

**Reference:** TR 81 – 17

**Location:** Rugby Street, between Adelaide Road and Tasman Street

**Proposal:** Cycle lane

**Information:** Wellington City Council is working to make cycling safer and more convenient for people travelling on bikes. The current Cycleways Programme has allocated \$1.5 million for minor improvements in the central area. The changes proposed by this report are some of the first investments of this programme. Other proposals for the central area are currently being developed and are expected to come before the City Strategy Committee later in 2017.

Connectivity is one of the three key improvement themes identified during the working group meetings for the Wellington central area minor cycle improvements project. Provision of safe and convenient connections improves cycle accessibility and permeability in the city. It is also an essential element for promoting cycling as a viable transport mode and encouraging people to get on a bike.

The proposed changes outlined in this report aim to improve connectivity and safety for people on bikes by providing a better cycle connection along Rugby Street between Adelaide Road and Tasman Street.

Rugby Street between Adelaide Road and Belfast Street is part of State Highway 1 and is adjacent to the Basin Reserve. There is a very high traffic volume on this section of approximately 19,300 vehicles per day. The section of Rugby Street between Belfast Street and Tasman Street is classified as a collector road and currently has a much lower traffic volume, estimated at 2,500 vehicles per day. There is a 50 km/h speed limit along the entire length of Rugby Street. We have observed up to 150 people riding bikes on Rugby Street travelling towards the CBD in the morning peak hours. The level of service for people on bikes is poor at this location as there is no dedicated cycle lane.

We propose installing a 1.6m wide cycle lane on Rugby Street from Adelaide Road to Tasman Street to improve cycle connectivity and safety. The traffic island near the intersection of Rugby and Belfast streets will be modified to create more road space for the cycle lane. A short section of coupon parking outside 73 - 85 Rugby Street, which currently provides six on-street carparks, will be removed.

The New Zealand Transport Agency supports this proposal.

This report recommends:

- installing a cycle lane on Rugby Street from Adelaide Road to Tasman Street.

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## Key Dates:

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| 1) Advertisement in the Dominion Post Newspaper  | 25 July 2017      |
| 2) Feedback period closes  | 11 August 2017    |
| 3) If no objections received report sent to City Strategy Committee for approval                             | 14 September 2017 |
| 4) If objections are received, further consultation, amendment/s, or proceed with explanation as appropriate |                   |

## Legal Description:

*Add to Schedule I (Cycle Lane) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule*

### **Column One**

***Rugby Street***

### **Column Two**

***Cycle lane***

### **Column Three**

***Westbound, from Adelaide Road to Tasman Street.***

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