

3. CLYDE ROAD CYCLE LANE PROJECT

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The purpose of this report is to seek the City Services Committee's approval to proceed with the marking of cycle lanes on Clyde Road. This report was considered by the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board which supports the recommendation.

PROPOSED CYCLE FACILITIES

Clyde Road, between Creyke Road and Fendalton Road ranks as a second priority cycle route on the new network plan. Cycle counts taken September/October 1998 show that on average, over 320 cyclists use this stretch of road on a daily (weekday) basis. A count in October 1999 put the usage at 160 cyclists per day, but it is noted that part of the count was conducted in rain, so it is reasonable to consider this a very low count by comparison. In general, this section of Clyde Road is considered a very high usage route.

Traffic volumes on this stretch of road are 15,800 per day. Speed limit is 50kmh.

The combination of vehicle numbers, cycle numbers and speed indicate that cycle lanes are the most appropriate treatment for this stretch of road.

The proposed cycle lane markings included cycle lanes running from the already marked Clyde/Creyke/Kotare intersection, to the Clyde/Fendalton/Memorial intersection, and a reconfiguration of that intersection to include cycle lanes. The package of new cycle lanes, remarked intersection and new signalised intersection will see a significant upgrade to Clyde Road as a cycle route and will not impact on its capacity as a traffic route.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The project's initial scheme plan was distributed to all affected properties on Clyde Road, and the surrounding area. Only two responses were received.

- The owner of property 148 Clyde Road was concerned with access to right-turn into their driveway. This was addressed by displacing the whole intersection marking "package" slightly to the east, allowing vehicles to right turn into No 148 and retaining adequate road clearance for passing vehicles.

- The owner of property No 120b Clyde Road (shares property area with 11 Medbury Terrace) wanted parking removed from the street frontage of their property - they find access and egress difficult with high numbers of parked cars. This no-parking can easily be fitted into the scheme.

The property at No 129 Clyde is the only property for which it was originally proposed to remove on-street parking. After three visits to the property where there was no reply and a specifically addressed letter was forwarded, no comment has been received.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Traffic Safety Committee have passed the requested parking restrictions to the full Community Board meeting for confirmation and recommendation to full Council for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

After consultation process thus far, it is considered that the marking plan as proposed is acceptable to the community at large. It meets the transport and cycle objectives. The plan is tabled.

Feedback from the Community Boards will be reported to the meeting verbally, although approval is expected.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council approve the Clyde Road cycle lane project
 2. That the following parking restrictions be approved:

That the parking of vehicles be prohibited at all times as follows:

- On the western side of Clyde Road, commencing from a point 90 metres south of the intersection with Memorial Avenue, and extending in a northerly direction for 35 metres.
- On the eastern side of Clyde Road, commencing from the intersection with Medbury Terrace, and extending in a southerly direction for 45 metres.