

Submission from Wellington Living Streets on Traffic Resolutions 21-21, 29-21, 44-21

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Traffic resolution Arthur St, Wellington central 21-21

We support the changes proposed in this traffic resolution to make it clear that there is no parking on the southern side of this shared path. It is not a pleasant place to walk as it is.

We would like to see signage that supports pedestrian movement in both directions on this path.

We would prefer that this important east-west connector route has a dedicated footpath (as it once did) and that pedestrians are not expected to interact with vehicle traffic. This route is used by many school children.

We propose that the speed limit on this shared section is consistent with other shared zones and is changed to 10km/h. The current speed of 50km/h is not safe for pedestrians.

Traffic Resolution Relocation of Helston Road, Johnsonville bus stop 29-21

Living Streets support the relocation of the bus stop to allow for a bus shelter to be built off the narrow footpath. This will be a good outcome.

Traffic resolution Willowbank Road, Tawa 44-21

We support creation of this path to allow pedestrian access to the Takapu Road railway station. This will allow an easier access than crossing the roundabout at Takapu Road. We assume KiwiRail has assessed this entrance and supports the more formal path.

We would like the design to ensure that it is not a continuous route for vehicles along the Willowbank Road footpath and that there is clear separation between the two types of path.

We note it appears that this track is currently used by trucks and wonder why the designation is not for a 'shared zone'. This is the appropriate classification for multi-type vehicles and pedestrians.

We note that a plant restoration project has taken place in the vicinity of this proposed path and recommend care is taken around the plantings.

We would like to be heard in support of our submission.

About Living Streets

Living Streets Aotearoa is New Zealand's national walking and pedestrian organisation, providing a positive voice for people on foot and working to promote walking friendly planning and development around the country. Our vision is "More people choosing to walk more often and enjoying public places".

The objectives of Living Streets Aotearoa are:

- to promote walking as a healthy, environmentally-friendly and universal means of transport and recreation
- to promote the social and economic benefits of pedestrian-friendly communities
- to work for improved access and conditions for walkers, pedestrians and runners including walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety
- to advocate for greater representation of pedestrian concerns in national, regional and urban land use and transport planning.

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