

Accessibility Advisory Group Minutes

Tuesday, 29th March 5:30pm – 7:00pm

**Wellington Museum, Boardroom
3 Jervois Quay, Queens Wharf, Wellington**

Co-Chairpersons:

Michael Bealing/ Lee Rutene

Members:

Tim Pate, Julia Aguilar, Lee Rutene, Tristram Ingham, Christine Richardson, Alan Royal, Amanda Cameron, Christine O'Sullivan

Councillors:

Cr Lee, Cr Sparrow

Staff:

James Mather, Brett McPhedran, Charles Gordon

1. Welcome from the Chair (5:30pm)

- Lee opened the meeting with a prayer

2. Apologies (5:35pm)

- Julia Aguilar, Christine O'Sullivan, Amanda Cameron

3. Conflicts of interest (5:40pm)

- Christine and Christine are applying for a grant that is MS related. Not determined to be a conflict but tabled for the group.

4. Confirmation of previous minutes (5:45pm)

Michael moves to pass the minutes, Lee seconds and carries (pending amendments)

- Littlest capital amended to “coolest little accessible capital”
- Parents and seniors consulted over playgrounds but not seniors, who often take children to playgrounds
- More discussion time about the adequacy of crossing times needs to be undertaken accounting for a range of views
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5. Hutt Cycleway - Brett McPhedran (5.45pm)

Brett

- Powerpoint is shown, available to the group on dropbox
- Cost of placing cycleway on seaward side is very high, poses additional accessibility issues
- Concentrating on the Hutt Road corridor
- Looking into extended options for beyond the corridor, should know by June 2018
- Very busy bus corridor, also very high cyclist use. Have been multiple crashes, many on the shared path
- As a proportion of users the corridor is unsafe for cyclists, needs to be addressed
- Looking into creating separate 2m space for pedestrians, signalled crossings at Jarden Mile
- Separation will be markings. You get better separation when using different materials
- 80% compliance with white line in using correct space, can boost compliance with additional textures/colours
- Hutt Corridor is largely a commuter route, recreation numbers are half as much
- Busiest bus lane outside the golden mile, but cant fit a dedicated bus lane. Proposal is to use a T2 lane
- Issue with Mana T2 is lack of enforcement
- Wardens with cameras can issue infringement notices for those who don't obey T2 rules
- Layer of education would have to take place around the T2 lane (can use the lane for 50m to turn into a business)
- Consolidation of 2 bus stops into 1
- Parking changes proposed, there will be a 65 car park loss.
- Whole section will be resurfaced (pavement and cycleway)
- Cost of a continuous seaside cycleway is 6x the current proposal. There will be an underpass at Jarden Mile (will be widened by NZTA).
- NZTA's original proposal would have made room for emergency vehicles, but this has been pared back to a smaller design
- AAG invited to submit, consultation open via the website (sent to members). Feedback closed mid-April, will go to council at mid-May. Someone from AAG invited to be involved in the detailed design process.

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- White lines are good as they don't pose a physical barrier, good for mobility. Slippage is an issue
- Increasing pedestrians isn't the intent, would present a nice recreational activity so may increase use
- If pedestrian use increases then you have more warrant for investment in delineation between cyclists and pedestrians
- Kiwi point turn into Prestons is dangerous, split in use between pedestrians and cyclists
- Cycleway off the road is very good
- Having it on the footpath eliminates some of the accessibility issues presented by the cycleway

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6. Tawa Draft Town Centre – Charles Gordon (6.15pm)

Tabled a set of concepts and proposals for AAG

- Tawa Town centre is part of the town centre upgrades. Was originally slotted for a 2019 implementation, but this is being considered to possibly bring forward
- Identity of central Tawa is seen as 'lacking' in character
- Can be seen as a main road through a little rural town currently
- Several spaces have huge issues for pedestrians due to traffic, particularly if you have mobility issues
- Traffic flow to be improved by roundabouts
- Parking issues are apparent, but scope to fix them not included in the original brief. Parking Issues becoming more apparent throughout the design process however
- Tawa on Sunday is very busy, large amount of churchgoing
- Cars parked in street but no one in shops
- People turning right to go North has huge issues
- 7 mobility parks in Tawa currently
- Public Toilets not planned, there are some in the Library (toilets are outside the library and are accessible outside library hours). Also a mobility park outside

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- Some gateway features are a disaster, visibility is a huge concern
- Tactile strips good feature
- Grating where the footpath meets can be an issue if you have crutches
- Seating with a back is encouraged, handrails at both ends allow for leverage
- People who can walk around cant always get back up if they sit down

- In terms of planting, for example the planting in upper Cuba has quite a drop – this would be best to avoid (people can fall into it)
- Keen to see accessibility parking as part of the redesign.
- The mobility park on the corner of Courtney and Taranaki is a good example of mobility parking. Can access from rear of vehicle and the side. Whole park is at footpath side (next to Burger King).
- Raised crossing aren't always legally crossings – will these be? (it was clarified that the ones in Tawa will be legal pedestrian crossings).
- Also noted that Kilbirnie is a bad example of accessibility is that the street only has a tactile strip on one side. Whilst the street is wide, the design actually requires a huge amount of space to access if you require a ramp – non-accessible design
- If new mobility parks are to be introduced, stick to the recommended standards
- 25% of the parks are not mobile (despite aprox ~25% portion of the population having accessibility issues)
- AAG to pass comments to James

7. Attic Tour (7:00pm)

8. Other business

- Differentiation between mobility issues and other accessibility issues is desired in reports and in AAG minutes
- Audits of streets are largely reactive, building a database for previous audits would assist in coordination and prioritisation of accessibility issues
- Spreadsheet would be the minimum solution, a GIS layer would be the ideal
- **Recommendation** that council looks into the percentage of accessibility compliant infrastructure
- **3 DHB's will be running a discussion on accessibility on 3rd June.**

23rd February 2016 Meeting Actions List

1. Julia to connect with Jessica Clarke regarding Accessibility Dog issues
2. Annual Plan Accessibility Forum – follow up
3. Julia to update on the Railway Review
4. Christine O, Lee, Michael and David Lee to visit Westpac Stadium
Meeting took place, another one to take place in a few weeks. David to write a report on the concerns and issues raised.
5. James to follow up on Abel Smith/Cuba Street intersection
To be kept as an action point.
6. Lee Rutene to speak to Ibu Endang Haryani
Lee met with Endang, starting a rehab facility in Indonesia. Looking into what council and other members of the accessibility community in New Zealand do. Access in Indonesia is a large issue, government not funding
7. Format of meeting to be adjusted