byron Cummings (Bikers Rights Organisation NZ)	

AGENDA:

1. Welcome – Paul Barker
2. Apologies/Introductions
3. Previous meeting minutes
4. Cobblestone speed humps – Lambton Quay (Paul B)
5. Results from the Cycle Aware Wellington survey (David Laing)
6. Regional cycling map review (Simon K)
7. Spring in to summer competition (Simon K)
8. Shared pathways campaign (Emma)
9. Community grants update and recommendations (Anna & Emma)
10. SASTRG Facebook page (Anna)
11. Agency updates (All)
12. Transport safety education update on current main projects (Anna)
13. Sustainable transport update (Emma)
14. General business
14.1 Proposed changes to the give way rule (Mike M)
14.2 Kenepuru Train Station (Mike M)
14.3 WCC funding for cycle activities (Cycle Aware Wellington)
14.4 Ngauranga path (Simon K)

Minutes:

1.	Welcome: Paul Barker welcomed the group in Councillor Pepperell's absence.	Action:
2.	<p>Apologies: Councillor Bryan Pepperell, Roy Hitchcock (NZ Transport Agency), Tom Bryan (AAG), Paul Ellen (BRONZ), Alan Royal (AAG).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alex Gray has asked if either Steve Spence or Paul Barker can send an email to NZTA, requesting their presence at these meetings now that Roy Hitchcock won't be attending them. 	PB
3.	<p>Minutes of last meeting (23rd March 2011) and matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes seconded by Rosemary Cole. ➤ The roadmarking issues that were brought to our attention at the previous meeting have been fixed. ➤ Rosemary advised that the AAG is still concerned with the lower Cuba Street/Wakefield Street intersection. There is nothing there; no sensor pads to break the footpath to road then back to the footpath. They have had some members walk into vehicles there. It is a major issue for the sight-impaired and wheelchair users. ➤ Steve S advised that he attended a meeting to discuss these issues a couple of weeks ago. It has been suggested that that tactile pavers be put there. Steve S is to follow up with Steve Harte to make sure that this is going to happen. ➤ Richard asked if there are the same issues at the other end of lower Cuba Street. Rosemary advised that it isn't as bigger an issue as the other. 	SS
4.	<p>Cobblestone speed humps – Lambton Quay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paul advised that these humps on Lambton Quay near the Old Bank adjacent to Willis Street were discussed at a recent meeting with the officers that manage the maintenance of them. They advised that they bounce buses around and are a maintenance issue and have asked if we still need to have them. Paul advised that he would bring this issue to this meeting to discuss and get the groups views. These humps were originally put in to slow buses down, but the speed has since been lowered to 30km/h, so we want to know if people still feel there is a need to have them there. ➤ Rosemary Cole advised that she sees a lot of skateboarders in this area and they slow them down so would like to see them stay. It is also a high pedestrian area and they should stay for safety reasons. ➤ Alex Gray advised that they weren't really necessary during peak times but is good to deter boy racers at other times. ➤ Richard Hocken advised that it is a single lane and pedestrians can cross here safely. ➤ Simon Kennett would like to see them stay and have more put in. ➤ Mike Mellor advised that the granite sets are a speed deterrent. If they are a maintenance issue then we should look at changing them to a smooth surface instead of cobblestone. ➤ Steve Spence advised that historically they were part of the whole package of works when the Old Bank Arcade opened and were a safety feature. Since then we have moved more towards speed cushions. The reality is that they need to be taken out as they are breaking up from heavy vehicles. They could be replaced with speed cushions. Suggested we take them out and see what impact it has and then look at putting cushions in. ➤ The general feeling from the group is that there is still a need for speed control here. 	

5.	<p>Results from the Cycle Aware Wellington survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In May the AGM was held. A survey was sent out to the cycling community which we received 450 responses back. Paul B has a copy of the report. ➤ CAW's priorities for the coming year are budgets for cycle infrastructure, to get a final solution for the shared pathway on Hutt Road – look at alternative path behind the building, a cycle route from the southern suburbs into the CBD and providing cycle lanes on Jervois Quay. ➤ CAW also thanked WCC for the new cycle-friendly sump grates that are being installed around the city, they are fantastic. 	Action:
6.	<p>Regional Cycling Map review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Simon advised they have run out of stock. Currently working on the journey planner. There is a need for the regional cycling map online for people with no printer access. Rejigging the map to include safety messages. Terralink are working on the map at the moment and we should be getting a draft in a month's time and will have it done in time for spring. GWRC will be printing 5,000. 	
7.	<p>Spring in to summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This is a merge of Bikewise and Living Streets – it is a sustainable transport challenge where you walk/cycle/take public transport to earn points. The website is almost complete and it will be launched at a seminar in a couple of weeks. 	
8.	<p>Shared pathways campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Emma advised that she met with Alan Brown from Wellington Waterfront Ltd recently regarding the issues they have with pedestrians and cyclist near misses. ➤ CAW ran a campaign last year which they won an award for. ➤ Trial signs with messages such as biker beware, pedestrians ahead. Have been used on the waterfront. Other areas such as Oriental Parade, Mount Victoria Tunnel and Hutt Road that they could also be targeted. ➤ Other messages suggested around being courteous, being visible, ringing bells have been suggested. So that is it more of a courtesy message than a safety message. ➤ Aaron D suggested cyclists could call “to your right” like he has seen in Australia. ➤ Rosemary Cole advised that bells are a good idea. ➤ David L advised that we should campaign to get bells on all bikes. ➤ Claire advised that our shared pathways are key commuter routes and that ideally WCC needs to look at providing other routes. ➤ Richard H advised that the passing person should be responsible for giving way. ➤ Simon K advised that reducing speed needs to be a key message. ➤ Suggested areas of cobbles like on Lambton Quay to slow cyclists down. ➤ Suggested road space reallocation on Jervois Quay. ➤ Paul advised that we are looking for a few snappy messages. ➤ Comment made that pedestrians have just as much responsibility as they are in a different space. ➤ Steve S asked if it is a space where pedestrians have priority. If it is then our message needs to be aimed towards that. ➤ Wellington Waterfront has installed signs saying pedestrians have priority (shared zone). ➤ Rosemary asked if the message “share this space” was anywhere. Paul advised they have a desire to minimise signage on the waterfront and we are limited to what we can do there. In WCC areas we can do more. We will test what is done on the waterfront and then go from there. 	

8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Claire suggested chalk art. ➤ If anyone has any other ideas they can be emailed to Anna or Emma. 	Action:
9.	<p>Community Grants update and recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WCC has recently advertised for applications for our annual \$10k community grant. They had to be education projects and inline with Council policies. ➤ Anna and Emma presented to the group the applications and our recommendations which were discussed. 	
10.	<p>SASTRG Facebook page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Anna advised that Upper Hutt City Council has suggested the creation of a Facebook page where we could advertise things such as motorcycle training, community grants etc. ➤ Anna talked about profiles, personal or business. ➤ Byron advised that BRONZ has a Facebook page but isn't Wellington focussed. ➤ Paul advised that he can see benefit in creating one. ➤ Anna is to look in to this further and update the group at the next meeting. 	AB
11.	<p>Agency updates:</p> <p><u>Richard Hocken – Police</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Richard updated the group on the two serious crashes there has been in Wellington recently. ➤ Still providing staff for Christchurch so are currently short-staffed. ➤ Rugby World Cup – working on Traffic Management Plans. ➤ Recently been a push on high school driver's licenses. <p><u>Aaron Dann – Police</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Road safety focus – Orange Day Parade on Friday 1st of July. ➤ Has been concentrating on juniors/new entrants; walking on footpaths and what to look out for. <p><u>David Laing – Cycle Aware</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bus workshops – recently held a bus and bike workshop in May which 13 bus drivers and six cyclists attended and it was received really well. Planning another workshop in August to be held in Kilbirnie. <p><u>Vanessa Osborn – Regional Public Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recently submitted on the Hutt Corridor Plan. ➤ Working on a submission on Upper Hutt City Councils' walking and cycling strategy. ➤ Will be submitting on the Regional Public Transport Plan and NZTA Basin Reserve consultation. ➤ Looking at safety considerations around the Rugby World Cup. ➤ Working on a paper about traffic congestion; its public health effect among other things. Vanessa will share this with the group once completed. <p><u>Alex Gray - AA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attending monthly vulnerable road users meeting with WCC each month and these are progressing well. ➤ Basin Reserve plans – eagerly awaiting the plans to be made public so we can start putting a submission together. ➤ Discussing with Paul Barker the light phasing at Bunny Street. ➤ Troy Street roundabout – still in discussions with NZTA about this. ➤ Karo Drive/Willis Street intersection – crossing issues, pedestrian safety issues being discussed with WCC. 	

14.4	<p>fundable for NZTA to match it.</p> <p><u>Ngauranga path</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Simon advised he has concerns about two areas at the bottom of the gorge. Paul has advised him to bring it along to the next monthly Tuesday meeting where they discuss engineering specifics. 	
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Meeting closed: 1.30pm

Next Meeting: September 21st 2011, 11am-1:30pm, Committee Room One

Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group Report June 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 142 vehicles with an average of 55% compliance. This included a joint checkpoint with NZTA which looked at restraints and diesel miles (light vehicle safety). These checkpoints require significant commitment from Wellington police, and we wish to extend thanks to the Wellington STU for their on-going support.

Sgt. Richard Hocken, Viv Morton of Plunket and I did a presentation to the PORSE at home educators based in Mana on the 31st of March – this was covering laws and information around correct child restraint usage. This was well-received and I have two sessions at Wellington Nannies School planned for this week.

My colleagues Emma Hope, Joelene Noble and I have currently been undergoing the recertification process for our child restraint technician NZQA qualification.

Motorcycles

Unfortunately, we were only able to complete a further two motorcycle checkpoints in late March / Early April. Overall our results show an increase in the use of safety gear including gloves 64% compared to 44% the previous year, boots from 16% last year to 39% this year. WE are still seeing a lot of people with open faced helmets although high-vis gear is increasingly slightly. Licence breaches remain static at around 3-5%. 148 riders in total were surveyed over the five nights.

On the 7th of May our first Wellington based training was delivered at St. Patricks College, this was aimed at novice riders and moped users. We had twelve registered attendees. I'm in the process of planning new dates for the next financial year. These training sessions are charged out at \$20 per hour (upon agreement with ACC who funds 50% of the costs).

Intersection campaign – It's Your Call

The media of the intersection campaign has been delivered and I am looking to have the billboard put up onto the hoarding sites (until they are used for RWC/alcohol messaging). The spotter campaign noted 427 red-light runners (at eight intersections – two hours at each) of which 290 received letters.

Pedestrians

The 'Look Both Way's campaign was wrapped up in late March.

Cyclists

Our cycle lights campaign went ahead during May and June; we held 12 checkpoints with the police. Overall we saw 83% compliance with cycle lights which was up from 77% last year. In all 761 cyclists were surveyed.

Alcohol

The road safety hoardings will be used for a “stick with your mates” campaign over the RWC period.

Young Drivers

We have an expo space booked to use the ‘Last Choice’ crash trailer at this event next week – this event had about 3380 students booked to come through last year and is also open to the public as well.

Orange Day

The parade is being held on July the 1st so I have been quite busy with organising this event, this year we are likely to have 1153 students take part in the parade. Transfield have come on board as a sponsor of the event.

Sustainable Transport Emma Hope, Sustainable Transport Coordinator

School Travel Plans

This project continues to make good progress. Brooklyn and Hataitai Schools have undertaken one year follow up surveys, which will provide valuable feedback on the project. At of June 2011, there are 17 schools involved with the project, with another three expected to sign up in the next month.

Organisational Travel Plans

We are planning on purchasing one additional bicycle for the fleet this financial year. It is anticipated that this will be either a women’s step-through bicycle, or a folding bicycle.

An internal review was undertaken looking at the uptake and use of the ‘Let’s Carpool’ initiative by Wellington City Council staff. Results were as follows:

- 14 of the 49 (30%) WCC staff registered with the site returned invalid email addresses, and so were classified as being inactive on the site
- Of the remaining staff, nine responded to the survey (20%)
- 45% had made a match off the site
- 66% believed the site was beneficial, even if they hadn’t found a match
- 75% found the site easy to use
- 87% would recommend the site to another colleague
- All staff who had met a carpool match through the site had carpooled together for at least 6 months

While the response rate is too low to draw any significant conclusions, it did give some interesting feedback, and as such we will be promoting the Let’s Carpool service to WCC staff over the winter.

The Snapper Kiosk, installed in the Central Library in December has been well utilised by the public, with 1,118 transactions taking place in the month of May 2011.

Walking and Cycling Policy Implementation

Cycle Skills Training Courses

New NZQA guidelines for cycle skills training have been developed to improve the consistency of cycle skills training throughout the country. Planning is underway to train selected Recreation Wellington staff, who currently undertake outreach swimming lessons at schools to be able to also teach cycle skills training. This would significantly increase the capacity of cycle skills training in Wellington.