

Active Modes Infrastructure Group (AMIG) Update

The latest AMIG meeting was held in Wellington on May 29th, with a bumper turnout attending. Just as noteworthy was the fact that we actually finished *on time*... Here are some key discussion points:

- The “**Innovating Streets for People**” project mentioned last time is moving along with a couple of trials to be considered around pedestrian crossings. One is to look at flashing belisha beacons that activate when people wish to cross (*see right*); the other is the use of “dragon’s teeth” (aka diagonal edgelines) on the approaches to crossings and school zones. It looks like there is interest from a few cities to test these out, with the Transport Agency helping with the analysis. Contact Claire Pascoe (NZTA) for more information.



- Some interesting proposals for road rule changes under the planned **Accessible Streets package** were presented for technical feedback. Unfortunately, I can’t say much about these right now; you’ll just have to wait and see what Govt decides to run with...

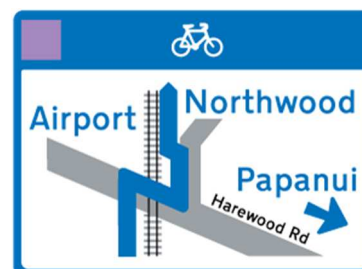
- The NZTA’s *Cycling Network Guidance* (CNG) has been available for three years now for industry use. Now similar work is underway to develop a “**Pedestrian Network Guidance**” suite of material and also some **Public Transport Design Guidelines** (which also includes consideration of walking/cycling connections with PT; *see below*). Review/updating of existing material and development of new material has started in each case; expect to see the first batch of guidance in the first half of next year.



- Speaking of the CNG, a number of draft items were presented for feedback to AMIG; either introducing **new CNG guidance or updating existing material**. Topics this time included contra-flow cycleways, “access control devices” (aka bollards, barriers, etc), cycleway treatments across commercial accesses (*see below*), bike parking, heritage considerations, and treatments for shared area conflicts.



- In case you hadn’t heard, the **2018 Omnibus Amendment Rule** was finally signed off, meaning that a whole raft of minor road rule changes have now been enacted. For walking and cycling that includes new ways to store school crossing signs, the ability to use either signs *or* markings for regulatory control on paths, and a variety of new cycleway warning signs/markings and cycle route direction signs (*see right*). Check out the updated *Road User Rule* and *Traffic Control Devices Rule* for details of the changes.



Other items discussed at AMIG this time included whether to approve a neighbourhood greenway shared street sign, use of sharrow markings in shared cycle/left-turn lanes, and the use of raised ped’n/cycle crossings across side roads. Auckland Transport also presented some interesting examples of “Copenhagen-style” cycleways being built in new Auckland subdivisions. If you want to know more about this and previous AMIG meetings, check out the group’s webpage:

{<http://rcaforum.org.nz/working-groups/active-modes-infrastructure>}

The next AMIG meeting will be on **7th August 2019** also in Wellington. If you would like to attend, or at least be part of the ongoing email discussion group, contact co-convenors Wayne Newman (RCA Forum; wayne@cresmere.co.nz) or Gerry Dance (NZTA; Gerry.Dance@nzta.govt.nz). As always, you can have a chat with me about raising any ideas or issues on your behalf – I’m happy to do so.

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