

6. CYCLE STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with the Cycle Strategy Annual Report covering the financial year 2000/01 and year 2001/02 to present.

BACKGROUND

The Cycle Strategy for Christchurch City requires the delivery of an Annual Report on Cycling. The report presented at this meeting is the second of the annual reports.

The Annual Report is a bound document, separate from this report. A full copy of the report will be available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

The following is the final Discussion and Recommendation section of the report. The Cycle Steering Group has seen and commented on the report, and their feedback is incorporated into the body of the document.

"REPORT - CONCLUSIONS

The cycle number monitoring shows that cycle numbers for commuters are slowly increasing, while school cyclists numbers are relatively static over the last two to three years. The Cycle Safe instruction programme may well be partially responsible for halting what has been a steady decline over the last decade, particularly as recent growth has occurred in intermediate school students.

The Cycle Safe team is now reaching approximately 65% of all Year 6 school children in Christchurch. They will be unable to achieve any higher levels without further resourcing.

Cycle collisions have risen for both under and over 18 age groups in 2001, but there is no clear pattern to this change.

There are also no clear patterns emerging in attitudes and perceptions. The measure of cycle friendliness has decreased slightly in the last year, as has the cyclists' belief of the consideration of drivers. However, the measures of people feeling unsafe have remained static or decreased.

The quantities of cycle infrastructure continue to grow. The projects being developed are a combination of cycle capital projects and cycle facilities integrated with other capital works. The cycle projects are developed according to the priorities established through the Cycle Network Plan of 1999. The plan is currently under review, and cycle projects will be aligned with the new plan when completed.

The Council maintains a high profile nationally. Partly this is due to the financial and resource commitment put into the overall cycle programme within the city. Other national activities involve membership of both the Cycling Advisory Group (administered by Transfund) and the Cycle Standards Advisory Group (run by Transit). In addition, the Council has done some comprehensive research on cycle facilities development, and these are now available for national use and will be part of any national standards. The third New Zealand cycle conference was held in Christchurch in September 2001, and provided an excellent forum for discussion and development of NZ cycling issues.

The CCC continues to run cycle events and promotions. The events are highly focussed activities aimed at specific cycle-sector groups, and numbers participating continue to grow. The promotions programmes are also highly focussed, using annual research to target specific issues.

Overall, it is disappointing that some of the 2001 targets have not been reached, but it is encouraging that most of the indicators are trending in the right direction.

REPORT - RECOMMENDATIONS

In order for the CCC to continue to work toward its vision of being the most cycle friendly city, it is recommended that the infrastructure development programme continue. In the same vein, it is also recommended that technical research work be continued to identify best -practice standards, and facilities that are appropriate to the users in any particular location.

There is also a continuing need for promotion and education about cycling - to encourage the activity, inform about infrastructure, and advise of good cycling practice. Current research into cycle markings at intersections has revealed some concerns about usage from cyclists and drivers, and it is recommended that future promotion work consider this issue in particular. "

FUTURE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

It can probably be appreciated that the compilation and presentation of the Annual Report takes a fair effort from the cycle planning team. The Committee is asked to comment on the content and presentation of the report overall, to see if there are any sections that are not considered to give value, and could perhaps be omitted in future. Conversely, if the committee feels that other information should be included, advice on this would be welcome too.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Committee read the report over the next month and that it be discussed at the May meeting of the Committee.
 2. That the Council note:
 - (a) That the achievement of the target referred to in 2.2.1 (Commuter Cycling) has been achieved by an increase from approximately 10% in 2002 to approximately 13% in 2001.
 - (b) That the target in 2.2.2 (School Student Cycling) shows a slight increase from just under 40% in 2000 to just over 40% in 2001.
 - (c) That the target in 2.2.3 (Recreation Cycling) shows a significant increase from approximately 15% in 2000 to approximately 27% in 2001 which exceeds the target by 2%.