

SAFE & SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY 14th March 2012
11.00am**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 2
Wellington City Council
101 WAKEFIELD STREET**

PRESENT:

Anna Blomquist (WCC – Transport Planning)
Stuart Bullen (WCC – Transport Planning)
Steve Spence (WCC – Transport Planning)
Paul Barker (WCC – Transport Planning)
Emma Hope (WCC – Transport Planning)
David Laing (Cycle Aware Wellington)
Aaron Dann (NZ Police – Education Officer)
Rosemary Cole (Accessibility Advisory Group)
Ronald Karaitiana (ACC)
Mike Mellor (Living Streets)
Byron Cummings (Bikers Rights Organisation NZ)
Hayley Goodin (RPH)
Simon Kennett (GWRC)

AGENDA:

1. Welcome – (Paul Barker)
2. Apologies/Introductions
3. Previous meeting minutes
4. Community Grants update and recommendations (Emma)
5. Agency updates (All)
6. Transport safety education update on current main projects (Anna Blomquist)
7. Sustainable transport update on current main projects (Emma Hope)
8. General business (All)

Minutes:

1.	<p>Welcome: Paul Barker welcomed the group and offered to chair the meeting in the absence of Councillor Pepperell. The group agreed.</p> <p>Small up-date about Joelene and her new baby.</p> <p>It was noted that NZTA and the AA had no representation at this meeting.</p>	Action:
2.	<p>Apologies: Councillor Pepperell, Jayne Millburn (RPH), Alex Gray (AA), Richard Hocken (Police), Alan Royal (AAG), Jessica Fleet (NZTA), Natalie Hazelwood (NZTA).</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>none</p> <p>It was moved by Rosemary and seconded by Aaron that the minutes of last meeting (14 December 2011) were accepted.</p> <p>Report back on Actions:</p> <p>Simon noted the “Look both ways” safety video is able to be viewed on GWRC’s facebook page and has over 4,000 hits to date as well as Television coverage.</p> <p>Paul advised that the Police had done their own review of speed camera sites. Paul Barker to make the list available to the group.</p> <p>Anna has arranged to have the SASTRIG information posted on WCC Staffnet.</p> <p>Steve Spence advised that the mobility parks in lower Cuba Street have been completed with road markings and signage.</p> <p>Paul is looking into marking the cycle lane along Point Jerningham.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>PB</p>
4.	<p>Community Grants update and recommendations:</p> <p>Emma advised that the November 2011 round of grants funded a Cycle Awareness campaign that consists of six 2 minute long short films that cover courtesy on the road, road rules etc. The vignettes will be used at Cycle Skills training sessions and a viewing will be arranged for the next meeting.</p> <p>Revolve cycling also received funding and they are running a programme focused on women cycling. Their first programme is with female students at High School and will take place before June with the outcome getting students achieving grade 2 cycling competence and some off road skills.</p> <p>Sandra Grimmer has run four theory sessions on road rules, rights and responsibilities of being on the road sessions for recent migrants and refugees to New Zealand. They have funding to deliver one more of these sessions.</p> <p>Emma advised that the next grant round is in June and the information will be out at the end of April and will be seeking applications from safe and/or sustainable road projects.</p>	
5.	<p>Agency updates:</p> <p><u>Simon Kennett – GWRC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Active a2b had 1007 participants. ➤ The 'Streets Alive' walking challenge had fewer participants. ➤ Moving March has 32 schools currently planning to take part. ➤ New cycle maps are out with general cycling information, including safety. ➤ Google has contacted GWRC for information about cycle trails and lanes around Wellington. The information provided will be added to GoogleMaps and the Australasian launch will take place in April or May. ➤ Mind the Gap banners that will be moved around the region and there is a billboard that will go on SH2. ➤ Last Choice crash trailer to be displayed at six locations along the Wellington 	

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waterfront.

- A bus and bike workshop will be held in the Hutt soon.

Ronald Karaitiana - ACC

- Motorcycle training has received more funding and further programmes will be rolled out into the community soon.
- The WCC application for WHO safe city accreditation has been signed off.
- There will be a new representative from ACC at the next meeting as Ronald's role is about to change.

Hayley Goodin (RPH):

- Is supportive of equity of access and inclusive design in the Accessible Wellington action plan.
- RPH has made a neutral submission on the Wellington Bus Review but outlined concerns for people with disabilities and access issues in changing bus mid-journey.
- Pleased to be involved with Walk to Work day today.
- Will submit on the LTCP.

Byron Cummings – BRONZ:

- Motorcycle skills based competition is being run in conjunction with NZTA and Safer Journeys.
- Made a submission to NZTA on the safer journeys motorcycling document (see BRONZ website). Also support basic handling skills for moped riders.
- No bare skin campaign message has become 'no bare limbs'.
- Easter will see 150 bikes between Lower Hutt and the Haywards converging on Wellington in support of Wellington City Mission.

Aaron Dann – Wellington Police Education Officer:

- Refresher road patrol training for local school children is in full swing.
- Police are gearing up for the give way rule changes.

Rosemary Cole Accessibility Advisory Group:

- Commended the Police on publicity around the left hand turn change especially noting that images and pictures.
- Also commended WCC and DomPost for their role and supports leniency while the changes are bedding down.

Paul Barker – Wellington City Council Safe & Sustainable Transport Manager:

- NZTA road rules change public campaign has been held until 10 days before the change so there is less confusion about when the change takes place. In 10 days time newspapers, TV, radio and other media will be saturated by the NZTA campaign.

Mike Mellor – Living Streets Wellington:

- Involved in Walk and Cycle Conference in Hastings. The Golden Food Award went to Porirua for their work on the subway at a railway station which has consequently increased usage.
- Work for Transmission Gully from a walker and cyclist point of view has been submitted for consideration. LS's view is if it is going to go ahead there should be consideration given to these groups.
- Living Streets Wellington made a positive submission on the bus review and was pleased that the complementary nature of walking and the use of public transport has been acknowledged.
- Walk to Work was well organised and had great weather.
- Submissions to GWRC have been made on the Regional Transport Plan covering the next 3 years.
- LS believe NZTA have missed an opportunity with the left hand turn changes to

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give pedestrians crossing at the corner right of way, consistent with international standards. (Note Mike forwarded the group the NZ Herald article from 13 March 2012). Mike also has an LTSA report that supports this and can circulate.

- Steve Spence noted in response that there are other differences between the countries that might impact this kind of decision i.e. the litigious nature of the US.

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David Laing – Cycle Aware Wellington:

- Attended the Walking/cycling conference in Hastings.
- CAW has been involved in making cycle based submissions to the Long Term Regional Transport Plan.
- Voiced concern about Wellington City Council budget cuts.

Stuart Bullen – Wellington City Council:

- New Give Way Rule: Five or six traffic signals will need to be amended before the law change goes live on 25 March. Those that will be changed are Victoria/Ghuznee, two sets in Johnsonville, Brooklyn Shops, Bowen St./Tinakori and Terrace/Salamanca. 10 or 15 other intersections have been identified as causing possible delays to traffic after the new law takes place. Council will monitor these intersections for issues. Work has also been carried out for the smooth transition on other non-signalised intersections and 7-8 free turn sites. There is a clear distinction between the way Stop and Give Way points are treated.
- Aaron Dann asked about the Crawford Road and Queens Drive intersection. Paul Barker to look into possible change.
- Minor work around the whole of Wellington is being done including work at the Taranaki/Wakefield intersection that will improve pedestrian safety, road safety and traffic flows. Cuba/Ghuznee now have a Barnes Dance sequence.

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Paul Barker – Wellington City Council:

- Tawa Shared Pathway work is progressing and will follow the railway and stream. A railway level crossing will be installed outside Tawa College providing access across to the Tawa Swimming Pool. KiwiRail are aiming to complete the level crossing by June, The building of the supporting infrastructure on either side of the level crossing has commenced.
- LTP (Long Term Plan) process is currently taking place, where Councillors decide how budget is allocated for the next three years. Many budgets are proposed to change significantly, with cuts across Council. The current round is under debate with a decision expected by the end of the week. A draft of the plan will be available for consultation in April; submissions will close in May for a final decision in June.

Steve Spence – Wellington City Council:

- Offered the group an overview of Council and Central Government's current situation.
- It was noted that Central Government are planning to tighten up on what Local Government provide in the near future and that this will provide the challenge of lower cost ways of getting projects done.

Simon Kennett – Greater Wellington Regional Council:

- Simon advised that GW are in a similar position, waiting for funding to be confirmed.
- GWRC attended the Road Safety Forum.
- NZTA have offered 20 road safety signs that can be utilised around Wellington before the end of this financial year. Placement of these signs will not be able to be around the Bays of Wellington but there is opportunity to use them in other areas in Wellington.

6 & 7.	Safe and Sustainable transport update on current main projects: ➤ See attached report.	<u>Action:</u>
8.	General business: ➤ No further discussion	

Next Meeting: 27 June 2012, 11am - 1:30pm, Committee Room 2

Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group Report March 2012

Road Safety Anna Blomquist, Transport Safety Education Coordinator

Child restraints campaign

- WCC and Police continue to aim 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 and no tether strap in use. Since our last meeting we have checked 105 restraints with an average of 51% compliance. The low number of checks is due to inclement weather and staff on leave. These checkpoints require significant commitment from Wellington police, and we wish to extend thanks to the Wellington STU for their on-going support.
- I have been approached by change makers to give a presentation to their women's group on child restraints.
- I have also been approached by The Wesley Church to attend their community safety day with a focus on safety with children around vehicles.

Motorcycles

- We have held the first of our four planned motorcycle training sessions for this half of the financial year. The attendances for all course so far has been very positive with the first two booked out already. WCC with HCC have put on an extra course in Lower Hutt to cater for the demand. These training sessions are charged out at \$20 per hour (upon agreement with ACC who funds 50% of the costs).
- We have just begun our motorcycle checkpoints for this first half of the years. Licence conditions and safety gear wearing is looking positive however we are seeing some riding behaviours that are a little worrying such as undertaking and overtaking stationary traffic (riding like a bicycle).

Intersection campaign

- I have been busy gearing up to the changes in the give way rule, assisting with the engineers on any external communications as well as presentations to various community groups on this issue.
- WCC is developing an internal campaign for all our fleet drivers which I have been involved; this will involve a public demonstration (no vehicles) of the give way rule changes on the week of the change in civic square.

Pedestrians

The pedestrian safety campaign is ready to roll out (some final details around design are being sorted) this will run from March through to May and use the Rooster motif that was positively received last year. The campaign will have various forms of media including some street theatre.

Cycling

Our cycle lights campaign will not begin until May this year. We are currently looking at redeveloping the resource involved with this so it incorporates other cycle courtesy and safety tips.

Young Drivers

- I have begun a discussion with BGI about a youth responsibility road safety programme – this is still in the development stage and unlikely to be delivered this FY.
- I have booked stall for the coca cola careers expo where we will be promoting the national based Edrive and practice programmes – we will look to do some external advertising of these programmes at this time as well.

Orange Day

Our first meeting for the orange day organisation was in January this year. Currently I am trying to tie down sponsors for the event; once this is done we will begin communications with the schools.

Older Drivers

The 2012 Senior Road Safety Calendar is complete and has been distributed to our community. We have received feedback from over 100 people which has mostly been positive.

Sustainable Transport Emma Hope, Sustainable Transport Coordinator

Waterfront Cycle/Pedestrian Courtesy Campaign

An updated version of the decals was developed, with these installed along the waterfront in December 2011. They have now been down for about 12 weeks, and will be evaluated again by the end of March. It is expected that the evaluation of the updated design should receive generally positive feedback. If this is the case, they will be used on shared pathways around Wellington City.

School Travel Plans

No new schools have come on board since the December SASTRG. Meetings have been held, or are planned to be held throughout the remainder of March, with existing schools, to develop an action plan for schools for 2012.

Walking and Cycling conference

Walking and Cycling Policy Implementation

Cycle Skills Training Courses

Six staff have been trained up to level two for this project. This service was promoted in the 'Our Wellington Page' of the Dominion Post on Tuesday 6 March. There has been significant interest in the project since the advertising was placed, with

Walk2Work Day 2012

This event was held this morning; we will include a full written report back at the next SASTRG meeting, including plans for 2013 onwards. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their very early mornings to help out – we certainly couldn't have carried off this event with them!

Community grants

Feedback from our current community grants are as follows:

- **Drive Aware, Drive Safe** has now run all four courses, with sufficient funding and interest to complete an additional fifth course. Sandra Grimmer (grant recipient) is interested in continuing a relationship with the council to continue running courses such as this one.
- **Karori Lions** have run one safe fit session which was well received.
- **Cycle Aware Wellington**