



Lower Speed Limit - Northern Miramar Peninsula Coastal Route - Confirmation

Thank you for giving the Council your views on lowering the speed limit on northern Miramar peninsula coastal route.

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I would like to make an oral submission in early 2011: Yes

I am making this submission: on behalf of an organisation

Organisation Name: Cycle Aware Wellington

Do you believe it is appropriate to reduce the speed limit to 40 km/h as indicated on the map: Yes

Comments on Speed Limit: General: Research, and experience for example in the Golden Mile, indicates that lower speed reduces the frequency and severity of crashes Lower vehicle speeds increase the confidence of pedestrians and bicyclists, making use of sustainable transport more attractive. Lower speed limits are a very cost effective safety measure. The lower speed limit areas, such as Aro Valley, that have been introduced have not created problems, and have been welcomed by residents. Northern Miramar Peninsula Coastal Route specifically: The nature of this route is that is not a through route, and any reduction in travel time will not be important. This is a key part of the Great Harbour Way/ Te Aranui o Pōneke, and lower speeds will make the route more attractive to walkers and cyclists. While this is not part of the current proposal, it would be good to see this route as shared space where pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles coexist. A useful initiative would be to occasionally close the road to motor vehicles, for example on one Sunday a month. We acknowledge that the 40km/hr limit could possibly limit the speed that

competitive cyclists achieve on this popular route. We believe that this will be offset to some extent by a reduced need for traffic calming measures such as speed bumps, which disrupt peletons of cyclists. However the Council could consider the peninsula route as one where traffic rules are varied at scheduled times to facilitate non-motorised recreation: this could include closure to motor vehicles as suggested above, or higher speed limits for non-motorised users such as competitive cyclists.

Do you agree with the proposal to introduce speed cushions on the Northern Peninsula coastal route:

Yes

Comments on Speed Cushions:

Implementation of speed cushions should be discussed with competitive cyclists to minimise impact on peleton cycling.

Do you agree with the proposed speed cushion locations as indicated on the related map:

Yes

Comments on Cushion Locations:

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