Canterbury Report

Changing a City
13 Major Cycleways
Completed Work
Anger at 'An Accessible City' central Christchurch traffic plan

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Cars queuing on Hereford St in central Christchurch.
Rewards

Uni-cycle path clicks over 100,000 cyclists

Pedal power to you Christchurch - we're 100,000 and counting!

Cycle counters placed on the new Uni-cycle path through Hagley Park in July ticked over 100,000 cyclists this weekend, a huge milestone in the city's drive to promote cycling.

Christchurch City Council Manager Planning and Delivery Transport Lynette Ellis said staff were delighted to have hit the 100,000th cyclist after just four months.

The Major Cycle Route down Armagh Street and through Hagley Park is attracting more than 600 cyclists and 400 pedestrians every day – and numbers are on the rise.

The Uni-cycle path is forecast to have 1100 cyclists each day by 2021, and figures show the average week day is already recording 926 cyclists.

“The counters that we have placed around the city are giving us a comprehensive reading of cyclists for the very first time. We can now accurately see which routes are commuter routes, which routes are recreational, and how much of an effect the development of the cycleway ‘network’ is having on cyclist behaviour,” Ms Ellis said.

“We can see that some routes, like the Uni-cycle, have a very defined commuter base with peaks in the morning before work and in the evening after work. Whereas counters out near the Ferrymead bridge are giving us a good indication that that route is primarily used by recreational cyclists on the weekend.”

Fiona Mckay and her six-year-old son Benjamin have been using the cycleway every day to get to work and school in town.

“We live on the other side of the park, so it’s really the only option for us, and it works fantastically,” Fiona Mckay said.