

Minutes

Canterbury Regional Active Transport Forum

Thursday 15 February (2.00-5.15pm)

Waiau Theatre, Environment Canterbury, 58 Kilmore Street, Christchurch

Facilitators: Fiona Whero (Cycling Advocates' Network, CAN) Project Officer) & Simon Kennett (CAN Project Coordinator)

Minutes: Liz Thomas (Living Streets Aotearoa, LSA) and Carina Duke (Living Streets Canterbury)

1. **Present:** see Appendix One below
2. **Apologies:** see Appendix One below

3. Welcome & introduction

Fiona Whero welcomed the participants, a wide range of Canterbury walking and cycling stakeholders from Waitaki in the South to Hurunui in the North. She expressed thanks to Environment Canterbury (ECan) for providing the venue and lunch, and to Land Transport NZ, ECan, Road Safety Co-ordinators, and others for support in planning the event.

4. Warm-up exercise

Participants discussed in pairs their organisation's involvement in Active Transport. The feedback included:

- Judy Waters, ECan's Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC) Chair – The Regional Land Transport Strategy covers Active Transport, cycling strategy
- Wendy McArthur, Sport Canterbury – Active Schools, transport
- Neil Brosnahan, CDHB, Community and Public Health, Manager of Nutrition & Physical Activity – physical activity promotion includes Active Transport
- Tony Francis, Hurunui Road Safety Coordinator – Walking School Buses, cycle path
- Alison Banks, Waitaki Road Safety Coordinator – walking and cycling strategy, Walking School Buses, connecting walking tracks, council bikes
- Steve van Dorsser, Ground Effect – cycling gaining popularity, more road bikes, so more cyclists on the road
- Andrew Macbeth, Traffix - cycling advocate since 1972, previously worked for CCC, ECan. Now in small consultancy business looking at cycling and walking mostly
- Lindsay Philps, Councillor Selwyn District Council – developing walking & cycling strategy, Little River rail trail goes through Selwyn, vast range of users, political groundswell for sustainability

5. Setting the scene nationally, regionally, and locally

Note: copies of presentations to be posted on the CAN and LSA websites:
www.can.org.nz * and www.livingstreets.org.nz

* <http://www.can.org.nz/activities/papers/>

- a) **Rachel Gibson** from the **Ministry of Transport** Canterbury Region Access and Mobility Team presented an implementation update on “*Getting There-on foot, by cycle (A strategy to advance walking and cycling in New Zealand transport)*” (Ministry of Transport, February 2005) and “*Getting There-on foot, by cycle Strategic Implementation Plan*” (Ministry of Transport, 2006-2009)

Copies of these strategies available from MoT website: <http://www.mot.govt.nz/getting-there-index/>

- Has an outward focused role, looking at accessibility in national policy
- Getting There strategy driven by national travel data indicating walking and cycling declining
- One of the priority areas in Getting There is strengthening foundations – this forum is a good example of putting this into practice
- Getting There Implementation strategy put out in 2006 has ten initiatives - MoT leading three and

LTNZ the other seven. These are:

1. Research and Monitoring (MoT led)
2. Alignment Review (MoT led)
3. Communication Plan (MoT led)
4. Information Centre (LTNZ led)
5. Workforce Development (LTNZ led)
6. Model Communities (LTNZ led) – *partnership between national agencies and local communities*
7. Benchmarking Programmes (LTNZ led)
8. Strengthening User Groups (LTNZ led)
9. Long Distance Cycle Networks (LTNZ led)
10. Training/Education Programmes (LTNZ led) - *campaigns such as Share the Road, Decision Maker Communication – developing an action plan*

Discussion:

- Some solutions offered by Spokes to improve safety for cyclists have been turned down because of road rules which preclude innovative solutions. Tim Hughes said that at the last changes to the road users rule, LTSA agreed to look further at issues raised around rules for walking and cycling that were raised by advocates. Since then LTNZ have analysed many of the issues raised and this now needs to be progressed.
- Need to have a whole of government approach, with interaction between all key Ministries – transport, health, recreation, environment etc
- Rachel commented the Getting There Strategy was intersectoral, a “whole government approach”
- 10 years ago only mention of cyclists in the Road Code was as a “spot the hazard” – now whole section on cyclists

b) Liz Thomas, LSA Executive Director, & **Wendy Everingham** of Canterbury Living Streets presented a national and regional perspective on **Living Streets Aotearoa (LSA)**

- history of LSA – set up as a Wellington walking advocacy group in 1998, incorporated as a national walking advocacy organisation in 2002, received funding from LTNZ in 2005 for projects including setting up a network of local advocacy groups and regional stakeholder forums.
- Activities have included writing submissions and lobbying, the yellow feet campaign, walking maps, guided walks, walking conferences in 2004 and 2006, and newsletters and email discussions.
- Wendy talked about the activities of the local group, Living Streets Canterbury, including community street audits and the Lyttelton walking map and signposts.

Discussion:

- Some Nordic walking groups have been set up
- Question whether the service tunnel in the Lyttelton tunnel could be used by cyclists and pedestrians. Answer no, totally unsuitable because of fumes and fans, but six bike racks for buses have been ordered for a trial, and some may be used on Lyttelton services.

c) Dr Selwyn Maister Chief Executive of **Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust** gave an update on the “*Canterbury West Coast Regional Physical Activity Plan*” (*Sport and Recreation, SPARC, August 2005*)

Copies of the Plan available from the Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust

- The plan covers physical activity – more people more active more often
- SPARC set up in 2001 from the old Hillary Commission, focus on “investment” rather than grants
- Active Transport part of the plan, as well as better use of open spaces with better networks and promotion
- Global warming is forcing a shift towards more sustainable transport
- Research showed that lack of time was a reason for people now doing less exercise; -active transport can help solve this for people
- Regional plan covers ten local authorities with local plans for seven districts so far
- Active Transport Working group has been set up by, and reports to, the Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC)

Discussion:

- Are there resources in ECan for active transport? Working group will be recommending this, but the group has terms of reference but no mandate.
 - There are budget problems – walking/cycling not seen as core business – needs to be some work done to change this – maybe an active transport presentation for councils. Things like the Little River rail trail are causing a groundswell politically in Selwyn
 - Active transport has no home – ECan responsible for public transport and has made a big impact, need the same for walking and cycling
 - Active transport belongs with local councils, they are required to have walking/cycling strategies, and all projects have to deal with all modes
- d) **Nick Bryan** Transport Policy Analyst for **Environment Canterbury** presented an update on the Regional Land Transport Strategy and Committee

For a copy of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy (2005-2015) (Environment Canterbury) and RLTC Annual Monitoring Report see ECan website (www.ecan.govt.nz)

- Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC) has 29 members, meets quarterly, has statutory role to oversee development and monitoring of the Regional Land Transport Strategy
- Strategy covers five key areas, alternative modes covers walking and cycling policies, principles
- Dearth of information for monitoring active modes
- The Active Transport working group set up in response to the Regional Physical Activity plan was endorsed by RLTC in September 2005, has not had a strong mandate so far.

Discussion:

- Active Transport Working Group would be a good “vehicle” to coordinate these issues and response from around the region and across sectors
- An Active Transport Forum (comprising many of the people and agencies in the room today) could enhance the working group
- How to fund this forum? ECan budget is tight, little flexibility. Need an external push from submissions on the annual plan (March 30 – May 1), and lobbying councillors
- Need to be clear about what this forum is for, what it will do, who owns it
- Councils have to take account of the Regional Strategy. Regional Council tasked with transport – public transport a way of extending walking journeys

- e) **Nick Bryan** of **Environment Canterbury** presented an update on “*Cycling in Canterbury: Strategy for the development of a regional network of cycle routes*” (Environment Canterbury, March 2005)

[For a copy of this Strategy: www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz) (under home/plans and reports/transport)

The strategy is to support development of the network for advanced cyclists. Four groups of issues identified – infrastructure, facilities, information, and interaction with vehicles. Data has been collected, route options explored, and some route deficiencies tested. Next steps to complete deficiency testing and engage process to identify a strategic network, and put it out for consultation.

Discussion:

- Need to identify routes. Wider roads benefit all, not such an issue on straight roads, but winding roads need to be wider (but are expensive to widen because of the topography). Off road corridors also being looked at.
- Creating new corridors not too hard if you take a long view – people keen when they see the benefits e.g. the Little River Rail Trail through Selwyn. Corridors can also be reallocated.

6. Active Transport Forum Terms of Reference

Spreadsheet given out at forum summarising the existing forums setup (attached with minutes).

Fiona Whero and Simon Kennett gave an outline of the three existing regional forums:

Auckland Walking and Cycling Group – both walking and cycling, meets quarterly, covers Auckland region. Facilitated by Tricia Allen (ARTA Sustainable Transport leader). Thirty to forty walking and cycling stakeholders regularly attend.

For Auckland's Terms of Reference see: www.arta.co.nz (under plans & policies, Walking & cycling group)

Greater Wellington Regional Cycling Forum – cycling only, meets quarterly, coordinated by Ian

Kirkman (Greater Wellington Regional Council, Active Transport Coordinator).
For Wellington's Terms of Reference see: www.gw.govt.nz (under Information & Services, Transport, Cycling, Regional Cycling Forum)

Nelson/Tasman Cycling Forum – cycling only (looking to include walking also), run by Nelson and Tasman Road Safety Coordinators and facilitated on the day by a Councillor. Set up the 0800 crash line. Forum meets quarterly, a sub-group meets monthly (the latter to deal with non-strategic cycling issues e.g. potholes, glass on roads etc)

It was decided to recommend that the Canterbury forum be an active transport forum, including walking and cycling, as many staff roles cover both.

Discussion on the purpose of this forum:

- Suggested that we look at the terms of reference the other forums have – no need to re-invent the wheel. Greater Wellington Forum Terms of Reference includes - awareness, networking, monitoring, support, coordination, publicity, advocacy, leadership, and submissions
- Similar to Road Safety Coordinating committee for active transport – local and regional strategies
- Exchange ideas, best practice
- Want a plan with outcomes – take time to evolve
 - Important to include health and education (e.g. CDHB, schools, universities)
 - Integrated action
 - “Support “politicians to find funding
 - LTNZ funding (new system – funding for coordination)
- Back up and support the Active Transport Working Group of the RLTC
- Take time to evolve, don't barge into the political process. Nelson/Tasman took two to three meetings to work out their Terms of Reference, but felt this was worthwhile and important for clear direction

Forum agreed to recommend the formation of an Active Transport forum for Canterbury.

Forum agreed to form a working group, to work outside the proposed Forum, to provide draft Terms of Reference for next forum.

Suggested that group included Local Government reps, User Groups, & Crown Entities etc.

Meeting time and venue for this working group to meet was agreed after the Forum:

Monday 5 March, 11.15am, at RNZFB, 96 Bristol Street, St Albans, CHCH

Working Group Members

Education Sector	Paul de Spa (ECan)
Engineering	Tony Spowart/Mike Blyleven (Transit)
Health Sector	Neil Brosnahan/Anna Stephenson
LTNZ	Nadine Milmine
MoT	Rachel Gibson
Regional Sports Trust	Wendy McArthur/Selwyn Maister
Road Safety	Maureen Bishop (ECan)
Users	Steve van Dorsser, Carina Duke, Fiona Whero
CCC	Michael Ferigo
Timaru District Council	Simon Davenport
Selwyn District Council	Lee Wright/Andrew Mazey
Waimakariri District Council	Chris Neason/Nicki Carter

7. Bike wise Activities

Katrina Beatson (CHCH City Council Marketing Assistant) provided brief information on:

- “Walk or Wheel Wednesday” – 21 schools participating this year, to introduce good habits for the future.
- Bike wise 19th February-4 March, 85 organisations participating this year, to encourage people who don't normally cycle to take it up through overcoming perceived barriers

Apologies from Rex Verity (CHCH Polytechnic (CPIT) Environmental Officer) whose plane was delayed which meant he was unable to present on “Go By Bike Day”.

- Go By Bike Day in CHCH is on Wednesday 28 February (7.30-9.00am) at CPIT, Corner of Madras and St Asaph Streets.

Other events:

Ashburton, Selwyn, and Timaru Mayoral Challenges.

see Bike wise website for other events: www.bikewise.co.nz

8. **Chris Neason** Road Safety Coordinator for **Waimakariri District Council** talked about early implementation planning for the “*Waimakariri District Walking and Cycling Strategy*” They have the strategy and the money, have developed a template to help with prioritisation – how to spend the money in a fair and equitable way. As shown on the handout given out on the day.

9. “Feet First”

Liz Thomas (LSA) said that the Walk to School programme, which EECA used to coordinate, is now called “Feet First” and coordinated by Land Transport NZ. It is on March 5-9 this year, and being run in four areas – Auckland, Wellington, Tauranga, and Nelson.

10. Provisional date for next Forum Meeting is Tuesday 15th May (diary it in!)

A key Agenda item will be to discuss the draft Terms of Reference – this will be circulated before the meeting to the contacts list

The meeting finished at 5.15pm

See Appendix One below for a list of Forum attendees and apologies

Also provided at the forum as handouts:

Existing Forums Spreadsheet (attached with minutes)

Criteria for prioritising pedestrian and cycling routes by Chris Neason, Waimakariri Road Safety Co-ordinator (attached with minutes)

Living Streets Aotearoa (LSA) Information (see LSA website)

Cycling Advocates' Network (CAN) Networking Project information (see “New Zealand Endurance” Official Magazine of-BikeNZ, February 2007, Issue 34, p.58)

Attached with these Minutes is a List of the contact details for Active Transport (walking and cycling) Stakeholders for Canterbury

Appendix One: Canterbury Regional Active Transport Forum 15 February 2007

Present:

Name <i>(alphabetical by first name)</i>	Organisation and Title
Alison Banks	Waitaki District Council - Road Safety Co-ordinator
Andrew Macbeth	Traffix - Director
Andrew Mazey	Selwyn District Council - Asset Manager Transport
Brian Palliser	NZ Automobile Association (AA) - National Councillor
Brian Ward	Brian Ward- Consultant
Brian Woolsey	Waimakariri Area - Vice President The Pines and Kairaki Beaches Association (Inc)
Carina Duke	Living Streets Canterbury - Executive Member; RNFB Orientation and Mobility Practice Advisor
Chris Freear	Rail Trail Trust Community Project - Chairperson
Chris Neason	Waimakariri District Council - Road Safety Co-ordinator
Craig Clare	Canterbury Mountain Biking - President
Daniel Naude	Timaru District Council -Road Safety Co-ordinator (Timaru, MacKenzie, & Waimate)
Elizabeth Harrop	Enviro Schools - Co-ordinator
Fiona Whero	Cycling Advocates' Network (CAN) - Project Officer
Gavin Thomas	Ashburton District Council - Community Consultation Manager
Glen Koorey	Spokes CHCH
Grant Macleod	Christchurch City Council - Recreation Planner
Jo Chang	Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury, ECan) - Regional Transport Planner
John Grant	New Zealand Police - Sergeant
Joy Kingsbury-Aitken	Christchurch City Council - Schools Coordinator
Judy Waters	Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC) - Chairperson
Katrina Beatson <i>(for Bike wise session only)</i>	Christchurch City Council -Marketing Assistant
Lee Wright	Selwyn District Council - Road Safety Co-ordinator (Selwyn & Banks Peninsula)
Lindsay Philps	Selwyn District Council - Councillor
Liz Thomas	Living Streets Aotearoa (LSA) - Executive Director
Maureen Bishop	Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury, ECan) - Regional Road Safety Coordinator
Michael Ferigo	Christchurch City Council - Transport Planner (Cycling and Pedestrian)
Michele Hendren	Christchurch City Council - Cycle Safe Programme Team Leader
Mike Blyleven	Transit New Zealand - Regional Transport Manager
Nadine Milmine	Land Transport New Zealand (LTNZ) - Education Advisor (Southern Region)
Neil Bennett	Land Transport New Zealand (LTNZ) - Manager Programmes (Southern)
Neil Brosnahan	CDHB (Community & Public Health) - Manager of Nutrition & Physical Activity
Ngairé Tinning	Ashburton District Council - Road Safety Coordinator
Nick Bryan	Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury, ECan) - Transport Policy Analyst
Nicki Carter	Waimakariri District Council- Health Promoter
Nigel Rushton	Pedallers' Paradise Author
Patrick Quinn	Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury, ECan) - Regional Transport Planner
Paul de Spa	Spokes CHCH
Penny Wilson	CDHB - Health Promoter - Nutrition and Physical Activity
Peter Rivers	Spokes CHCH
Rachel Gibson	Ministry of Transport (Canterbury Region) - Access & Mobility Team Adviser
Rena Smith	CDHB - Physical Activity Maori
Rod Auton	Combined Owner Drivers Association (CODA) South Island Inc. - Executive Officer
Selwyn Maister	Sport Canterbury (Regional Sport Trust) - CEO
Simon Davenport	Timaru District Council - Project Engineer
Simon Kennett	Cycling Advocates' Network (CAN) - Project Co-ordinator
Steve van Dorsser	Ground Effect
Sue Wells	Christchurch City Council - Councillor

Name <i>(alphabetical by first name)</i>	Organisation and Title
Susan Cambridge	Christchurch City Council - CHCH Road Safety Co-ordinator
Theresa Thompson	CDHB (Regional Public Health) (Community & Public Health) - Health Promoter - Nutrition and Physical Activity
Tim Hughes	Land Transport New Zealand (LTNZ) - Senior Engineer, Pedestrian & Cyclist Guidelines
Tony Francis	Hurunui District Council - Road Safety Co-ordinator
Tony MacPherson	Ashburton District Council - Roading and Services Contracts Engineer
Tony Spowart	Transit New Zealand - Road Safety Engineer (Walking and Cycling Champion)
Verna Parker	Sport South Canterbury - Regional Co-ordinator
Wendy Everingham	Living Streets Canterbury
Wendy McArthur	Sport Canterbury (Regional Sport Trust) - Active Schools Facilitator
Zoe Thompson-Moore	University of Canterbury - Student (Cycling Advocate)

Apologies:

Name <i>(alphabetical by first name)</i>	Organisation and Title
Arthur Klap	BikeNZ - Chairperson
Axel Wilke	Traffic - Director
Brent Skinnon	Health Sponsorship Council (HSC) - Programme Director, Walking & Cycling
Bruce Dawe	Papanui Cycling
Chrissie Williams	Sustainable Otautahi Christchurch (SOC) Chairperson
Derek Erasmus	New Zealand Police - Road Policing Management Canterbury Region
Derrick Nelson	Pegasus Cycling
Gallo Saidy	Kaikoura District Council - Asset Manager Engineering
Gary Woock	Waitaki District Council - Manager of Roading
Graeme Watts	Waimate District Council - Parks Superintendent
Hilary Iles	Enviro Schools
Janice Cohrane	Sport MidCanterbury - Regional Co-ordinator
Joy Burt	Department of Conservation - Ranger - Communications
Kate Bussell	Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) - Injury Prevention Consultant
Kate Hewson	University of Canterbury - Sustainability Advocate
Keith Guthrie	Bianz rep.
Max Moore	Waitaki District Council - Councillor
Mike Bryne	BikeNZ - Operations Manager
Peter Goodwin	Road Transport Association
Rex Verity	Christchurch Polytechnic (CPIT) - Environmental Officer
Rodger Thompson	BikeNZ - CEO
Ross Little	Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC) - Member
Simon Kingham	University of Canterbury
Tim de Jong	Cycle Tour Operators New Zealand (CTONZ) Representative
Trudy Jones	Christchurch City Council - Transport Research Planner
Wendy Doody	Hurunui District Council - Councillor
Yvonne Weeber	Ministry for the Environment Senior Advisor Urban Team, Wellington