

2. CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL PEDESTRIAN STRATEGY

Ms Stephanie Styles, City Streets Assistant Transportation Planner, was in attendance to discuss the development of a pedestrian strategy for Christchurch.

Community Board input was now being sought; this follows recent focus group meetings and the creation of a public advisory group.

The draft document is scheduled to be available in early November for submissions, with the adoption of the strategy early in 2000.

In discussion the following issues were identified for further consideration by the advisory group and City Streets Unit staff:

- high volume traffic generating sites cause serious problems (eg the university, malls, etc)
- policy of removing pedestrian crossings in favour of refuges
- need to extend cycleways as they are good and safe pedestrian corridors
- continue police/school education
- need to recognise desire lines (example of Main South Road at Hornby Mall with people crossing indiscriminately over a 4 lane carriageway)
- need for safe access to recreation areas (into Hagley park for instance)
- police enforcement of vehicles at pedestrian crossings
- access over barriers such as rail lines
- important to enforce pedestrians in the hierarchy of “road users”
- footpath surfaces need to be good (we have lots of reports of people falling into holes)
- longer pedestrian phases at lights and to educate crossing users of the red phases