

**Reference:** TR 82 – 17

**Location:** Cuba Street, between Ghuznee and Vivian streets

**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 Cuba Street between Ghuznee and Vivian streets.

This section of Cuba Street currently has a one-way restriction which allows the general traffic to travel only northbound from Vivian Street towards Ghuznee Street. It has a low traffic volume of approximately 2,400 vehicles per day and a low operating speed of around 28 km/h.

The section of Cuba Street between Manners and Ghuznee streets is a pedestrian mall. Cycle use is prohibited through this section but people can push their bikes while walking. Cuba Street south of Vivian Street allows two-way traffic movements. Cuba Street is not a main route but it provides a good north-south link between Mount Cook and the City Centre. The current level of service for cyclists is poor as the southbound cycle movement is prohibited due to the one-way restriction on Cuba Street.

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

This report recommends providing a contraflow cycle lane on Cuba Street to allow people on bikes to travel southbound between Ghuznee and Vivian 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>
<i>Cuba Street</i>	<i>One Way Restriction</i>	<i>Northbound, from Vivian Street to Ghuznee Street.</i>
<i>Ghuznee Street</i>	<i>No Right Turn – at all times</i>	<i>Eastbound traffic, no right turn to Cuba Street.</i>
<i>Ghuznee Street</i>	<i>No Left Turn – at all times</i>	<i>Westbound traffic, no left turn to Cuba Street.</i>

*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>
<i>Cuba Street</i>	<i>No Entry, except cycles - at all times</i>	<i>No entry to Cuba Street from its intersection with Ghuznee Street</i>
<i>Cuba Street</i>	<i>One Way Restriction, except cycles</i>	<i>Northbound, from Vivian Street to Ghuznee Street.</i>
<i>Ghuznee Street</i>	<i>No Right Turn, except cycles – at all times</i>	<i>Eastbound traffic, no right turn to Cuba Street.</i>
<i>Ghuznee Street</i>	<i>No Left Turn, except cycles – at all times</i>	<i>Westbound traffic, no left turn to Cuba Street.</i>
<i>Garrett Street</i>	<i>No Right Turn, except cycles – at all times</i>	<i>Eastbound traffic, no right turn to Cuba Street.</i>
<i>Swan Lane</i>	<i>No Left Turn, except cycles – at all times</i>	<i>Westbound traffic, no left turn to Cuba Street.</i>

# PROPOSED TRAFFIC RESOLUTION

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

**Column One**

**Column Two**

**Column Three**

**Cuba Street**

**Cycle lane**

**Southbound, from Ghuznee Street to Vivian Street.**

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