

Waitai
Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Monday 6 March 2023
Time: 4.30 pm
Venue: Boardroom, Corner Beresford and Union Streets,
New Brighton

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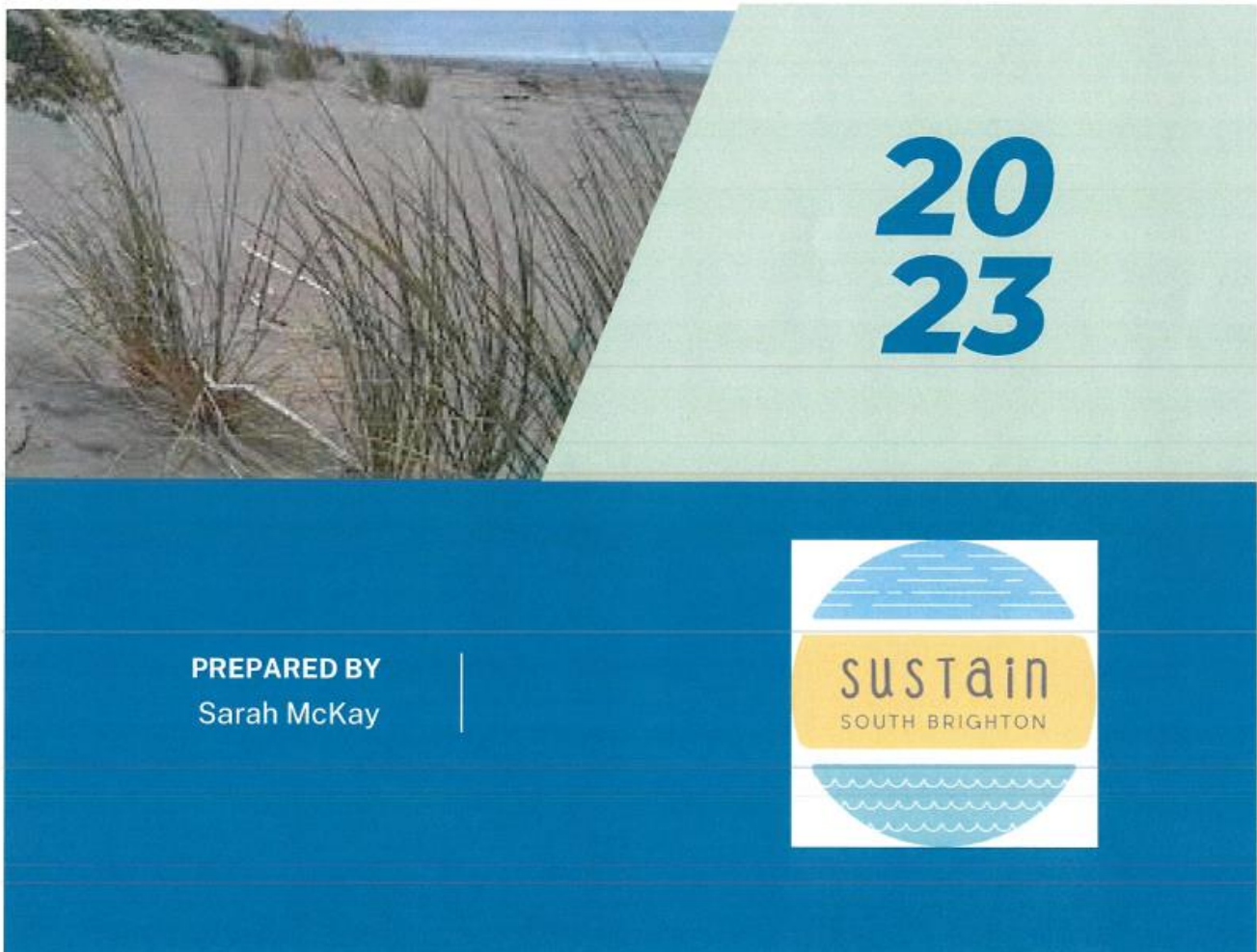
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BRIDGE STREET ROUNDAABOUT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Deputation to the Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood
Community Board



INTRODUCTION

Sustain South Brighton has undertaken a project to gather community feedback on and advocate for safety improvements to the Bridge Street Roundabout. The roundabout is a key route in and out of South Brighton. While safety at the roundabout has been a longstanding issue, the development of a new community centre with a cafe (The Bridge Hub and Dune Cafe) has increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic use of the roundabout. In addition there are four other businesses, a community greenspace (Common Ground) and Kidsfirst Kindergartens South Brighton adjacent to the roundabout and South New Brighton School, Estuary Road Preschool, South Brighton Playcentre and the South Brighton Surf Life Saving Club within two kilometers of the roundabout.

The aim of this deputation is to ask for:

- A safety audit of the roundabout from relevant agencies.
- The generation of a range of improvement options that the community can have input into.
- Losing one carpark in front of The Bridge Hub to improve line of sight for people crossing the road.

THE PROCESS

We sought feedback from the community about the safety of the roundabout. This involved having conversations with businesses, organisations and community members about their perceptions of roundabout safety and to gain support for this deputation.

We met and spoke with:

- The Bridge Hub
- Greenbear Cafe
- Dune Cafe
- Kidsfirst Kindergartens
- South Brighton Bridge Street Dairy
- Hinerewa Art Tā Moko Studio
- South New Brighton School
- Challenge South Brighton

And we gathered feedback from 40 community members.

Conversations were open ended discussions in which we were led by what participants thought was important about roundabout safety. Conversations with businesses and organisations tended to be longer, while the majority of conversations with community members were short. Although some community members took the opportunity to have a more in-depth discussion with us.

We did not seek participants ideas about how the roundabout might be improved as we are advocating for a safety audit from which potential solutions can be generated. This was appreciated by a number of community members who indicated that they were concerned about roundabout safety but would rather wait to consider potential options before commenting on how it might be improved.

However, some people offered their ideas for potential solutions and what they wouldn't want to see happen if the roundabout was changed. We did give one example of something that would be a relatively simple action to improve safety. This is the loss of one car park outside The Bridge Hub to help improve the line of sight for people crossing the road between The Hub and Common Ground.

THE FINDINGS

Key themes from the consultation:

- Everyone who we talked with supported this deputation.
- Many people expressed concerns about roundabout safety.
- Quite a few people had very significant concerns about roundabout safety.
- Many people supported our example of a simple measure that might be undertaken, the loss of one car park in front of The Bridge Hub to improve line of sight for those crossing the road. This included The Bridge Hub, The kindergarten and Dune Cafe who are adjacent to the carpark.
- A couple of community members didn't see roundabout safety as a significant issue, but they supported this deputation.

Other significant themes:

- Strong concern about safety and children crossing the road at the roundabout on their way to and from the school.
- A particular issue is people crossing the road on a blind corner of the roundabout (see photos A & B). This crossing was identified as having poor line of sight for people when cars are turning left off Estuary Rd up Bridge St towards the city. This is particularly dangerous when cars are leaving school after picking up children at the end of the school day and children are walking and biking home through the roundabout on this corner.
- Concern about people not slowing down when coming up to the roundabout, particularly those coming over the bridge and along Bridge St from the city.
- Concern about cars coming down Bridge St from the bridge and turning left into Estuary Rd past the dairy (see photo D) without checking for pedestrians.
- Some community members indicated that they would not like the roundabout to be 'made more complicated' if extra safety measures were introduced.

Other feedback:

- Concern about an increase in cars undertaking u turns near the roundabout in unsafe ways when leaving car parks. The kindergarten is particularly concerned about this happening in front of the kindy when people are dropping off and picking up children.
- Concern about the safety of the childrens playground beside Dune Cafe due to its proximity to the roundabout. One person said a car had previously gone through the fence where the playground is currently situated.
- Consider how additional safety measures can improve accessibility through the roundabout for people with disabilities.
- Concern about 'boy racers' speeding up to and through the roundabout at night.
- One business owner said that they did not want the existing ten minute car parking spaces along Estuary Rd and Bridge St to be lost in any changes made as these are essential for his business.
- Another business owner asked for the car parking limits signs to be reinstated on Estuary Rd alongside Common Ground to account for the increased use of car parks due to the development of the community centre.
- Business owners would like to be notified about changes to the roundabout that affect them, so that they can have a say in them.
- A few community members were adamant that they did not want traffic lights to be installed.

Ideas for how the roundabout might be improved:

Some people discussed their ideas about how the roundabout might be improved. Its important to note that these are ideas from some participants and everyone supported a safety audit to generate a range of improvements that could be considered. These ideas included:

- Support for more and clearer signage coming up to the roundabout indicating that children are crossing and highlighting the speed limit, especially along Bridge St as people come off the bridge into South Brighton.
- Traffic calming measures such as speed humps.
- Reinstating the yellow metal pedestrian barriers on corners where people wait to cross the road (see photo C). A community member who lives near the roundabout said that barriers will also help with heavy trucks who sometimes go over the foot path as they turn left into Bridge St from Estuary Rd towards the city.
- Consider moving the pedestrian crossing (see photo A) a bit further up the road and away from the roundabout.
- A mirror on the side of the dairy to give better line of sight for people crossing the roundabout on the blind corner (marked X in photo B).
- A couple of people who knew about the Safe Speed Neighbourhood Initiative supported it. Although they would like more consideration put into it, such as increasing the safer speed zone up to the roundabout from the school.

QUOTES

"We walk kids to school and its really tricky and people go quite fast through the roundabout. Especially because we are dropping kids at the kindy and then going onto the school. Its really stressful."

"We often talk about this. Its a real stressor crossing there with our walking group [to school]. Are the cars stopping or not? Sometimes you don't know."

"I use it every day. I'm always anxious. People come up quite quickly down Bridge street and go fast around the dairy corner."

"People speeding through and not knowing it is 50km per hour."

"I've seen a number of near misses with people crossing."

"Any improvements that can be made if that reduces the risk. But not overcomplicating it."

"People should give way and slow down. Especially in the community - there are a lot of families coming into the area. The beauty is that you can walk everywhere here, but you want it to be safe."

"We definitely need some slowing and better signage that there's children crossing. I live nearby and I've been nearly hit 5 or 6 times. They don't slow down coming down Bridge street [from the bridge] and they just look to their right and turn the corner [past the dairy]. I've seen children almost hit, I had to put my arm out in front of a kid to stop them being hit. It was awful."

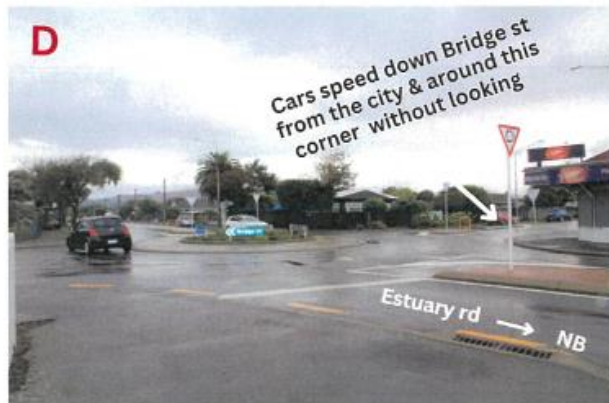
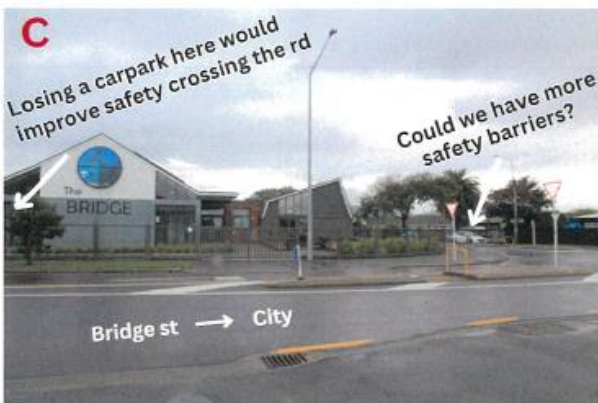
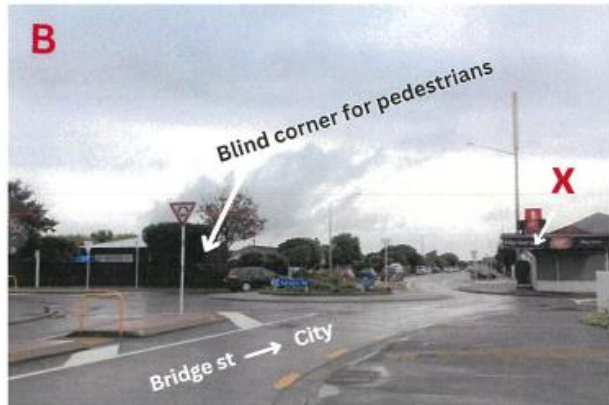
"People don't realize that there is a school and a kindy. Having had kids at the school I saw lots of near misses because people come round that corner super fast and don't realize its a blind corner. I couldn't let the kids go to school by themselves until they were older because of that."

"I support traffic calming measures. Cars race up and down Estuary road. And they come off Bridge street from the bridge which is a 70km zone and don't slow down before the roundabout."

"Great idea, when I'm driving through there I see some hair raising things. And with more businesses and school flow it's busier now."

Further Information:

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Our Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Programmes



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Age 5-12

With Kiwi Can leaders

Builds resilience, respect, self-belief and positive relationships.



Age 10-12

With Kiwi Can leaders

Inquiry based learning model helping transition to intermediate & high school



Age 16-18

With Business Mentors in groups

Puts kids on the right track for a career or further study through mentorship, workshops and exposure to jobs and workplace options



Age 14-15

With adult 1:1 mentor

Steps in for the kids who need it most.

19-21 days in the wilderness which pushes them to build relationships and overcome obstacles before a 12 month mentor programme.

Our Programmes

- Work in prevention
- Harness Potential
- Involve a connection to the outdoors
- Include community projects
- Use mentorship to connect with students
- Help with reducing negative youth statistics









In a nutshell we're creating
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