

## 20. CYCLE PROJECT PLANNING FOR RICCARTON/WIGRAM AREA

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Community Board of the range of cycle projects proposed for the Riccarton/Wigram area.

### CYCLE NETWORK PLANNING PROCESS

As a result of the cycle network planning process conducted over the last couple of years, a number of projects have been identified for the Riccarton/Wigram Community

Board area. A plan is included in a package of network information with this report that identifies a number of possible routes and indicates the planning process used.

The routes identified on the Potential Routes Map are differently coloured - each colour indicates a need or priority that would be appropriate for that route's development.

*Red Routes:* are high priority, based on high cycle counts and high numbers of cycle collisions over the research period.

*Blue Routes:* are medium priority, based on either high counts or high collision rate over time.

*Green Routes:* are moderate priority routes, based on moderate combinations of numbers and collisions.

*Broken Green Routes:* either have low usage and collisions, or are potential growth, tourist or recreational routes.

### RICCARTON/WIGRAM ROUTES AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

Cycleways capital funding has been allocated according to the priorities listed above, however it should be noted that a number of projects lie on roads that are programmed for upgrading or kerb and channel work. Regardless of cycle route priority, where such work is programmed, cycle facilities or provision will be incorporated.

The following list identifies a number of routes in the Riccarton/Wigram area, and the likely time-frame for their implementation. This information is derived from the Implementation Plan, and includes some updated information that is yet to be included on the plan:

**Blenheim Road:** Cycle lanes are already marked over the upgraded sections of Blenheim Road. Discussions are underway with Tranz Rail to consider an at-grade crossing of the rail tracks at the overbridge site. If successful, lanes will be marked from Clarence Street to the rail crossing. Ideally this can occur in the next financial year.

- Riccarton Road:** Riccarton Road will be investigated for cycle facilities, starting in the next financial year, and extending over the following 3 years.
- Clyde Road:** It is intended to mark cycle lanes on Clyde Road as part of the kerb and channel work under action at the moment. These markings will be extended further north as soon as possible, but as a fall-back, additional capital is allocated in 2003 to ensure completion.
- Clarence Street:** Provision for cycle lanes will be built into the new kerb and channel occurring on Clarence Street. Lanes will be marked when the Blenheim/Clarence intersection is designed for cycle spaces, and the Clarence/Riccarton/Straven intersection is improved.
- Yaldhurst Road:** Cycle lanes are included as part of the work currently occurring on Yaldhurst Road.
- School Zones:** It is intended to survey children cyclists at Riccarton High (2003), Hornby High (2002) and Branston Intermediate (2002) and assess the difficulties they have on their cycle routes to schools. Corrective works will then be taken.
- Springs Road:** While not on the network plan, changes to Springs Road have created an opportunity to mark cycle lanes. Under planning action.

The following routes have some cycle facilities already created, but they are in need of upgrading to bring them up to modern facility standards. The work on these routes is not programmed, but will be undertaken on an opportunity basis - i.e. when there is spare planning, design or cycleways capital capacity:

- Main South Road:** The cycle lane markings are not the modern standard, although they work effectively. The Main South/Curletts intersection needs to be reconfigured for cycle lane approaches.

No further action is as yet programmed for cycle facilities in the Riccarton/Wigram area over the next five years, although cycle provision, or cycle safety matters will be considered on all kerb and channel, LATMS or NIPs work occurring.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That the information be received.