


1. BEXLEY ROAD CYCLE FACILITIES - WETLANDS GROVE TO BRIDGE STREET



The Board considered a report by the Transport Planner (Cycling and Pedestrians) on progress made in meeting concerns expressed by the Bexley Residents' Association regarding the lack of cycle facilities in Bexley Road, between Wetlands Grove and Bridge Street.

The Community Advocate advised that, subsequent to the completion of the report, Transit New Zealand had indicated that it was agreeable to a pathway alignment on the eastern side of the corridor, subject to clear separation from the carriageway. The funding issues were still being considered, and would need to be progressed further. However, at this stage it appeared likely that the City Streets Unit would be able to identify funding in the 2004/05 financial year to complete the cycle pedestrian pathway along the eastern side of the corridor.

The maintenance section of the City Streets Unit has been unable to provide funding for the shoulder widening. However, it has offered to provide a low cost option of constructing a very basic, rough off-road pathway along the western side of the road in the immediate future (that is, potentially within the next three months). This side provides the easiest option as there is an existing rudimentary off-road pathway for a substantial section of the length of this side along with plenty of width within the roading corridor. However, if this was provided it would require many pedestrians and cyclists to cross Bexley Road, near Wetlands Grove, to access the pathway and again cross Bexley Road, near the Bridge Street roundabout. The two crossings may actually lower the safety of many pathway users compared to staying on the eastern side.

The Board **decided:**

1. That the information and supplementary information be received.
2. That a further report be provided on funding and progress to the 26 January 2004 Board meeting.
3. That the supplementary information be forwarded to the Bexley Residents' Association.