

9. INTRODUCTION TO THE 'SAFE CYCLING TO SCHOOL' PROJECT

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Corporate Plan Output: Cycle Planning	

The purpose of this report is to introduce the 'Safe Cycling to School' project to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board.

The Council's 'Safe Cycling to School' project aims, through identifying problem spots and finding engineering solutions, to help children cycle safely and conveniently to school.

The aim is to make the journey to and from school safer for children who wish to travel by bicycle.

THE PROCESS (IN BRIEF)

1. High schools are identified for investigation, based on those with the highest existing cyclist volumes (estimated by bike shed bicycle counts), and proximity to another such school, either a high or intermediate. This enables a 'cluster' effect to allow effort/funding to be concentrated in a particular area.
2. The first cluster area in Christchurch is Burnside High/Cobham Intermediate.
3. If a school wishes to participate, then it completes questionnaires, which aim to identify and gather details of the most worrying locations from a child cyclist point of view.
4. The top 4 'danger spot' locations are identified from the returned questionnaires for further investigation. These tend to be specific stretches of roads or intersections which children find the most problematic.
5. The most worrying locations are then observed at on-site investigations, which aim to look more closely at the safety issues raised in the returned questionnaires.
6. Developed from the on-site investigations are scheme plans. These list the engineering improvements necessary to improve the safety of children cycling to and from school. After construction, traffic safety education may be needed within the schools on how best to use any new cycling facilities in the 'cluster' area.

THE MOST WORRYING LOCATIONS

See **attached** scheme plans for further details:

Greers Road - around Burnside High and Jellie Park
Ilam-Aorangi intersection
Clyde-Aorangi intersection
Memorial Ave-Greers Rd intersection

CONSULTATION

The scheme plans were distributed to neighbours, the school community, local libraries and the Council's lists of interested parties.

The following numbers of responses were received:

Greers Road (9 responses)
Ilam/Aorangi (10 responses)
Clyde/Aorangi (13 responses)
Greers/Memorial (13 responses)

CURRENT SITUATION - POST CONSULTATION CHANGES

Through the consultation process, a number of issues have been identified as needing resolution. These changes will be designed during the election recess period. The Board's later approval will then be sought for the final designs.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.