

**TIMARU DISTRICT
ACTIVE TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

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Timaru District
Popn. 43,000

Geraldine 3,000
Temuka 3,500
Pleasant Point 1,500
Timaru Urban 25,000

Active Transport
'a form of transport that has a component of physical activity'

- Pre-school cyclists
- Primary school age cyclists
- Secondary school age cyclists
- Cycling for fitness
- Sports cyclists training
- Sports cyclists road racing
- Recreational cyclists
- Commuter and utility cyclists
- Touring cyclists local
- Touring cyclists regional
- **Commuting pedestrians**
- **Young pedestrians**
- **Elderly pedestrians**
- **Disabled pedestrians**
- **Mobility scooters, prams, wheelchair users**
- **Skateboarders, scooters**
- Joggers, walking for fitness
- **Recreational walkers**
- Horse riders

Related Initiatives

- NZ Health Strategy
- Sustainable Development of NZ - Programme of Action
- NZ Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy
- NZ Climate Change Programme
- Vehicle Emissions Policy
- NZ Tourism Strategy
- Healthy Eating – Healthy Action
- Positive Ageing Strategy
- Road Safety Strategy 2010
- NZ Disability Strategy
- NZ Injury Prevention Strategy
- UN Conventions on the rights of the Child
- Min. for Environment Urban Design Protocol
- NZ Transport Strategy

- ECAN Regional Land Transport Strategy
- SPARC Regional Physical Activity Plan
- TDC District Physical Activity Plan

N Z Transport Strategy Objectives

- **Assisting economic development**
reduce transportation, congestion and health costs
increase tourism opportunities
- **Assisting safety and personal security**
- **Improving access and personal mobility**
More and better cycling and walking facilities / networks
Improved linkages to public transport
Safer road crossings
- **Protecting and promoting public health**
- **Ensuring environmental sustainability**
reduce vehicle emissions/pollutants
increase health through physical activity
improved open spaces and urban design

Initial Consultation

51 responses

49 said Council should be involved in promoting more active living

50 said the Council should provide more facilities to encourage walking and cycling

Vision

'The Council, together with the Timaru District community, will realise the potential that the district offers to maximise opportunities for walking and cycling for both recreational and commuting purposes'

Discussion Document

Workshops mid 2004

Drafted Strategy doc, called for & heard submissions

Policies / Initiatives

- Assist schools, groups and employers who wish to formulate travel plans that encourage walking and cycling.
- Encourage and assist with active transport initiatives that increase tourist numbers.
- Ensure that active transportation is considered in all land use development and road planning, e.g. subdivisions, private developments and District Plan reviews.
- Provide resources to develop high standard cycle and walking networks.
- Formulate cycling and walking education/promotion programmes in conjunction with others e.g. LTNZ, Police, SC Road Safety Trust, Community Public Health, Sport South Canterbury.
- Monitor implementation programmes and review the active transport strategy every 3-5 years.

Cycle Lanes



Combined Cycleway-Walkways



Road Edge widening (rural)



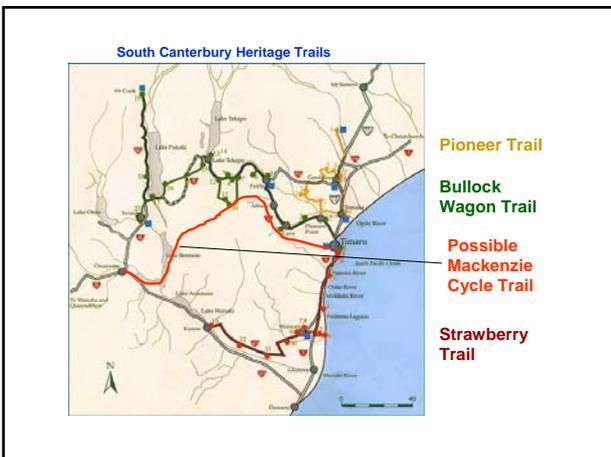
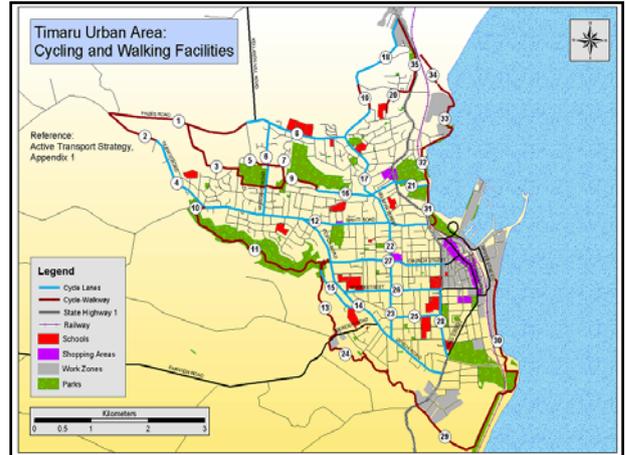
Continuous grassed edges (rural)



Refuges (Mid Block)



Intersections



Active Signs

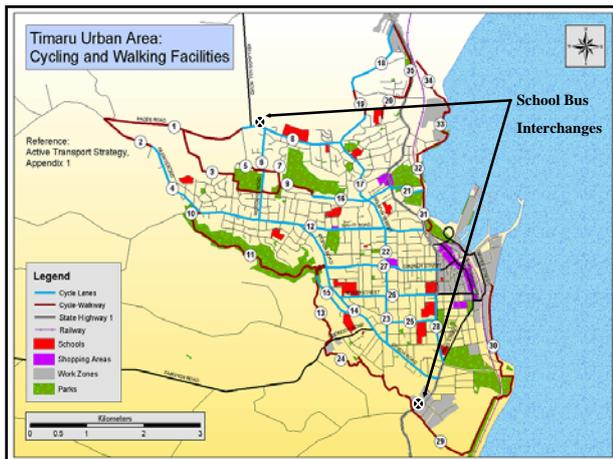
W17-1.3 School bus 'children sign' plus flashing lights
www.landtransport.govt.nz/rules

www.timaru.govt.nz/publications

School Patrol

Under trial

School Zone



Implementation - what we have noticed

- A noticeable increase in usage – very positive feedback.
- Build off-road infrastructure early.
- Consider 'active transport corridors' – provide room for all modes.
- Discuss wider ideas e.g. separate school v work commute

What we need to do

- Incorporate **AT** into District Plan and policies.
- Move into non-traditional Council **AT** activities. e.g. Safe Routes
- Monitor implementation programmes / review the **AT** strategy.
- Stay in touch with **AT** best practices.

Keep **AT** it !

Thankyou

