


11. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

11.1 Mr Philip Haythornthwaite - Road Safety Strategy



Mr Haythornthwaite attended on behalf of the Disabled Persons Assembly to express his concern at the lack of any specific reference, in respect to disabled persons, to the relevant New Zealand standards in the draft Road Safety Strategy. Mr Haythornthwaite felt that this should be included as a reference within the document to provide a guaranteed standard as a guideline rather than the existing reference to 'best practice'.

He considered that inclusion of the New Zealand standard as a base guideline would give a definitive criteria against which disabled persons could evaluate roading proposals and Mr Haythornthwaite referred to several examples of roading projects and parking facilities which did not comply with the standard.

The opportunity was taken for questions at the conclusion of the presentation and the representations from Mr Haythornthwaite were considered in association with clause 8 of the agenda relating to this topic.

The Committee **decided** to ask staff to provide a report on the ramifications of adopting the New Zealand standard for report back to the Committee in September 2004, including details on what processes and documents would need to be changed as a result.

The above motion on being put to the Committee was declared **carried** by Division No 1 by six votes to five, the voting being as follows:

For (6): Councillors Broughton, Corbett, Stonhill, Wright and O'Rourke and the Chairman's casting vote

Against (5): Buck, Condon, C Evans, M Evans and Williams.

11.2 Mr Peter Goodwin, Road Transport Association - Opawa Road

Mr Goodwin attended to express the concern of his Association at the proposed provision of designated cycle lanes on Opawa Road between Garlands Road and Curries Road. Mr Goodwin advised it was his view that given one of the objectives for the road redevelopment was providing for heavy vehicle transport and a large number of trucks used the road it would be preferable to provide an off-road cycle facility with no painted designated cycle lanes on Opawa Road itself. Mr Goodwin indicated that he considered the mixing of cyclist and heavy trucks in this section of road was potentially dangerous to cyclists and there should be separation by a purpose built off-road facility adjacent to the road to provide a safe environment for cyclists.

The opportunity was taken for questions and discussions at the conclusion of Mr Goodwin's presentation and his representations were considered in association with clause 5 of the agenda on this topic.

11.3 Mr Andrew MacBeth - SPOKES - Opawa Road

Mr MacBeth advised that he felt the provision of an off-road cycleway separate to Opawa Road would have disadvantages as it would mean that cyclists travelling east would have to cross the road on two occasions to use this, in addition they would not have priority at road intersections and would need to give way to traffic at intersections. He indicated that more experienced cyclists would prefer to continue to use the main thoroughfare in preference to using the cycleway on the service road, which could be used by less experienced cyclists. He felt the present proposal of a marked cycle lane on Opawa Road with provision for cyclists on the service road was a satisfactory solution and he did not see why cyclists should be effectively prohibited from using the main road.

The opportunity was taken for questions and discussion at the conclusion of Mr MacBeth's presentation and his comments were also considered in association with clause 5 of the agenda on this topic.

11.4 Yvonne Palmer, Shirley/Papanui Community Board - St Albans Street

Ms Palmer attended to express the view of her Community Board in respect to the proposed redevelopment of St Albans Street and in particular the wish of the Board that alternative options be investigated and presented for consultation.

The representations of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board were considered in association with clause 6 of the agenda relating to this topics.