

6 June 2017

#### **Dear Submitter**

# Consultation feedback and proposed changes to the Heathcote Expressway Major Cycle Route - Puari ki Kahukura (Ferry Road to Wilsons Road)

Thank you for your feedback on the Heathcote Expressway Major Cycle Route: Ferry – Wilsons Road Section. All submissions have been analysed for a report to be considered by Councillors at the Infrastructure Transport and Environment Committee (ITE), scheduled for 29 June 2017 at Civic Offices, Hereford Street.

In order to allow time for submitters to read the analysis (copy attached) and feedback received, including the proposed changes, before the meeting we are contacting you now.

A public information session will also be held at 9am on Tuesday, 13 June 2017 in the Function Room, 1st Floor Civic Office, Hereford Street. Public Car Parking is available at West End Multi Storey Carpark off Cashel Street. Cycle parking is available outside the Civic Office on Hereford Street. The project team will summarise outcome including proposed changes to the proposal then open the floor to questions.

The ITE meeting on 29 June is a public forum and anyone is welcome to attend. However, if you wish to speak at this meeting, you will need to seek speaking rights bby contacting the Committee Advisor, Samantha Kelly at samantha.kelly@ccc.govt.nz or (03) 941 6227 as soon as possible but no later than 5pm, Thursday 22 June 2017.

Summary of Key Dates is set out below.

9am Tuesday, 13 June 2017:	Public Information Session, Function Room 1st Floor Civic Office, Hereford Street.
Thursday, 22 June 2017:	Last day for registering request to speak to ITE
Thursday, 29 June 2017:	ITE Committee Meeting, Civic Office, Hereford Street.

If you are able to attend the information session or ITE committee please contact the Council to arrange a specific time to discuss.

# **The Decision-making Process**

As a result of feedback and discussions, the team has investigated a third option, which comprises a shared path on both sides on Ferry Road. Differences between the preferred option (one way separated cycle lanes) and the new third option ("alternative shared path") are outlined below:

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- 1. At the intersection of Fitzgerald Avenue / Ferry Road the bike lanes will transition to shared paths at Ferry Road east.
- 2. Along Ferry Road the kerbs will be shifted to provide for 4.5m wide shared paths on both sides of the road.
- 3. A painted flush median will be provided along Ferry Road
- 4. At Phillips Street, Lancaster Street and Nursery Road people on bikes will cross alongside pedestrians, using the central islands.
- 5. At the intersection of Ferry Road / Moorhouse Avenue / Wilsons Road the left turn lane from Wilsons Road into Moorhouse Avenue will be retained
- 6. On Wilsons Road the shared path will continue on the west side of Wilsons Road connecting Moorhouse Avenue to the originally proposed shared path at Stevens Street.

The alternative shared path option would retain 27 car parks the north side and 26 carparks on the south side. These will be restricted to 60 minute parks Monday to Saturday. (with the exception of one car parking space near Philips Street which will be retained as a 10 minute parking space).

The preferred and alternative options set out in the consultation material have also been updated so that 60 minute parking restriction is limited from Monday to Saturday only.

The schemes presented to ITE Committee for consideration will include all three options as outlined below:

- The Preferred Option: One-way separated cycle lanes
- The Alternative Option: Bi-directional cycle lane on the south side
- New Third Option: Shared Path on both sides

The one-way separated cycle lane option provides the highest level of safety for all road users and remains the project teams preferred solution. This option will be presented as the preferred option to progress to detailed design.

# All plans and consultation analysis can found at the link below:

https://ccc.govt.nz/transport/cycling/major-cycle-routes/cycle-routes/heathcote-expressway-puari-kikahukura/

The staff report will be recommending that Committee adopt the preferred option, as consulted on.

The report to be considered by ITE Committee members can be viewed from the Councils website two clear working days before the meeting.

# **Consultation – Submissions**

Initial consultation on the proposed Heathcote Expressway Major Cycle Route was undertaken from Tuesday 15 November 2016 to 23 December 2016. A total of 170 submissions were received during that period. Twenty-five (15%) of these submissions referred to the Ferry Road Section.

As a result of those submissions, and further engagement with affected parties, additional investigations were completed and the results circulated on 17 March 2017. Further submissions were accepted on the Ferry Road section up to 14 April 2017. Submitters were given the option to support / generally support / not support a Preferred and Alternative Option.

A total of 324 further submissions were received. Of these submissions, 128 (39%) supported or generally supported the Ferry Road section, while 185 (57%) did not support the scheme, at least 124



(38%) of submissions were from the Grace Vineyard Church; 8 (2%) submissions from members of the Church were in support / general support of the cycleway, the rest were opposed. Ten (3%) submissions did not state their position.

Of those in support of the cycleway, 85 (26%) supported the preferred option and 11 (3%) supported the alternative option. Twenty-two (7%) submissions generally supported the preferred option while 11 (3%) generally supported the alternative option.

The attached report refers to these further submissions and submissions received during the initial consultation period that addressed the Ferry Road section.

Community feedback has resulted in a number of changes made to the original proposal to address some of the concerns raised by the community. These have come not just from formal submissions but also from the detailed discussions with businesses with specific concerns (e.g. Grace Vineyard Church).

# **Consultation Responses and Plans**

It is not possible to respond directly to every submitter in detail. However effort has been made to respond to the key issues raised, in the attached Consultation Feedback report. All changes made as a result of consultation are listed at the end of the attached consultation analysis. The revised scheme plans being presented to Council for approval are too large to attach to this letter but can be viewed electronically on the Council website at the location detailed below. Each change is identified in the report with a number and that number is shown on the drawings.

A copy of the individual submissions received are also available on CCC website at:

https://www.ccc.govt.nz/transport/cycling/major-cycle-routes/cycle-routes/heathcote-expressway-puari-ki-kahukura

The names and addresses of the individual submitters have been removed, but the content of the submissions has been included.

If you do not have computer access to view these documents, or wish to speak to the project team about your submission, please contact Jenny Rankin Project Manager, phone (03) 941 5177, or email <a href="mailto:cycleways@ccc.govt.nz">cycleways@ccc.govt.nz</a>.

You will receive an update on the final decision if it differs significantly from the project team's recommendations.

### **Further Information**

If you have any questions about the meeting report, or you would like any additional information, please phone Jenny Rankin on (03) 941 5177, or email <a href="mailto:cycleways@ccc.govt.nz">cycleways@ccc.govt.nz</a>.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with us regarding this project

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