

People on Bikes forum terms of reference

What is the People on Bikes forum?

It is a collaborative city-wide forum of utility cyclists from a wide cross-section of our community, initially led by the mayor.

Aim of People on Bikes forum

To contribute to the Council goal of making Palmerston North the best place in the country to ride a bike

Purpose and scope of People on Bikes forum

1. To actively contribute to the planning of the city's cycling infrastructure within the roading network.
2. To be a mechanism through which consultation and community engagement happens with regard to cycling infrastructure in the city.
3. To identify opportunities to collaborate on improving the cycling network.
4. To be a voice on behalf of utility cyclists.
5. To embrace a collaborative approach towards making the city a great place to ride a bike.
6. To build effective coordination and communication between Council and utility cyclists.
7. To support the implementation of a safe cycle network.
8. To co-opt members where necessary

Major outcomes

1. Support opportunities for improvements to cycling infrastructure
2. Effective consultation and engagement
3. Championing safe cycling networks for our community

Timeline

It has been proposed that the forum is set up by the end of 2015 following a process of appointment.

Stakeholders and roles

The mayor is the initial chair of the forum. Other members are drawn from utility cyclists and cycling interest groups.

Term

The council will initially establish the People on Bikes forum. The forum will be reviewed after 12 months with a view to being independent of Council.

Appointment process

Nominations to be invited from:

- Cycle Aware Manawatū (1)
- Sport Manawatū (1)
- Other cycling interest groups (1)
- Community at large (3); through public advertising

The appointment of the “community at large” representatives to be made by the Council on the recommendation of a panel comprising the Active Transport portfolio holder and two councillors.

Criteria

Representatives should meet some or all of the following criteria:

1. A passion for cycling, particularly for utility cycling
2. Familiarity with the city's cycle networks
3. A regular user of the city's cycle networks
4. Ability to bring fresh thinking and innovation
5. Ability to communicate well and provide constructive feedback.