

**Canterbury Active Transport Forum (CAT)
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, 15th June 2010

Facilitator: Rob Woods, Programme Manager, Transport, (Environment Canterbury)

Coordinator: Maureen Bishop (Environment Canterbury)

Minute Taker: Maureen Bishop (Environment Canterbury)

Present: See Appendix One

1. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on March 9, 2010 were accepted

2. Presentations

Waimakariri District town centre assessments. Presenter: Lyn Beckingsdale, WDC technical assistant.

Lyn spoke on street reviews held in Kaiapoi, Rangiora and Woodend. The process was to assess the current environment for walking, suggest possible improvements, do a qualitative audit and a quantitative rating, produce participant commentary and achieve reliable and consistent results.

The participants included council staff, advisory and community board members, CCS, NZ Foundation of the Blind staff, Living Streets Aotearoa, Strategy Reference Group members and community participants.

The NZTA's Community Street Review guide (June 2006) was helpful and it was important to contact the agency early in the process.

Lyn advised taking care with route planning as it was often difficult to keep everyone focused. Participants had different levels of understanding and fitness. It was good to have a back-up person who could help keep the group together.

It was beneficial to get staff from different council sections talking to each other. The process had been very inclusive and had got everyone talking within the council.

It was really important to include the commentary from participants. The reviews had confirmed areas which could be addressed with current budgets as routine maintenance.

The conclusion was that the reviews were well worth doing. They were flexible enough to fit into a variety of scenarios for the council and they proved reliable and consistent.

In replying to questions, Lyn said nothing particularly innovative had come out of the reviews and none of the participants had thought it was an opportunity to be push for major funding.

The Jan Gehl Public Life, Public Space Study. Presenter: Hugh Nicholson, principal adviser, urban design, Christchurch City Council.

Hugh spoke on the public life survey of the central city by Gehl Architects. Jan Gehl is professor of architecture at the University of Copenhagen and is widely regarded as a world expert in urban design and human behaviour.

The study was conducted in 2008/9 in the area within Rolleston Avenue, Kilmore, Madras and St Asaph Streets.

It was a field survey which quantified where people walk and what they do in the central city and it also assessed qualitative factors which affect how people experience public spaces.

The results will help to formulate strategy for improving public spaces, and serve as a baseline for measuring progress.

It found the city was easy to get around, had lots of existing attractions, heritage building and lanes. It was a traffic dominated city with one of the highest rates of car parking in Australasia. There are 110 recommendations in the report.

CCC adopted *A City for People Action Plan* in February 2010. The plan priorities proposed projects over 12 years and is tied to the Long Term Council Community Plans. Funding for the next three years were set in the 2009-2019 LTCCP and any projects will fit within currently approved projects. New initiatives will be considered as part of the 2012-2022

LTCCP. There are 62 actions in the Plan, including 30 existing council projects, nine realigned projects and 23 new initiatives.
The Gehl report can be found on the CCC website or contact Hugh for a hard copy.

Christchurch Metro Passenger Transport Strategy. Presenter: Shannon Ussher, passenger services strategic planner, Environment Canterbury.

Shannon outlined the Metro Strategy. The first strategy was developed in 1998. The strategy has led to significant improvements including the Orbiter service, the introduction of Metrocard, the Bus Exchange and the provision of Real Time Information. Patronage has increased by 93 per cent since 1998.

Strategy targets are based on public suggestions. It delivers what the community wants. A Passenger Transport Advisory Group analyses all public feedback and sets the targets. The strategy is not a staff generated document. The final document is adopted by all the councils involved, who commit to deliver improvements. The strategy is being expanded to include the entire Urban Development Strategy area.

A recent review of the strategy attracted 1904 written public submissions. The advisory considered these and prepared new draft targets which are going through the political process.

Ninety-three per cent of people who submitted thought more public transport use should be encouraged and 84 per cent thought more money should be invested in public transport. The revised strategy will be publicly launched in September. An action plan will be developed to implement targets, and it will be monitored monthly.

Shannon also presented information on bus priority lanes. The first was constructed on Papanui and Main North Roads between October 2009 and February 2010. Bus travel times, reliability and speed were improving and travel time surveys of other vehicles showed no major impacts.

The Queenspark bus priority corridor was completed in May and Colombo Street south was now being completed. Design work for Riccarton Road is underway. A full review of all corridors will be done one year after completion of the corridors.

Christchurch City Council's Cycle Safe programme. Presenter: Sarah Cooper

Sarah outlined the programme, which has been delivered in Christchurch schools since 1997. It is currently operating in over 81 per cent of schools and is delivered to over 3500 students each year.

The Cycle Safe programme is considered one of the best practice examples in the country and it is now being implemented as a national standard.

The programme's purpose is to educate students to ride on the road safely and to increase the number of students cycling to school in a safe manner.

It targets Year 6 pupils. The programme focuses on skills, not on teaching children to ride. Individual formative assessments are done and competency charts provided. This data is given to teachers, students and parents. Individual evaluation forms are also completed. The programme employs 11 instructors in two teams.

3. Open microphone:

Tim Hughes (NZTA) promoted the NZ Walking Conference, the Dollars and Sense of Walking, to be held in Wellington on August 2 and 3. The Golden Foot Awards in four categories, will be presented the evening before the conference begins.

A guest presenter, Martin Wedderburn will be coming to Christchurch after the conference and it is hoped he will speak at a session where those who attend CAT forums will be able to attend. Martin is the principal transport planner for Colin Buchanan Consultancy in the UK. His work covers a broad range of policy, research and design experience. He has worked to develop more holistic transport appraisal methods encompassing the wider economic, health and environmental impacts of sustainable transport measures.

See www.livingstreets.org.nz/conference2010/home

Waimakariri District Council is reviewing its walking and cycling strategy. Visit the council's website for more information.

4. Next Meeting

The date of the next forum will be advised.

Appendix 1
13^h CAT Forum
June 15, 2010
Attendance List and Apologies

Name	Organisation
David Ayers	Councillor Waimakariri District Council
Maureen Bishop	Road Safety Coordinator Environment Canterbury
Susan Cambridge	Francis and Cambridge Ltd
Rachael Chapman	Road Safety Co-ordinator Ashburton District Council
Dirk de Lu	Member Spokes Canterbury
Carina Duke	Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind Living Streets, Canterbury
Tony Francis	Hurunui Road Safety Coordinator Francis and Cambridge Ltd
Tim Hughes	NZTA
Trudy Jones	Transport Planner - Walking/Cycling Network Planning (Transport) Asset and Network Planning Unit Christchurch City Council
Joy Kingsbury-Aitken	Road Safety Coordinator, Christchurch City Council
Angela McDonnell	Road Safety Co-ordinator, Christchurch City Council
Chris Rossiter	Project Transportation Engineer Traffic Design Group Ltd
Michelle Stevenson	Road Safety Co-ordinator, travel planning Christchurch City Council
Sarah Cooper	Cycle Safe Christchurch City Council
Jillian Frater	PhD student Canterbury University
Shannon Ussher	Passenger Services Strategic Planner Environment Canterbury
Paul de Spa	Education Sustainability Officer Environment Canterbury
Fiona Whero	South Island Networker / Project Officer Cycling Advocates' Network / Living Streets Aotearoa
Tim Cheesborough	MWH New Zealand
David Compton-Moen	MWH New Zealand
Chrissie Williams	Councillor Christchurch City Council
Rob Woods	Programme Manager . Transport Environment Canterbury
Yvonne Warnaar	NZTA
David Scarlet	NZTA
Chris Neason	Road Safety Co-ordinator Waimakariri District Council
Lynley Beckingsale	Technical Assistant Waimakariri District Council
Peter Rose	Abley Transportation Consultants

Brian Wearing	Automobile Association
Lee Wright	Transport and Road Safety Co-ordinator Selwyn District Council
Hugh Nicholson	Principal Adviser, Urban Design Christchurch City Council
John Lieswyn	Viastrada Ltd
Anne-Marie Kite	Christchurch City Council
Cindy Carmichael	Living Streets Aotearoa

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Tim Cheesebrough	Consultant MWH
Sue Wells	Councillor Christchurch City Council
Simon Davenport	Projects Engineer Timaru District Council
Natalie Hazelwood	Senior Education Advisor Land Transport NZ
Daniel Naude	Road Safety Co-ordinator Timaru District Council
Tony Spowart	Traffic & Safety Manager NZTA
Rex Verity	Environmental Manager and Sustainability Advocate Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology
Ken Stevenson	Waimakariri District Council
Ian Phillips	