

Organisations: Antigua St Footbridge

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45189	Please see details in attached submission document.	Rosa Verkasalo	Canterbury District Health Board	Policy Analyst
45080	Please see the attached submission.	Edward Griffiths	Canterbury District Health Board	Acting Programme Director Construction & Property
44881	These changes look sensible. The bollards are a serious hazard and national policy is to only use them where necessary as demonstrated by a proven risk of abuse by motor vehicles. Serious consideration should be given to removing them. If they are to be retained they should be much taller so they can be seen above head height in congested conditions.	Tim Hughes	Safe n Sussed	Principal Safety Engineer. Until recently subject matter expert for cycling and walking at Waka Kotahi -NZTA.

Individuals: Antigua St Foodbridge

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45077	Ideally some road marking on the bridge to separate walkers from cyclists / scooters would be good here. If you indicate clearly that one part of the bridge should be for pedestrians it would likely reduce potential conflict - it's not that cyclists should not slow down. They should. But perhaps make the sides pedestrian only - and the central portion shared pedestrian & cyclist.	David Ivory
44993	It looks great but I also think the shared path outside the botanic gardens is not fit for purpose, I think there should be a dedicated cycling path along there because there are so many pedestrians and cyclists, the current situation is quite messy.	Peter Steven
44956	I agree with the proposed plan.	Sophie Watkins Goossens
44908	Reducing the number of bollards at each end to one would potentially help as the gaps between them are a bit narrow now. It would also make a clearer separation between people traveling in opposite directions. Reducing the size of the raised garden and widening the shared path is a good idea. A "slow zone" seems like a good idea for this area but not sure if it will be effective at getting riders to go slower.	Jono de Wit
44889	This footbridge can be a nightmare to use . Cyclists are going way to fast . No respect for people walking - the mothers with young children , older persons walking to the Hospital Outpatients Department. It's a very dangerous area that way it is designed at the moment .	Julie Bamber
45218	The Antigua Street bridge is a tough one, and realistically the improvements highlighted only buy time. Never the less they are necessary and will help. In considering the bollards, could they be moved or perhaps only have one on either side of the bridge? Maybe on the north side the bollards could be closer to access points near the road? The thing is bollards are only needed because of motor vehicles, but they have to be placed in locations that disadvantage people walking, biking or other similar transports. My feeling is in the future we will need an alternative option that takes the load off the Antigua Street bridge. Possibly another bridge midway between the current Antigua Street bridge and the Montreal Street bridge or alternatively introducing a wider bridge at Montreal Street (however it would also need to cater for south bound cyclists looking to get on to the Antigua Street cycleway). We should be looking at more options to disperse the micromobility traffic away from hospital corner (I would imagine it is being thought about). Hopefully there will also be a further project looking at the north side, improving the shared path and expanding options up to say the museum or further.	Allan Taunt
45210	I fully support the proposal. I agree with the paint markings for slow shared zone. I support the reduction in size of the planter/seating box. I support the relocation of the cycle counter - although perhaps the other side of the bridge would capture more, as some split off to ride down Cambridge Tce? I would love to see the bridge painted in rainbow colours to show solidarity with our Rainbow/LGBTQIA+ Community while making the shared space slower and safer.	Fiona Bennetts
45209	The changes will improve the current situation and the interaction between pedestrians, cyclists and scooters. Coming towards Antigua St from Rolleston Ave the view is currently obscured and while this proposal will help it does not fully solve the problem. It will make it easier for patients from the hospital doing their small walking lap often at lunchtime. The numbers of cyclists will continue to grow and longer term you will need a second bridge (or use the hospital bridge for cyclists only) and to move from a shared path to a separated cycleway on Rolleston Ave from the Boatshed to the Armagh Street Bridge. When the tourists come back they wobble, stop unexpectedly, and move to the right when startled, so they do not mix well with NZ cyclists who in the last two years have become used to being able to bike through this area without having to stop all the time. The bike stands also need to be increased in this area, and the ones outside the Pegasus Arms put back in place.	Anne Scott
45204	Looks good, but I'd like to see some "keep left" markings or signs included just so people clearly know the etiquette.	Finn Jackson
45202	I support anything development that will help to connect communities and enable them to do so safely.	Jill Borland

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45194	I feel there needs to be traffic-calming infrastructure and/or signage around the Antigua Street bridge. This is a very high active transport user area of a wide range of modes which travel at a wide range of speeds as well as hospital traffic (staff, visitors and patients) with it's own attendant needs. Therefore, I suggest that this be made a slow zone for all users.	Meg Christie
45172	It would be good if the shared path improvements could extend further north to provide better access for bikes from and to Rolleston Avenue. I would like to see simple and unobtrusive signage indicating that the shared path is a slow travel zone. Keep left markings on the path surface would also be appreciated. These improvements are sorely needed. Thank you.	Robert Fleming
45162	I think this also looks like a sensible piece of work - I know from experience it can be very congested as an area where two busy cycleways cross and with a high volume of pedestrians. I believe it would also be beneficial to enlarge the cycle/pedestrian part of the intersection with the Oxford Tce/Antigua St roundabout - I think the roundabout could be made smaller/reconfigured to allow more space for pedestrians and cyclists to manoeuvre around each other given pedestrians and cyclists make up such a large proportion of the traffic in this location.	Cameron Bradley
45131	Support improvements. I avoid this bridge whenever possible as it is very busy with cyclists and pedestrian. A key part of improving safety on this footbridge is good quality alternative cycling routes in the immediate area.	Peter Dobbs
45126	Strongly support, it can be dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists alike currently	William Miller
45100	Please stop of local cafe from putting tables near the shared path - it reduces the amount of room considerably	Tessa Zant
45085	Seems reasonable	Julien Gutknecht
45033	Sounds like a good idea.	Justin Rogers
45030	Agree with the proposed changes, ideally it would be good to widen the bridge so to provide one for cyclists and another for pedestrians - at peak hours it is very congested; it is often dangerous and there have been times when I have almost hit a pedestrian, even at slow speeds. However, appreciate funding for the widening of the bridge may be out of the budget. The proposed changes should alleviate some of the current concerns.	Georgia Brown
45009	I agree with the slow zone and amending the size/shape of that raised garden. Currently the garden can squeeze cyclists and pedestrians together a bit.	Andrew Brown
45005	Support reducing the size of the raised garden outside Boat Shed Café and widening the shared path to improve safety and congestion issues Refreshing markings on the path to highlight the shared path and a new 'slow zone' Relocating the garden edge seating and cycle counter away from the shared path. I would also request the following to be considered. Relocation of the bolted cycle racks on the corner of Antigua and Oxford terrace to the next bay down the road. This bay to be marked for pedestrian use and the very small shared cycle and pedestrian path (where collisions and near misses happen most days) is cycle only. e.g. standing just South of the roundabout, cyclists heading towards the boatsheds would go on the left side of the large tree, and pedestrians would go on the right side of the tree. Advantages - improved safety at minor cost (unbolting 4 bike stands and then rebolting them 4 metres away). May need colouring of markings to indicate where cyclist and pedestrians are to go May need to extend crossing area on 10km/hr slow road	Neil Hellewell
45004	Ok. Best of an unideal situation.	Simon Kingham
45003	This is a start, but this is still a messy area where pedestrians and cyclist do not comfortably coexist. The new plan still does not recognize one of the biggest issues in the area: the fact that the majority of cyclists do not continue down the shared path down Rolleston Avenue, but enter and exit the Rolleston Ave carriageway at the hospital bridge cutdown/s. Consequently they cut across the path of approaching cyclists and pedestrians (and conflict with hospital bridge traffic) when exiting onto Rolleston Ave, and conflict with approaching Rolleston Ave traffic (because of the curve in Cambridge Tce) when turning off Rolleston. An island on Rolleston might be useful for turning in; better still, a dedicated entry and exit point for cycles - preferably directly in line with the Antigua bridge - would reduce much of the conflict.	Gareth Wright
45000	Thank you for doing something about the footbridge area, it really is a mess to use - I have had quite a few near misses there. The main hazard has been tourists trying to get nice photos and not understanding that they are in the middle of a 'motorway', and family groups with children zooming around haphazardly. The hospital often bring patients out in their beds which adds to the congestion but is a nice idea, an area where they can safely put those people would be really good. The hospital side is not too bad. On the Boatshed side do you think	F Fraser

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	it would be better to separate a safe pedestrian zone on the river side - maybe reduce the size of the main raised garden and put the seating over on the river side garden and bollards to make it less attractive to cyclists but more attractive as a place to congregate? The current seating doesn't have a very nice outlook. There is often a guy sitting in the through way in the mornings with a piece of cardboard asking for money, perhaps it would give him somewhere safer to sit as well. The markings for the slow zone is a waste of time, it hasn't slowed anyone down up near the museum. The mixed use markings are good so everyone is clear that all users have a right to be there and deserve some respect.	
44997	<p>This design fails to address the key issue with this area which is that many pedestrians appear to not realise that it is a shared area that connects several busy cycleways - a lot of meandering back and forth, stopping to take photos, stopping in the middle of the lane, walking in groups stretching 3 or 4 people wide across the path. It is also very close to the hospital, so there are a lot of people using the area who are unfamiliar with the layout, and may be unwell/distracted, have limited mobility or be in distress associated with their visits to the hospital. Honestly, it appears set up to fail. The safe ways for pedestrians need to be clearly marked, and this needs to be done in a way that does not create the impression that cyclists will slow down to a walking speed. Most will not. In some ways I think that widening the area makes things worse, not better. In the narrower places I note that most cyclists slow down, and are cautious around pedestrians, but the bridge, where it is wider, is more dangerous for everybody. To make this zone safer, a better idea would be to make some delineation between the sides (eg alongside the edges of the bridge), reserved for pedestrians, and a clearly marked cycle lane painted green down the middle. Perhaps move some of the carparks opposite the bridge and just make it easier for confident cyclists to go straight out onto Cambridge Tce/Rolleston Ave.</p> <p>Just telling cyclists to go "slow" will not work - without a legal definition of "slow" on a shared path, it doesn't give guidance. My observation over the last few years is that this area has got more dangerous, with the bigger risks coming from electric scooters travelling fast (not cycle-pedestrian interactions), and the crossing from the bridge that comes out of the hospital complex onto Rolleston Ave opposite Cashel St - what is the plan there? In fact, the whole stretch from Oxford Terrace, across the river, up Rolleston Avenue as far as Armagh St needs a rethink. This is a quite significant distance of constant potential conflict between pedestrians, cyclists and electric scooters. With a "boulevard like feel" - the distance between the fence of the gardens and the buildings on the East side of Rolleston Ave is REALLY WIDE. Plenty of room for attractive green space, a safe footpath, a safe separated cycleway, car parking and motorised traffic. How about redesigning this whole stretch? As it is, there is a lot of "waste" space beyond the shared path - two strips of grass, two footpaths (virtually no-one uses the one on the West side of the road), car parking, and a reasonably wide two-way road for a generally low speed area that is surrounded by streets with a restricted traffic flow.</p>	R M
44996	I agree with all the proposals	Katrina McCallum
44995	The southern end of this bridge is hectic, as cyclists merge and cross each other from 3 directions and it isn't clear who should give way.	Adrian Short
44989	Please make it suitable for cargo bikes and long tails. We need to get more families on bikes and they are far more common in areas where bikes are not squeezed in with fast moving traffic.	Marise Richards
44993	It looks great but I also think the shared path outside the botanic gardens is not fit for purpose, I think there should be a dedicated cycling path along there because there are so many pedestrians and cyclists, the current situation is quite messy.	Peter Steven
44988	Reducing the size of the flower bed and signs showing that it is a shared path are good ideas, as it is often difficult to get past pedestrians.	Melissa Clease
44985	Fully support. That area is extremely tight. More space would help to make flow easier.	Patrick Kennedy
44984	<p>It'd be great if possible to have a "Fast Lane" so pedestrians & bikes/scooters etc can be separated. Perhaps a left & right lane through the centre painted in bright green as at other sections of the cycleway, with lanes for pedestrians (& maybe slow bikes etc) on either side.</p> <p>It'd be great to be able to use the cycleway all the way through (& not have to find an alternative route just to keep the commute time low).</p>	Ben Warwick
44981	<p>Thanks for improving this. It can be a bit tricky to negotiate - but I expect this and slow down. Sadly not everyone does.</p> <p>The Boat shed end is a bit of a bottleneck so opening this a bit is sensible. I like the counter being quite visible as it's a good "counter" excuse the pun to the people saying there aren't that many people using cycleways. I've heard a lot of negativity about the cost of building cycling infrastructure and then not seeing it used. Again - more education about the health benefits, future-proofing etc is required. Thanks</p>	Nikki Elliot
44975	This is a busy area. I cycle over it every day. I don't think its necessary for cyclists to be able to go quickly over this bridge. But there certainly is a lot of people/cycles crossing paths. I have no specific views, but I'm happy to hear that the council is looking at ideas here. Good job.	Patrick Browne
44974	I agree with the intention behind this however it seems like this will increase the speed of the bikes going through here. Often when biking through here, pedestrians and cyclists mix and with this change the 'corner' at the north of the bridge will be less severe and therefore cyclists will increase their speed. I think more could be done to separate cyclists and pedestrians especially given the Antigua Street cycle lane will increase the number of cyclists using the bridge.	Nicholas L
44970	I think these changes will help, but I think the bridge itself is still a bit too narrow. Pedestrians on the bridge are often walking 2-3 people across and seemingly oblivious that it is a bridge with such heavy bike traffic. Cyclists are often impatient, riding too fast and without regard for multi-directional traffic. I realise that a wider bridge probably isn't in the budget, but I think something like painted markings on the bridge to remind people about their surroundings could be helpful. Ideally, such a large amount of bike traffic wouldn't be routed through a choke point like this along with heavy foot traffic.	Ben Schumacher

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44967	the cycle lanes around the bridge and the hospital are dangerous for pedestrians as they are shared spaces and cyclists using them don't seem to know how to slow down or to give way to another user. cyclists should have to reduce speed on a shared path	Rohanne Compton
44957	Many people use this footbridge. Many hospital patients and visitors, general population, holidaymakers. I believe that it should not be available to cycle on, scooter on or any other form of transport other than walking. Some cyclists are very good and do not want to tar them all with the same brush. However, there are also many that are not, they are going much too fast, paying no heed to pedestrians, some who cannot hear a bike bell. I strongly recommend this remain a FOOT bridge. It is not a road and is being utilised at the peril of pedestrians by cycles.	Carol Ewington
44955	Support the improvements	Michele Dyer
44953	Good changes, but very minimal. What about widening the bridge itself? A clip-on walkway to the north-west of the existing bridge, so the original bridge can be used for faster traffic: e-scooters and cyclists?	Norma Kloosterman
44952	I only use this bridge as a pedestrian but it can be very busy and a lot of people wander all over it - please keep cyclists separate from walkers.	Wendy Dudson
44951	Proposed changes, enhancements are great. One note though, from travelling across the bridge throughout the year for +5 years a simple improvement - better lighting on the bridge and its approaches please. In winter months its currently rubbish.	Mark Morley
44950	Antigua Street footbridge - have a separated (small raised bumps or something) one way section for cyclists on the outer edges of the bridge and a middle open part for pedestrians with clear markings. There is already sufficient space on the bridge - but not when pedestrians are ambling along at the edges and in the middle causing cyclists to weave around them.	Andrea Tuohy
44949	Supportive. - I cycle across this bridge most mornings and most of my close interactions have occurred on the bridge itself not near the raised garden. I note that there are not any upgrades proposed to the bridge but appreciate that this would require a lot more work.	Quinn Hornblow
44948	I support the improvements proposed especially signage to warn all path users. No further comments.	Darran Humpheson
44947	Excellent - I expect will make a positive impact. One concern would be the new design may increase cyclist speeds through this busy area. One positive of the status quo meant that cyclists were forced to slow down to deal with the congestion. Hopefully the new design can address this somehow.	Hayden Bowen
44946	Great idea to widen the shared path and to have seating on opposite side so that those who are sitting don't have crutches or walking sticks or legs in the shared path	Cameron Paintin
44945	I would also like to see the central planter box removed completely from the antigua st bridge - it would help a lot with congestion there	Steven Muir
44941	They look like worthwhile improvements to an often congested bridge. I bike over it occasionally and I am concerned at the speed of some of the other cyclists. People walk all over the place, apparently unaware that there are frequently bikes using the bridge too. It seems to me that some cyclists are not making allowances for the random behaviour of some of the pedestrians, especially children and dogs. I think that ultimately a segregated crossing will be required, which would best be provided by a separate bridge for bikes, but that's pretty expensive. Or allow bikes to use the nearby hospital road bridge. The northern approach to the shared bridge is not very good for cycles as you have to cycle quite a long way along the footpath before you can get down onto the road. It would be better to replace one or two carparks with a more direct access to the bridge for bikes. Using the hospital road bridge would solve this too.	Dave Evans
44939	I support the reduction in size of the raised garden outside Boat Shed Café and widening the shared path. I'd like some markings indicating that pedestrians should keep left when crossing the bridge, and looking out for bikes.	Alice Terrien
44932	It would be nice if the bridge was wider. But otherwise its fine.	Alex van den Broek
44929	This footbridge is very busy and narrow. It doesn't feel like a good facility for a shared path. Can we make it wider? Or build a secondary one neighbouring for cyclist? Just reduces congestion of the bridge which happens a lot now, which will probably get worse in future.	Jig Dhakal
44926	Hi, I would really like the bridge to be divided into cycle and pedestrian lanes as us cyclists always have to weave around inconsiderate pedestrians who spread out on the bridge with no consideration for anyone else. With luck it might even stop them from suddenly changing direction to the other side of the bridge without looking behind them. Have had several near-misses with inconsiderate pedestrians doing this.	Sam Brittan
44925	Formal separation of cyclists and pedestrians would be ideal. But your proposal sounds like a necessary improvement.	David Ivory
44922	I fully support changes in this area to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians. The area is heavily congested at times. Moving the cycle counter is a good idea.	Johno Tunnell
44921	I support this design as it is long overdue. Painted marking around the bollards are not necessary and distract from the surrounding environment	Tom Williams
44906	I support the planned change, great to have more space for walking, scooters and cycles.	John Carter
44904	This plan does nothing to improve the capacity of the bridge. It is identified as a high use commuting route, and this is not going to diminish any time soon; surely an alternative or a separate crossing over the Avon should be created to separate cyclists and pedestrians and increase capacity - it will obviously be needed soon.	Sam Grummitt

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44901	I work at ChCh Hospital and regularly use the footbridge. I have twice been hit by a cyclist and had several other near misses. With bikes and scooters it has become an absolute hazard. It is my opinion that the riders should dismount OR have a separate lane for pedestrians only. I would hate to think what sort of mess a young child or elderly person would be in when hit by a speeding bike.	Loren Robinson
44900	what about a fence down the middle to separate the walkers from the cyclists? also the same clear signage on the ground as from Tuam St/Antigua intersection, across Oxford Tce to boatshed. thank you	Margaret Burns
44897	Westmorland	Richard Dove
44894	There may be some reduction in cycle traffic on the Antigua st bridge once the dhb allows the other bridge over the Avon to be opened to cycle traffic again.	Georgi Lynch
44891	I support the changes being made to the foot footbridge, this area is very busy even off-peak times. I think making the transition to and from the bridge wider and clear will make a big difference to safety and comfort for all users.	Josiah O'Neill
44888	Fully support improvements for cyclists	Colin McGeever
44886	I bike across here often and it is a problem for both pedestrians and cyclists. I support the changes to make it safer.	Sylvia Maclaren
44884	Good changes!	Julia Singhal
44883	The footbridge gets very congested during peak times and can be hard for cyclists to navigate courteously around pedestrians. I ask that you explore options to reduce group of pedestrians spreading across the whole width of the bridge. This could be a white stripe or something more.	Emily Ward
44880	Improving safety is vital along with nature	Regan Small
44879	Looks good. As a biker through here I do feel as if I'm getting in the way of pedestrians quite a lot. I wonder if there's scope to paint some walkways either side & cycle down the middle? Probably not wide enough I assume	Blake Quartly
44878	Same as before	Noeloa Baquero
44877	Divide down the middle for pedestrian & bikes.	Gretchen Boyd
44876	Is there a way to improve visibility as you approach either side? Possibly raise the paths? Coloured ground would hopefully grab the attention of phone absorbed pedestrians	Jennifer Rouse
44875	I love that this is being considered - I bike across here regularly and it does get very busy at times. I would just like to make a plea for consideration for all of the people who cross the bridge every day while the work is being completed! Please make sure that it is still possible to cross it for at least most of the work time - it's a major route! Also - I love the cycle counter there and think it helps people to be aware of the number of cyclists using the area - I hope that it does get placed back into the area, although I understand wanting to widen the travel paths.	Angela Brett
44874	I bike this area regularly and it is a frustrating area to negotiate at the moment. Widening areas and removing some of the gardens will definitely help.	Catherine Warren
44873	it would be great to have more space in this area, I find the worst part is at the northern approach, as it is narrower. I'm sure any improvements made would be beneficial to all	Steve Arker
44870	I support the changes for the Antigua foot bridge but would like to know who is going to monitor the 'slow zone' as cyclists have no consideration for pedestrians using the FOOT bridge.	Tina Bailey
44868	In support of making the area safer for all pedestrians and cyclists	Aaron Campbell
44867	I have not experienced congestion personally and walk over this bridge most days on my walk. I would query how essential these changes are. Painting around the bollards seems cost effective as does painting a slow zone. The other changes I am less in favour of.	Polly Hart
44864	I support these plans. I have cycled over the bridge at peak times several times and it becomes congested and, at times, unsafe as there is just not enough space for people to move over and make space for each other even. The plans to widen the shared path and move seating should be helpful in reducing these issues.	Jessica Gunby
44863	Looks good, always a bottleneck for cyclists	Peter Galbraith
44861	Is there any option to adjust the planters on the west side of the shared path as well? Increasing the width to the east side of the shared path will definately help with bike and pedestrian flow in this area. I often ride through this area (a few times per week) at what I assume to be peak times (between 7:30 and 8:30 am and between 5 and 6pm). I will sometimes see this area being blocked by either an exceptionally slow moving pedestrian (ie. parent with child/pram, or person with additional accessibility requirements) or blocked by people who have run into each other and have stopped to have a yarn. The first group will be easily accommodated by a wider shared path. I think that the people who stop to have a chat will still be a problem in this second layout and I think it might be of use to also reduce the width of the planter boxes on the west side of the path as well. hope that is clear and specific enough. please feel free to reach out if you require further clarity. Overall I think that the idea of widening the path is an excellent decision and will allow for better pedestrian and cycle movement in this area.	Cindy Nelles
44860	This area forms a key connection on major cycle routes, but is often full of pedestrians milling around without sufficient awareness of surrounding hazards, including cycle traffic. I cycle over this bridge on my daily commute, and despite slowing to a safe speed, am regularly required to divert my path to take evasive action relating to pedestrian hazards on an almost daily basis (Due to pedestrians rapidly & erratically changing direction, stopping in the middle of bottlenecks, not keeping left etc). I would strongly support any upgrades to improve pedestrian and cycle awareness on the shared path, including additional markings and lane/direction indicators. I do not think the proposed markings go far enough to drive the necessary change in behaviour.	Josh Blackmore
44859	It may only somewhat alleviate the congestion around this popular bottleneck for path users, however I support the changes to the footbridge area.	Andrew DC

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44858	Made it clear and easy for everyone	Thomas Blakie
44857	Agree with everything proposed, this all sounds very sensible. I wonder if some of those pigeon spikes could be added to the Cycle Counter to stop birds pooping on it?!	Anne Heins