



REPORT

SUBJECT **Regional Active Transport Forum**

WHEN Thursday 26 February 2009

WHERE Greater Wellington Regional Council

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1. **Present**

Mark Edwards, Sam Wilkie, Jason Morgan and Gunther Wild (NZTA), Andrew Gray (Porirua City Council), Stu Kilmister & Jane Pearson (Kapiti Coast District Council), Anna Blomquist (Hutt City Council), Patrick Hanaray & Cherry Downing (Upper Hutt City Council), Paul Barker & Michelle Stevenson (Wellington City Council), Ruth Locker (Wairarapa Road Safety Council), Doug Rowan & Peter Sorter (NZ Police), Jemma Diedrichs (Regional Public Health), Ross Jackson (Wellington Vets Cycling Club), Lynn Sleath (Kapiti Cycling Inc), David Laing (Cycle Aware Wellington), Chris Blackford (Kapiti Cycling Club & Cycling NZ – Wgtn Centre), Janet Lawson & Mike Mellor (Living Streets Aotearoa), John Poppleton & David Crichton (NZ Greenbikes), Paul Bruce (Great Harbour Way), Andrew Mcleod (Duffill Watts and TSE), Ian Kirkman & Susan Hutchinson-Daniel (Greater Wellington)

2. **Apologies**

Peter Baird (NZ Police), Yvonne Wood (ACC), Roy Hitchcock (NZTA), Malcolm Perry (PNP Cycling Club & Onslow Tar Babies), Wayne King (Hutt City Council), Barry Hislop (Sport Wellington), John Baldwin (Kapiti Cycling Inc), Peter James (Cycling NZ – Wgtn Centre), Liz Thomas (Living Streets Aotearoa), Helen Topham (Regional Public Health)

3. **Interest Groups and Clubs updates**

3.1 **NZ Greenbikes Trust**

Their workshop is currently out of action and they are investigating new premises.

Wellington City Council Info Centre is investigating using Greenbikes to supply bikes for hiring to tourists.

3.2 **Great Harbour Way**

The Great Harbour Way concept is to have a continuous, safe, signposted walkway and cycleway around the whole perimeter of Te Whanganui-a-Tara - Wellington Harbour from Fitzroy bay in the east to Sinclair Head in the west.

The section between Ngarauanga to Petone is a priority. A technical brief has been written, seaward side is preferred, waiting on input from Hutt City Council.

NZTA is investigating this section through the Triangle study (Grenada/Ngarauanga/Petone) and commuter access needs to be a priority.

3.3 Living Streets Aotearoa

The activities we are working on at the moment are:

Walk2Work day 18th March

- We have rolled out the event to 12 areas where there was interest in running an event. The Wellington event is being run by several agencies in collaboration including Regional Public Health, Regional Council, City Council, Regional Sports Trusts, health agencies such as the Cancer Society, Diabetes, Heart Foundation etc. There is also an event in Lower Hutt. For more information see our website.

Walking Maps

- We have just completed a walking map for Victoria University showing walking routes between the 4 campuses. This is being launched at the Living Streets Wellington meeting on 23rd February. The map will be available for students at orientation.
- Reprint of the popular Newtown Berhampore walking map is in process and should be available in April.
- The five lunchtime walks map is being updated and another 2 maps with walks starting at different points in the CBD are being developed.

Walking Awards

- We are planning to hold the inaugural Walking Awards in July. The awards will be promoted and nominations called for in April.

4. Additional Agency Updates

4.1 ACC

Response to the query on why ACC does not have a focus on cycling as it was felt that there is a cycling safety issue in Wellington.

ACC base its injury prevention activities on where there are a lot of claims at a high cost, especially serious injury claims. As far as the ACC claims are concerned the issues in Wellington City are motor vehicle accidents at 41%, Pedestrians at 25% and motorcycles at 16% so we need to be working intensively in these areas. We do not have any resources with regards to cyclists and there are other agencies working in this area. If the cyclist injuries and the cost of the claims in this area increased dramatically to near the others then we would consider looking at this area with other stakeholders.

4.2 Wellington City Council

Cycling and Walking Policies adopted in November 2008. A new Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group is being established with the first meeting on 26 March 2009.

4.3 Vision Ltd – Cycle Cone Supplier

For your information we are currently producing an improved version of the cone (without the centre pole) and a new two piece canopy. This will allow us to try and keep the cost down (due to increased steel prices) while at the same time speed up the production and installation times. The new version should be ready within the next 10 days.

Also the cycle cone canopy (if required) is powder coated in a colour of choice plus we are now adding 8 x cables which are attached to the stand for cyclists to use when locking their wheels and frame to the stand using their own locks. The Cycle Cone also features a how to; “Park and Lock” signs. *(This information is not detailed on our current brochure)*

Greater Wellington, Kiwi Rail and Ontrack are considering the cycle cone to provide cycle storage solutions at the following railways stations: Wellington, Paremata, Plimmerton, Porirua and Paraparaumu.

Others who are also interested are Wellington City Council, Absolutely Positively Wellington, I-Site NZ and Victoria University.

5. Agency Reports question time

Greater Wellington

Questioned on the possibility of additional cycle lockers being installed at Paraparaumu Station. No new lockers planned and GW is only planning to install cycle racks at new and upgraded stations.

Station upgrades, PT need to let TA’s know at least 12 months in advance so adjacent road improvements can be co-ordinated.

Kapiti Coast District Council

Good feedback to KCDC re new cycle lane.

It would be good to get more publicity out about the new cycle lanes and paths.

Public Transport cycling integration - Follow up from Jason Morgan at NZTA

For the results of PT - cycling integration study in Auckland you could contact Jerry Khoo, Beca (jerry.khoo@beca.com). Their initial findings were that integration would encourage an additional 1 million trips on the Auckland PT network.

6. Presentation - Regional Walking and Cycling Plans

The GW Transport Perceptions Survey 2008 was mentioned. This report is 144 pages long so if any members would like to see detailed results please contact GW. The headline indicators from the

survey are reporting on in the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) on the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS).

The Regional Transport Committee is required by the Land Transport Act 1998 to provide an annual report on implementing the RLTS. The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) documents implementation progress as well as some 100 indicators to gauge progress towards achieving the objectives of the strategy.

Annual Monitoring Report 2007/8

The latest AMR that is for the period 2007/2008 is available here

http://www.gw.govt.nz/story_images/5708_AMR20072008LRfi_s11365.pdf

The December quarterly agency progress report on implementing the RLTS is available here

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/section1159.cfm?MeetingID=6664>

The Cycling Plan and Walking Plan Activities are attached separately.

7. Active Transport Agenda Format

It was agreed that the report and agency reports would be posted on the Greater Wellington website.

After discussion it was agreed to combine the cycling and walking sections and the agenda will now have the following format. Please provide feedback as appropriate.

Active Transport Forum Agenda and Format		
Noon	Lunch	
12.20pm 40 mins	Interest Groups and Clubs	<i>An opportunity for them to raise issues etc. not included in Agency Reports</i>
1pm 30 mins	Agency Reports question time	<i>Agency reports are submitted two weeks in advance and circulated prior to the forum. The reports are taken as read and the forum provides an opportunity to ask questions etc</i>
1.30pm 30 mins	Cycling discussion or presentation time	<i>Presentation on a matter of interest or for discussion on a cycling issue.</i>
2pm 30 mins	Walking discussion or presentation time	<i>Presentation on a matter of interest or for discussion on a walking issue.</i>
2.30pm 30 mins	Active Transport discussion or presentation time	<i>Discussion or presentation on issues that relate to both cycling and walking to be raised.</i>

3.30pm	Finish	
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8. Presentation and discussion suggested topics for future Forums

1. Greater Wellington Public Transport Division to discuss bikes on trains and buses, cycle storage at train stations and improving pedestrian access to train stations.
2. The Great Harbour Way
3. The revised Government Policy Statement
4. Funding for Walking and Cycling
It was unclear what members would like information about. Jason Morgan can arrange for Coral Aldridge of NZTA national office to come along and make a presentation on the NZTA funding framework, timelines and processes if that would be helpful. Please respond if you would like her to speak at the next forum and any particular funding questions you would like her to address/clarify.
5. Walkways Commission
The Walkway Commission ceased to exist on 30 September 2008. The Walking Access Act 2008 that has new provisions for walkers has been enacted with the aim of providing the public with free and enduring access to the outdoors. It came into force on 30 September 2008 and repealed the New Zealand Walkways Act 1990. The main difference between the two is that the Department of Conservation's role has now been transferred to a new Walking Access Commission (the commission). Public access to private land remains subject to negotiation and agreement with landholders, and there is no power to compulsorily acquire land for public walkways. We will discuss if there is sufficient interest in this for it to be a topic at the next forum.

9. Forum Dates for 2009

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| 21 May | Pelorus House, Hutt Park, Lower Hutt. |
| 20 August | Porirua – venue to be confirmed |
| 19 November | Wellington - venue to be confirmed |

Active Transport Forum Updates v2 February 2009

1. ACC

Cycling

There is not a focus on this activity at present as the injury stats for cycling are low compared with other areas.

ACC are asking their staff to participate in the ride to work day

One of the suggested billboard for the exchange in May is the sharing the road billboard.

Walking

One of the key focus areas in Wellington City is pedestrians. 25% of our road claims in Wellington City are pedestrians.

ACC is working with the Wellington City Council to promote to the public about being aware when crossing the road in the city.

We are looking at providing financial support to Wellington City Council as well as staff resources to promote this to the employers we work with and staff resources on the weeks that the events are happening (Wellington City Council will be able to give more detail on this).

We are also talking to our internal staff with regards to this and setting an example to others.

2. Kapiti Cycling Inc

Main focus out our way over last few months has been.....

Cycle Walkway & Bridleway Strategy

Review of the CWB strategy is underway. Routes are in the course of being identified and prioritised. Via Strada are assisting with this exercise.

Safe Facilities for Cyclists

We continue to have difficulty having input into road infrastructure to ensure the needs of cyclists are taken into account at the design stage. Have taken this issue to the Mayor.

Road Safety

KCDC are resisting our 9 month old request to erect "1.5m to pass signs" on two main roads.. We are hopeful that "Share the Road" signs will be acceptable.

3. Regional Public Health Update

Workplace health programme: We are developing a pilot workplace health programme that includes an active transport component. Aim of the programme is to work alongside targeted workplaces throughout Wellington region to improve employee health through physical activity, smokefree, nutrition and mental wellbeing initiatives.

Building healthy public policy: We advocate for an improved physical environment for walking and cycling and public transport through consultations across our region. Current consultations we are engaged with include; Regional Travel Demand Management Strategy Review, District Plan Change discussion documents and proposed plan changes in WCC, KCDC, HCC and Porirua, and the Maymorn Structure Plan in Upper Hutt

Support for Living Streets Aotearoa: Professional support and representation at Wellington branch monthly meetings. We assist LSA, when required, to promote and advocate for walking and walkers throughout Wellington e.g. we are currently supporting the organisation of Walk to Work day for 2009.

Bike Wise month: RPH staff members are participating in the Bike wise battle currently being organised for Bike Wise month.

Pool bikes: We have purchased three bikes to encourage staff to use active transport modes for close proximity meetings, and for exercise during break times etc.

HVDHB travel planning

The HVDHB travel planner is working on improving cycle facilities for staff at HVDHB.

4. Hutt City Council

- 🚶 Back to school (posters, flyers, Hutt news) campaign combined with police/parking enforcement around schools to promote child pedestrian safety and walking to school.
- 🚶 Install signalised pedestrian crossing at Railway Avenue (HCC) – Puffin PedX pending agreement from NZTA due Feb
- 🚶 Review of Ped Xing marking signage - to be completed March/April – minor works issued as required/major works to go to Deficiency database.
- 🚲 ‘Bobbies on Bikes’ initial launch focusing non helmet compliance with school students during the month of February.
- 🚲 Share the road media advertising (January/ February/ March) (pedestrian, cyclist and motorist responsibilities)
- 🏠 Ongoing School travel Plans and Walking School bus programmes within Hutt City.
- 🚲 Looking at children’s festival in July – delivery of cycle programme/activities
- 🚲 Continue to promote cycling through HCC events: Bike Wise, Bike the Trail/Mayoral challenge, Bike Breakfast - February 09
- 🚲 Implement first stage of cycling network
 - Waione Street Bridge cycle lane investigation (HCC) – New cycle lane on north side and remarking current south side lane (Feb/March). Shared cycle path east of bridge to be installed (Feb/March).
 - Removal of marked left turning bays on Esplanade (HCC) - Instructions to road marker Jan-March.

Hutt City upcoming events:

- 🚲 Run a cycle helmet/lights campaign education and enforcement – planned for March 09 onwards

- 🚲 Distribute ‘Stop, Look, cyclist!’ stickers top all cycle shops, taxis, police and HCC vehicles
- 🚶 Feet First – March 2009
- 🚶 Walk 2 Work day – free breakfast outside HCC, Laings Road 7-9am, March 18th.
- 🚶 Delivery of ‘STOP, Look, Live’ campaign for Lower Hutt CBD (Road stencils, stickers on traffic signals) information distributed as part of Christmas parade
- 🚶 Delivery of ‘Copy Cat’ pedestrian campaign targeting parents and pedestrian behaviour (RSC) also “Are you part of the problem?” Focusing on child safety around schools, with particular attention to speed and parking
- 🚶 “Getting Across Lower Hutt” pedestrian awareness campaign (RSC) poster distribution continues, will build on this campaign in March.
- 🚶 Looking at distraction youth-focused pedestrian campaign.
- 🚶 Engineering works (completed or near completion):
 - Kerb extension at Stokes valley kindergarten
 - Barrier and bollard installation on Block road/Pharazyn street corner
 - Central Pedestrian refuge and pedestrian walk off at: William/South/Bracken streets & Stokes Valley Rd/Hawthorn Cres Marine Drive
 - New Pedestrian Crossings: Waterloo Road (outside Buzz Café) Stokes Valley/Scott Court (HCC) – due Jan/Feb
 - Pedestrian platform: Laings Road
 - Kea Crossing: Kauri Street Improved pedestrian access way and lighting on Gregory street service lane
 - Installation of bollards in Beach Street to prevent cars from parking on footpath (At police request)
 - Signalising busiest PedX in CBD
 - Gracefield Road Barrier extension plus central pedestrian refuge
 - Pedestrian Crash Report – major works to go into deficiency database
- 🚲 Develop stop bank lighting concept
- 🚲 Improved cycle access to Hutt River Stopbank Path (HCC/GWRC)
- 🚲 Petone over bridge/interchange improvements

Upcoming opportunities to provide feedback on plans and policy documents with implications for cycling and walking

- 🚲 Hutt City CBD ‘Making Places’ review project.

5. Kapiti Coast District Council

- New cycle path between Kapiti Road and the Community Centre in Ngahina Street
- Mataihuka Walkway opening on 22 February, Go by Bike day 18th February
- CWB Strategy Review 2009 underway

BACK TO SCHOOL - Back to school campaign - live coverage on local radio station - combined with police/parking enforcement. Also promoting safety for walking and cycling to school.

ACTIVE SCHOOL SIGNS!

It is the first council in New Zealand to bring in the high visibility school zone signs for all schools within its district. The school zone signs are environmentally friendly, operating by solar power and are easy to use. They are turned on/off by a remote control by the school patrol teams when they are on duty. The signs will be installed around the district, giving priority to those schools in a School Travel Plan with Kapiti Coast District Council.

BIKE TO WORK/SCHOOL DAYS - Promoting Bike to Work/School Day with free breakfast at two locations (Paraparaumu and Waikanae) Distribute 1500 apples (donated from our local Pak n Save) to a variety of schools throughout the district who Biked to school!

CHILDREN'S DAY - Delivery of "Walk it Bike it" Board Game - along with other cycle programmes.

STOP LOOK CYCLISTS - Distribute 'Stop, Look, cyclist!' stickers to all cycle shops, police and KCDC vehicles

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANS - Have signed up two new schools.

FEET FIRST - In the planning stages of promoting and launching this programme.

6. Porirua City Council

Cycling

1. Ara Harakeke - new section of pathway being developed between Plimmerton and Ngatitua Domain - this will complete the last link required between Paremata and Pukerua Bay. Once finished this will create an alternative route to the State highway for walkers and cyclists from south of Paremata Bridge to Pukerua Bay shops.

Also installing signage along Steyne Avenue and Plimmerton Domain to improve wayfinding for pathway users.

2. Pauatahanui Pathway (Grays Road) - Reviewing the plans with local community groups trying to find some solutions for progressing the pathway

Walking

1. Camborne walkway is being resurfaced and bridges replaced

2. Working with residents association at improving pedestrian/cyclist access through Pauatahanui Village

Events

Pound the Pavement - walking event at Aotea Lagoon held on Sunday 17th January 2009

Family wheels Day - occurred at Plimmerton Domain held on Sunday 15th February 2009

7. Upper Hutt City Council

1. Public Consultation on the UHCC LTCCP 1 April 2009 - 13 May 2009
2. Bike the trail 22 Feb 2009 (completed by the time of the meeting)
3. Go by bike breakfast Wednesday 18 February, including Army and Mayoral participation (see below and attachment - completed by the time of the meeting)
4. UH Young Cyclist of the year 6 May 2009 (11th annual event)
5. UH Intermediate Cyclist of the year 25 March 2009

8. Wairarapa Road Safety Council

Early Childhood Resource – Road Safety Storybook

The Wairarapa Road Safety Council (WRSC) launched ‘Annie Goes to the City’ on 4th November. It is a fun, easy to read story designed to help parents and caregivers introduce road safety education at an early age. The storybook has been distributed free to all early childhood centres/groups in the Wairarapa. Free copies have also been provided for doctors’ surgery waiting rooms, WINZ offices, hospital waiting areas etc. Copies are for sale at a cost of ‘\$12.00 incl GST (plus P&P).

School Patrol Function

Our annual “thank you” to school patrol / warden volunteers was held in December with approx 270 children attending.

Back To School

“Being Roadsmart for School” and “Safety and School Bus” brochures were sent to all primary schools for distribution to new entrant families. Back to School messaging has been on air with both radio networks along with a full page “Being Roadsmart for School” advertisement in the Wai News.

Wairarapa Road Safety Council - Cyclist Representation

The WRSC are currently seeking an appropriate cycling advocate to be a representative of the cycling community on the WRSC.

Young Cyclist of the Year (YCY)

A YCY competition was carried out at Lakeview School in December, following on from Police cycle safety education. Dates are yet to be set for Featherston and Carterton Schools. YCY to be reviewed for 2010/11.

Cycle into Summer (CIS) 17-21st November

Cyclists Breakfast – 16 – poor turn out!

Lap of the Lake – 80 – Great turnout, particularly by cub/scout groups (50)

Spot Prizes: Martinborough 43, Carterton 40, Featherston 7, Greytown 34

We will be assessing CIS events for next year with possible changes in conjunction with our sport / health partners.

Cycle Helmet Surveys

These annual surveys (since 2005) were carried out in December. A significantly higher number of cyclists were recorded in Masterton. A comparison will now to be made with previous years, using a 3-year average, to determine increase/decrease in compliance rates.

Stop. Look. Cyclist Stickers

These have been produced as part of a regional project (coordinated by WCC) to address the issue of drivers opening vehicle doors without checking for cyclists. Stickers are being distributed throughout the community with particular focus on businesses and organisations with fleet vehicles.

9. NZTA

(1) SH2 Cycling improvement - We've Just completed the new islands, cutting the loops for the electronic signs and road markings at Hutt Rd / Ngauranga. Green surfacing is due this week if it stays dry. The electronic cycle activated signs arrive this week (corr, I hear you exclaim.....) these should be installed at the 4 locations at the end of the month.

We then move to Petone off ramp later this week for more green lanes and a hook turn facility. Petone on ramp is scheduled for late Feb / Early March start.

Towards the end of this month we will be setting out a road user education campaign for all road users on SH2 in this area to explain the electronic signs, green surfacing etc.

(2) SH1 Te Weka Rd - Seal widening to help northbound cyclists complete.

(3) SH1 Parapara northbound cycle / pedestrian bridge over the railway currently at National Office for approval

(4) SH1 Lindale cycling facilities on Lindale straight due to start in late Feb. Cycle lanes across intersection on/off ramps and the service station.

(5) Elizabeth St, Waikanae - Just discussing improving the current signal facilities to give pedestrians better protection.

(6) Walking and Cycling strategy - We've visited all Council's (bar WCC) to get lists of projects in the pipeline or those they would like to see completed. From here we will develop a prioritised action plan and policy words.

(7) The next phase of the SH2 cycling improvements (phase 2) is being designed jointly with HCC this covers Petone overbridge, roundabout on the esplanade and off road access ramp railway station to petone on ramp.

(8) SH58 more seal widening near the guardrail section.

(9) SH2 Buchanan Place - Remarking the intersection new pro cycling layout.

10. Greater Wellington Regional Council

Cycling and Walking Journey Planner

Development of the software is underway and additional data capture is underway with RCA's requested to supply additional information on cycling and walking routes and facilities in their area.

Share the Road Awareness Campaign

Newspaper advertisements running from 31/1/09 to 28/3/09.

Cyclist Skills Training Programme Pilot

To be run at Redwood School, Tawa in March. The pilot will serve to provide skills and confidence to facilitate children cycling to school and test programme delivery options.

School Travel Plans

Six Territorial Authorities throughout the region are now participating in the GW led programme, involving over 7000 primary and secondary students. 8 out of the 16 schools involved have fully adopted travel plans.

Walk2Work Day 18th March 2009

Events in Wellington and Hutt City.

<http://www.livingstreets.org.nz/walk2work/index.html>

Feet First Walk to School Every Week 2009

The interactive schools website www.feetfirst.govt.nz featuring the curriculum resources is now live. Please take a look at the articles, case studies and links to class blog sites designed so participating schools can compare and share information.

The Feet First initiative aims to encourage primary school students to walk to school with a caregiver, friend, or organised walking group at least once a week during term time.

In 2009 Feet First goes beyond promoting the physical act of walking to school and will provide curriculum content for teachers to gain a sustainable and long-term travel behaviour change in students and parents/caregivers.