

Waitai
Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Monday 10 July 2023
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Venue: Boardroom, Corner Beresford and Union Streets,
New Brighton

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Kia ora Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board members.

This correspondence is from the combined Coastal Residents' Associations of Southshore Residents Association, New Brighton Residents' Association, and Waimari Beach Residents Association.

Summary

This letter is to formally request that the Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board investigate options for consistent cycle solutions to allow cyclists and walkers to safely traverse the length of Marine Parade.

Many areas along the beach side edge of Marine Parade, both North and South, are unsafe for cyclists due to the loose gravel, substandard surfaces, unfinished ad hoc edging, narrow roads, and gutter edging.

Area of concern to be addressed.

- The length of Marine Parade appears to have an inconsistent approach applied to the beach side edge of the road. There are some sealed laybys, some sealed edges, and large areas of seal with an unfinished edge that is uneven and graduates into gravel. There are also large potholes in the edge area that occur due to the unmanaged surface.
- We request that the board investigate and clarify if there are any plans or provisions for a consistent policy for the length of Marine Parade regarding cycling surfaces. There appears to be confusion on who is responsible for the road edge from a maintenance, budgetary and designation point of view.
- Can the board request the traffic engineers look at the safety issues on Marine Parade for cyclists who have no option but to ride on a non-sealed part of the road and sub-standard surface.
- While consistency of cycle path provision and access is supported by the various residents' associations signed to this letter, the question of how that would best occur should be discussed with each individual residential association area to ensure an appropriate fit. Each area may require a different approach to achieve a similar consistent end.

An example of the inconsistencies and lack of cycle paths are listed below.

- From Sturdee Street south to the end of Marine Parade (Caspian end), there is a loose gravel verge that frequently has large potholes and is a dangerous surface.
 - Marine Parade past Bowhill Avenue has huge gutters and no bike space.
 - Lack of road width in northern marine parade area may necessitate a switch from the road another area such as the adjacent park to achieve a safe path.
 - There is a narrow informal off-road track from New Brighton to the South Brighton surf club. This is too narrow for a biker and a walker and has dangerous bollards with bolts protruding, impeding access.
- There are no formal cycle lanes along Marine Parade or in adjacent areas allowing cyclists to safely get from one end to the other.
 - In some areas people are obliged to ride as far to the left of the road as practicable, which has a very narrow sealed shoulder for cyclists, then drops off to a gravel surface, so is unsafe.
 - There appears to be no formal cycle lanes designated or planned for Marine Parade in any of the city plans. It appears to have fallen through the gap.
 - We have observed new seal being put down on Marine Parade and it would have been efficient to widen the road and cycle paint lane lines at this time.
We feel there is plenty of room to widen the seal in some areas and create a simple sealed cycle lane with painted separation so we can have a dedicated and safe cycle area. If suitable areas of Marine Parade are being resealed and there is ample additional side space, can seal widening occur?

Action requested.

The collective Coastal Residents' Associations formally ask the Community Board to investigate and request information on the following:

- Does the entire length of Marine Parade have a cohesive cycle lane plan?
- If not, can one be requested and in consultation with the Residents' Associations, be put in place.
- Who would be responsible for the plan and funding?
- Can road widening take place in appropriate areas to provide a safe non-gravel surface.
- Could a consistent approach be taken to find a suitable solution for walking or cycling the length of the parade allowing it to meet up with other tracks. Bearing in mind that solutions may differ north to south, and some areas may require off road diversions to complete the path from one end to the other.

As the collective Coastal Residence groups, we have come together to make this request to you our Community Board, in the effort to improve the safety and amenity value of our much-loved coastal community.

SSRA- K Hay, NBRA- B Donovan, WBRA- J Emson