



RoadRave@pncc

- a monthly update from City Networks Roding staff



Cook Street



Rangiora Avenue



Featherston/Freyberg



College Street Cycle Lanes

Introduction

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RoadRave@pncc is a new monthly newsletter published by the Roding Unit of the Palmerston North City Council. It is intended to give an overview of the unit's activities and keep residents and interest groups informed on transportation matters and services related to driving, cycling and walking within the city. Copies of this newsletter are available from the Customer Service Centre, the City Library, and via PNCC's website.

Around and About(s)

Roundabouts have been constructed at a number of intersections in this past year, improving safety and traffic flow at points of high volume vehicle movement.

Cook Street, Rangiora Avenue, and the Featherston/Freyberg Intersection have all benefited from the introduction of roundabouts.

Millar Street Is in line for an upgrade this financial year. Kerb and channelling work will address the flooding and drainage problems experienced during winter, and some planting will occur.

Residents were engaged in discussion about adopting a 'living street' approach and many have actively participated in the consultation process.

Work was initially intended to be completed by June 2007, but has been deferred until later this year to allow an upgrade of underground services to be completed first.

Rangitikei Street Four Laning

Considerable work has been done on the eastern side of Rangitikei Street in preparation for four-laning the roadway between Walding/Grey Streets and Featherston Street.

Due to the impact on retailers in the area as a result of the disruption caused a long period of construction, work on the western side of the street has been deferred. Ultimately, the road will be four-laned to alleviate congestion experienced at peak times.

Safer Cycling

After comprehensive consultation with residents, schools and businesses in College Street, cycle lanes have been introduced onto the roadway. Some reduction in parking has been necessary, but overall providing a safer environment for cyclists received strong support.

Consultation is now underway with residents of Te Awe Awe Street on the issues arising from the inclusion of cycle lanes on their street. Both these projects represent the ongoing expansion of the principal cycle network, as outlined in the Transportation Management Plan 2002.

Did you know that in the past year

- ✓ 7 roundabouts and 5 pedestrian havens were constructed around the city
- ✓ 2 sets of traffic signals were installed, and
- ✓ 9.5km of cycling improvements have been applied to the roading network

The concept drawing presented to local businessmen showing the upgrade planned for the section of The Square between Church & Main Streets



Despite some early concern, the changes at Library corner on the Square have been well received.

On the Buses

Transit is planning to add three more buses to its city service over the coming months, and replace four existing buses with larger vehicles. This will see a marked increase in use of the Main Street Urban Services Bus Terminal. The replacement buses raise the seating load from 29 to 34 and have disability access.

The Council is seeking informal feedback from residents on all aspects of the bus terminal operation which staff can take into account when participating in a formal meeting. If you have any comments about the bus terminal, shelters or other bus infrastructure, please email john.lieswyn@pncc.govt.nz. As always, comments on the bus service go to Horizons Regional Council.

How to use Advanced Stop Boxes [ASB]

Advanced Stop Boxes [shown right] have two white limit lines, one for cyclists and one for motorists. The cyclist has the right of way over the motorist, allowing them a head start at intersections.

Motor vehicles must queue behind the second limit line which, as you approach the ASB, is before the green colouring, and therefore, behind the cyclist. Motorists are not allowed to queue on the green box. With this design, cyclists are more visible to the motorist than at other intersections, and the motorists view of oncoming traffic is not impeded.



Active Transport in 2007

The Manawatu Active Transport Strategy 2007 is a joint venture between Palmerston North City Council and the Manawatu District Council, and seeks to encourage more people in the region to use "active transport modes". It's a major strategy which further develops the City Council's 1998 Bike Plan and includes objectives from a range of network partners including Transit New Zealand, Land Transport New Zealand, Sport Manawatu, Horizons Regional Council, the New Zealand Police, Public Health and Road Safe Central. You can pick up your copy from PNCC's Customer Service Centre.

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CYCLE FRIENDLY AWARDS 2006

Awarded to:
Palmerston North City Council

Finalist in the "Best Cycle Facility Project" Category for:
Pioneer Highway Shared Path

Presented by the Hon Charles Chavell, Member of Parliament
November 14, 2006
Government Caucus Room, Parliament
Wellington

CAN
Robert Bell
CAN Chairperson

The Pioneer Highway Cycle Pathway saw PNCC receive a SPARC Cycle Friendly Award for "Best Cycle Facility Project".

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