

Safe and Sustainable Transport Forum meeting minutes

Wednesday 11th March 2015

11.00am – 1:30pm Committee Room Two, Wellington City Council

Present:

- Councillor Foster
- Wellington City Council: Anna Blomquist, Charles Kingsford, Daren Reddiex
- NZ Police: Richard Hocken. Morgan Gray, Aaron Dann
- Greater Wellington Regional Council: Simon Kennett
- Cycle Aware Wellington: David Laing
- Regional Public Health: Siddhartha Mehta
- Living Streets Aotearoa: Ellen Blake
- Accessibility Advisory Group: Paula Booth
- ACC: Jo Vilipaama
- Parking Services (WCC): Tejay Roach and Michelle Riwai

Agenda:

1. Welcome (Cllr Foster)
2. Apologies and Introductions (Cllr Foster)
3. Previous meeting minutes (Cllr Foster)
4. Victoria Street Project update (Anna Harley - WCC)
5. Membership and Terms of Reference (Anna Blomquist and the Rational Transport Society)
6. Parking wardens and vehicles on footpaths (Living Streets)
7. Policy framework (Cllr Foster)
8. Agency updates (All)
9. Safe and Sustainable transport education updates on current main projects (Anna Blomquist)
10. General business

Minutes:

1. **Welcome:** Anna Blomquist welcomed the group.
2. **Apologies:** Paul Barker, Steve Spence (WCC), James Burgess (CAW), Justine Ropata (IPNANZ), Tim Rutherford (Youth Council), Kent Duston (Rational Transport Society)

Alex Gray (AA) and Cllr Foster mentioned they would be late.

3. **Previous meeting minutes:** The minutes were accepted as true and correct. Moved by Simon Kennett, seconded by David Laing.

4. **Victoria Street Project Upgrade – Richard Galloway:**

Richard tabled the latest plan, some key items of interest are:

- Footpaths have been widened to 3.5 metres on either side
- The street will be lined with trees to encourage traffic calming
- Two pop-up parks
- One bus stop moved to provide consistent spacing
- 50 km/hr speed limit as road continues to have an arterial function

Discussion continued regarding the provision for bus passengers who alight onto a shared pathway/cycle lane and how any risks may be mitigated.

5. **Membership and Terms of Reference (WCC - Anna Blomquist)**

Anna tables a draft TOR, she highlighted potential changes to membership as some on the invite list no longer attend. It was agreed among members to remove those groups who no longer respond to invites or do not want to be invited: Aged Concern, Driver Training Organisation and ALAC (now part of the Health Promotion agency).

With potential new members it was agreed they need to meet the TOR criteria 3.2:

To be eligible, an organisation/group must:

- **have a base in Wellington City**
- **have a city wide focus**
- **a degree of involvement (or knowledge of) road safety and/or sustainable transport knowledge and practical initiatives**
- **a demonstrated enthusiasm for road safety and sustainable transport issues**
- **links into the community and willingness to utilise those links.**

It was suggested that member organisation give a brief organisational profile at the next meeting.

Anna to add in to next agenda

6. **Parking Wardens and Vehicles on Footpaths (Living Streets - Ellen Blake)**

Ellen mentioned this is a continuing safety issue and many pedestrians may feel too intimidated to speak to drivers and ask them not move their vehicle.

Michelle from parking services responded by talking from an operational point-of-view. The Parking Services team do not set the policy and can only speak on enforcement. In the central city there is zero tolerance for parking on footpaths, in the suburbs the parking wardens are allowed to use their discretion if there is one metre of clear footpath still provided – this is to take into consideration the topography of the city. Parking Services are aware of this issue as it can provide a health and safety hazard to their own team.

Parking services work in the three E's of engagement, education and enforcement over these matters. The wardens are expected to be ambassadors for the city and engage with the public, the wardens are also able to offer education to the public around the rules and regulation of parking and as mentioned there is some leniency for enforcement. Sandwich board complaints are currently not handled by the parking wardens and any complaints will be dealt with by another part of council. Furthermore parking wardens can only enforce stationary vehicles, issues around vehicles driving on the footpath need to be referred to the Police.

Ellen stated that parking is not legal on footpaths anywhere in New Zealand and Living Streets will continue to pursue this issue.

Byron mentioned some confusion over motorcycles on footpaths where it is actually private property (part of the building apron). Tejay replied that motorcycles on the footpath and dealt with on a case by case basis and if they are on private property staff are advised of this. Ellen mentioned the issue is that there is not a clear definition between private property and the footpath.

Alex Gray said that he supports enforcement discretion as parking only on the narrow street (and not on the footpath) could prevent emergency vehicles from having access. The issue of enforcement requires pragmatism.

Michelle mentioned that the message Parking Services provides is that parking on footpath is illegal but that wardens do have discretion around enforcement in the suburbs.

Morgan Gray mentioned Area Police would be targeting cyclists on footpaths during March 16-29th.

Ellen to send Morgan a list of hot spots for Police to target.

Byron requested that Police also target cyclists pedalling across pedestrian and signalised crossings.

7. Police Framework

Anna apologised that there was not anyone suitable to speak to this agenda item.

Anna to forward item to next meeting agenda.

8. Agency updates:

NZ Police: Richard Hocken – Wellington District Road Policing Team

- Memorial Park: Police are looking the safety of Taranaki and Buckle Street intersection in particular competing phasing for pedestrians and turning vehicles. May recommend longer phasing for pedestrians. Furthermore there is poor delineation between the cyclists and pedestrian spaces on the shared pathway.
- Aro Street: Looking at enforcement of the 30 km/hr speed limit due to public complaints.
- Events: staff are busy with cricket World Cup traffic managements and the upcoming ANZAC day celebrations.
- Motorcycles: checkpoints currently with WCC and cycle lights programmed in for May- June.

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Morgan Gray - Wellington Area Police

- As mentioned cyclist campaign in March
- Red light running campaign with Council over May and June – focussing on intersection etiquette.
- Red light camera has been installed on Karo Drive/Victoria Street intersection

Aaron Dann - School Community Officer:

Term one had been busy with re-training road-patrollers and doing road safety with the new entrants (this includes sneaky driveways and kerb drills).

Automobile Association - Alex Gray:

- Advocacy submission in particular the RLTP – the AA does not recommend a combined travel card as the cost is prohibitive and could be better used on other projects.
- Submission on Victoria street upgrade in particular the provision for cyclists
- AA is disappointed that the number of red light camera is going to be very small

BRONZ - Byron Cummins:

- Busy season with lots of charity rides.
- BRONZ have offered first certificate level road-side first aid training.
- Mentor riding programme (WARS - Wellington Area Road Skills) is going well about 20+ riders per evening and over 40 participants overall – will continue to run year round.
- In general they are seeing a slow attitude change although the Wednesday and Thursday night riders still have some issues.
- Attended the MSAC (Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council) meeting there was lots of good information around road design that might be beneficial for riders (frangible posts and furnishings situated away from the road edge) that BRONZ would like to see the Council take these on board.

Living Streets Aotearoa - Ellen Blake:

- Walk 2 Work Day today Ellen thanked GWRC, WCC, RPH and NZBUS for their support, this event involved a free waterfront breakfast, a focus parks, sculpture trust parking day, links to PT use and a present at the railway station. Cllr. Eagle also walked in from Island Bay.
- Living streets has made a submission on the RLTP.
- Continues to work on addressing vehicles parked on footpaths
- Involved in Long term planning
- Has raised the issue of council selling off public land, in particular Forres Street which provides steps to other parts of Seatoun.

Greater Wellington Regional Council – Simon Kennett:

- RLTP consultation has finished
- GWRC produced time radius maps for the railways stations – these were launched in conjunction with Walk 2 Work day.
- Active A2B challenge finished today.
- Go-by-bike day had over 1400 people attend and the “share the road - see the person” regional campaign was well received.
- Scooter and cycle training continues in schools the challenge will be to get adults up-skilling.

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- A regional intersection campaign will be launched in April.
- Cycle lights testing and promotions will begin over the next few months,
- A folding bike fun ride is coming up.
- Bus driver and cyclist workshops continue in conjunction with CAW.

Richard requested better signage/walking amps for Cruise ship passengers – times and key locations.

Cllr Foster to look into this.

Cllr. Foster asked whether GWRC would look into time radius maps for key bus stops, Simon replied they are aiming to completed railway stations first which they can also install signs at, given the land belongs to the Regional Council.

Regional Public Health – Siddhartha Mehta:

- Looking at promoting the triple benefits from Public transport usage: economic, environmental and health
- The LTP will be looking at Health promotion from infrastructure changes

Accident Compensation Corporation - Jo Vilipama:

- ACC is currently in a planning period.
- Continue to promote Ride forever course for motorcyclists and scooter riders.
- Promotion of the Practice online programme for young drivers and their 'coaches'.
- Attending Massey University Safety day on the 12th of March.

Accessibility Advisory Group - Paula Booth:

- Looking at the mobility parking policy which hasn't been updated since 2005 and some items are yet to be achieved such as the mobility parking hotline.
- Some confusion around mobility parking time limits
- The AAG has completed an audit of all mobility parking spaces and some do not meet the standard.
- Continue to look at construction access - mentioned Victoria street upgrade and a good example of provision for all road users during the construction phase.
- Would like access to cable car lane made clearer.
- Some parking metres are not accessible.

Tejay clarified that those displaying a mobility parking card are allowed an extra 60 minute on top of the allocated time limit.

Cycle Aware Wellington – David Laing:

- Go by bike day: had 1400 attendees.
- CAN truck was there demonstrating blind spots (and at the Truck show as well).
- CAW provided volunteers for the shared pathway campaign and will see if they can help in the Council/Police cycle lights checkpoints.
- Ciclovía has had three vents with good attendance; CAW would like to see the road closed on a regular basis on the weekend.
- CAW has been submitting on the Victoria Street Upgrade programme and draft LTYPs and RLTP.

- Providing bus driver/cyclist workshops.
- Attending the Road User Forum.

Cllr. Foster request a copy of the debrief report on Ciclovía

Wellington City Council - Charles Kingsford:

- Business as usual - 30 minor safety scheme projects but due to understaffing it is likely only 20 will be completed by the end of the Financial year. These are based on crash data and also look at school safety.
- Speed feedback signs and active warning signs are continuing to be introduced through they are – they are prioritised on vehicle speed, traffic volumes and crash rates.

9. Safe and Sustainable transport education updates on current main projects - Anna Blomquist:

Safer Road Use

- Pedestrians -This campaign is currently being rolled out across the city. It is the same as last years although we have done one image re-shoot to have a more 'summery' look. This year we have also developed a video to be used in cinema to reinforce the message. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9ClcMg5vtc>
- Motorcyclists:
 - Rider Training: Promotional materials have been sent out to all retailers in Wellington, Scooter/Moped rider training was provided on the 21st of February to 10 attendees. Within the region motorcycle rider training has been provided to 38 participants on the 31st of January, 8th of February, 1st of March.
 - Checkpoints: Five checkpoints are scheduled through March to capture the new riders (beginning of the academic year).
 - Urban Explorer: This safety resource has been distributed to scooters at all on-street parking locations in the Wellington CBD as well as at the Universities. We continue to promote it through an online competition finishing at the end of March and Thrifty Car Rentals who now hire mopeds in Wellington have provided a link to the page on their website.
- Cyclists:
 - Shared Pathways - A courtesy campaign developed in conjunction with City Shaper (formally Wellington waterfront) has been rolled out during January and February this year and promoted at the Go-by-bike event. We will continue some promotion during our bike-lights checkpoints scheduled for later this year and look to expand the messaging to other shared areas next summer.
 - Bikes in Schools launch is set for the 30th of March at Miramar Holly Cross School. The schools have received cycle skills training through the regional Pedal Ready programme, including training up parents and teachers. Holy Cross School (Miramar), work to be completed this month, and have received their bicycles, helmets and bike sheds. West Park School (Johnsonville), work to be completed this month, and have received their bicycles, helmets and bike sheds. Karori West Normal School – other construction on site has delayed the commencement of work.

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- Young Drivers/ Distraction - We have decided to develop a video which shows best practice behaviour for young drivers this is based on statistics which show that young drivers are very likely to have passenger in the car and targeting the passenger as a key influencer, this also focuses on driver distraction in the form of technology and in-car distraction. This is part of a bigger suite of Wellington Way videos. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC-bDIXns7J28wtuZV-wN01-olbz0_Pwk
- Alcohol - We developed a localised version of the national "Catch – know when to go – Legend" campaign which utilise our Road safety billboards and poster past-ups during December – February.

Safer Vehicles

- Restraints - I attended two child restraint workshops at the Nannies College with the Police and Plunket. We continue to respond to the occasional requests for information through the NZTA certified restraints technician web page.

Safer Roads and Roadsides

- Intersections - The winter roll out of the Stop on Red campaign is currently under development.
- Safe School Travel Planning - Wadestown School have agreed to pilot a Scooter training course which will be delivered by the Recreation Centre staff. Amesbury School parents are setting up Walking School Buses. I have met with Police and the DP at Kahurangi School to discuss parking (and unsafe U-turning) behaviour of parents, we have agreed an education message in the school newsletters is the best intervention at this time. I have been liaising with 11 schools regarding the installation of active warning signs.
- Orange Day - The date for the 2015 Orange Day Parade (Schools March for Road Safety) has been set for the 7th of August.

Safer Speeds

'Speed Trailer' deployment - All schools that are working with Council as part of the school travel planning programme have been offered the use of this speed trailer although it is currently under-utilised. The area traffic engineers also use this during weekends and school holidays to address sites around the city with perceived speed issues; the trailer does not collect data but provides instant feedback to drivers regarding their speeds.

10. General Business was conducted over a light lunch.

- Richard mentioned speeds on the motorway leading up to Ngauranga Gorge where there is currently road works going on – it is now 70 km/hr and advises that people keep to it (80 km/hr on the gorge).
- Byron mentioned a lack of motorcycle parking the CBD – *Byron to liaise with Charles about auditing these.*

Meeting adjourns at @ 1:30pm.