

Active transport forum 26 February 2009

1. Interest Groups and Clubs updates

1.1 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 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.

2. Additional Agency Updates

2.1 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.

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.