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Windy Wheels newsletter

November 2004

Council Cycling Projects for 05/06 - what will they be?

What's your least favourite drain grating? Where would you most like to see a new cycle lane or bike rack? Now is the time when local authorities and Transit NZ start dreaming up transport projects for the next financial year.

Last month we asked you for your ideas. Thanks to the people from Wellington city for their ideas - they were passed on at a meeting between CAW and WCC on 12 November. We still need to get ideas from people living in Porirua and the Hutt Valley.

We'd really like to have your ideas for projects in your area, whether they're on local roads or state highways. They could be small (but useful) projects such as drain gratings, cycle stands, new lane markings to give more space for cycling, coloured surfacing for cycle facilities or Advance Stop Lines. Or they could be bigger ones like educational or promotional campaigns, cycle lanes or off-road cycle paths. Include full details of locations where necessary.

Send your suggestions to CAW, PO Box 11-964, Wellington or caw_wgtn@hotmail.com

Here's our current lists.

1. Key routes that need to be audited to ensure grates are cycle-friendly:

Jervois Quay
Customhouse Quay
Wakefield St
Adelaide Rd
Riddiford St at intersection with John St (western side, nearest Adelaide Rd)
Aro St
Middleton Rd
Eastern cycleway
SH cycleway Petone to Thorndon

2. Advance Stop Lines (these allow cyclists a few metres of space at traffic lights):

Riddiford St/John St
Bunny St/Thorndon Quay
Vivian St/Taranaki St
Ghuznee St/Taranaki St
Tory St/Vivian St
Courtenay Pl/Tory St
Courtenay Pl/Cambridge Tce

3. Smooth seal on popular recreational routes:

Makara Loop
Round the Bays
Middleton Rd

4. Shoulder widening/resealing:

Burma Rd, northbound, north of Station Rd

Bike the Bays - Sunday 12 December

The ride will start at 9:30am and finish at Kilbirnie Park, and go 20km around Miramar peninsula. We'll need CAW volunteers on the day.

Free registration at <http://www.gw.govt.nz/communications/event.cfm?ID=255>

Adult Skills Classes - Cycling in the City



Are you a city cyclist, or would like to do more? Getting into weekend rides or triathlons? You can increase your confidence and enjoyment with an Adult Skills Class. The course gives practical tips and strategies that will help keep you and your bike going through most traffic and road conditions. CAW ran a Skills Class in October at the Kilbirnie Rec. Centre. Look out for more classes next year. Enquiries to marilynnorthcotte@hotmail.com Supported by WCC.

Spring Green Bike Rally



The 3rd annual Spring Green Bike Rally was held in the Wairarapa on Sunday 7 November. This rally was organised by the Wairarapa branch of the Green Party, who are keen to promote cycling and to show off their beautiful countryside. Phillipa Cuthbert of Lower Hutt won a bike, presented by Mike Ward, MP. CAW members provided a Dr Bike service.

New cycling maps

Greater Wellington Regional Council has now published cycling maps. They are being distributed in the Wellington region to information centres, libraries, bike shops and regional council offices. Order from cycling@gw.govt.nz Free!

CAW's November meeting

Geoff Sneddon from the Urban Design Unit explained that WCC is developing a 'Central City Streetscape Plan', with unified design elements for paving, trees, seats, bins, bike parks etc. The intention is also to reduce purchasing and maintenance costs.

There are currently four different bike park designs used in Wellington. New ones need to look good, be affordable to put in, and affordable to maintain. We discussed the merits of the standard Sheffield rack. Brent showed pictures of a couple of designs from USA, which say 'cyclist' very clearly. The trade-off is going to be the number of parks against the fancier design. Discussion centred around getting a good mix of the two. We discussed putting a rubberised coating on parks, so they don't damage bike paint.

Christine Wong from Roading and Traffic at WCC reported that she has \$30,000 available for spending on capital items this year, and asked for suggestions. More bike stands were suggested, particularly in front of recreation centres and in the central city, now that parking meters are being removed. Another suggestion was to put smooth sealing on popular cycling routes, even just on the left hand side of the road.

Calling all Hutt cyclists

Hutt Valley cyclists are urged to attend a meeting at the end of November to get more improvements for cycling in the area. The meeting is being organised by CAW.

When: Tuesday 30 November 2004, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Petone Library Service Centre Hall, off Richmond St

What: Hear speakers, have your say, meet other cyclists, look at some Hutt City roading proposals and plan a list of better things for the councils to work on

Who: Anyone interested in better conditions for cycling in the Hutt Valley

For more information, contact: Neil Newman, tel 939 1133, neil@livingsimply.co.nz

British doctors change their minds on helmet compulsion

"I would like to add my name to the list of folks opposed to the recent helmet compulsion decision handed down by the Board of the Directorate of Professional Activities of the British Medical Association."

Sign up at <http://www.bikebiz.co.uk/bma-petition.php>

Bike shop shuffle

Farewell to Arie's Cyclery from Riddiford St, Newtown. All the best in Asia, Arie!
And welcome back to Oli. His shop, Roadworks, opens any day now at 199 Rintoul St, Berhampore.
Oli says, "I'm going to be open 8am-3pm Mon-Thurs, 12-7pm Fri and possibly Saturday mornings too,
if the kids let me!" Tel 025 6036 786, <http://www.olico.nz>

"Ride" for Christmas



The Kennetts have published a new coffee-table book, "Ride - the story of cycling in New Zealand". From the 1860s' boneshakers to Sarah Ulmer's Olympic victory in 2004, Ride celebrates every branch of New Zealand's unique cycling history. An ideal present for the bike lover in your life. More at www.bikehistory.co.nz

Bike to Work Day 2005

Work is underway for this highlight of the biking calendar - our free breakfast in Civic Square for cyclists on Wednesday 16 February. If anyone is interested in helping out on the BTWD organising group, please contact me at marilynnorthcotte@hotmail.com Marilyn Northcotte, BTWD Co-Ordinator

Critical Mass is back

Summer is coming and Critical Mass is back. Meet Friday 26 November at Civic Square at 5:30 and go for a ride around town. The velorution will not be motorized.

CAW meeting

When: Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at 6pm

Where: Senior Citizens Room at the City Library on Victoria St. Take the steps up to Clark's cafe and then turn left to go past the lift doors.

What: End-of-year celebration. Food and refreshments provided. Alastair Smith will entertain us with a slide show: "Cycling (A)warily in Indochina". He will review bicycle transport in Vietnam and Cambodia, based on some recent cycletours in the region.

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