

10. NZ CYCLING CONFERENCE 21 & 22 SEPTEMBER 2001

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The 2001 National Cycling Conference "Transport for Living" is being hosted in Christchurch for the first time. It is expected that up to 300 people will be attending, with many coming from throughout the country, Australia and further afield.

The content of the conference is a robust selection. The keynote speakers from the Netherlands, Australia and the United Kingdom look set to present some thought provoking deliveries whilst New Zealand's cycling advocates and politicians will reveal the state of the nation. These mixed with the rich and varied local presentations should make for a well-rounded and rewarding conference for those attending.

In addition to the prime learning and networking opportunities the conference will also provide an occasion for Councillors to help host and essentially showcase the city to the many visitors.

The council has already recognised the value of hosting the conference by underwriting it with a major financial contribution. Council staff are also involved in its organisation.

Previous conferences have been attended by members of the City Services Committee and it is considered that attendance would again be worthwhile for this conference. The estimated cost is \$300 per person.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the Committee discuss attendance at the conference.