

Reference: TR106-17

**Location:** Wakely Road and

Centennial Highway Ngauranga

Proposal: Shared Path

Information:

Wellington City Council is working to make active modes of transport safer and more appealing for people so they have more travel choices. In the area north of the CBD we are working with the community to develop options to upgrade Thorndon Quay. Upgrading the Hutt Road cycleway has begun with completion of the first section expected by November 2017. Last year we made improvements for those on bikes on Centennial Highway near the intersection of Glover Street and in the slip lane east of Glover Street. With these projects, creating a shared path on Wakely Road will deliver another connection to and from Newlands.

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A large section of Wakely Road between Newlands and Ngauranga is an unformed public road. It is used by a small number of people walking and cycling to commute to and from Wellington City. It is believed that the use of Wakely Road is limited due to its inaccessibility, very poor surface condition, and a general lack of awareness amongst Newlands residents that the track exists.

During a morning peak hour in February 2017, six mountain bike riders and two walkers were recorded using the Wakely Road track. By comparison, there were 12 people cycling on the alternative Newlands Road route down to Ngauranga Gorge (Centennial Highway).

Crash data for Centennial Highway between the Newlands interchange and Glover Street over the past 10 years shows that five crashes involving people on bikes all occurred during the morning peak. There were also four crashes involving people on bikes on Newlands Road, again all during the morning peak. The crash data suggests that if Wakely Road is more accessible for people riding bikes, a number of crashes may be avoided.

This report recommends upgrading the status of Wakely Road from an unformed legal road to a formal shared walking and cycling path.

This report also seeks to alter the status of the existing footpath on the east side of Centennial Highway between the intersection of Hutt Road and its intersection with Wakely Road. Formalising this as a shared path will provide a safer connection between Hutt Road and Wakely Road for people on bikes when travelling in both directions. The shared path status would carry with it obligations on each path user. There is no proposal at this time to widen the existing path.



In addition to formalising the legal status of Wakely Road it is proposed to significantly improve the level of service for people who walk or cycle. This will be done by:

- eliminating dangerous storm water channels and improving drainage
- providing safety fences and signs
- paving the route.

#### **Key dates:**

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 the City Strategy Committee for approval.	14 September 2017
4)	If objections are received, further consultation,	

 If objections are received, further consultation, amendment/s, or proceed with explanation as appropriate.

#### **Legal Description:**

Add to Schedule C (Direction, Placement and Lane Use) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three	
Wakely Road	Shared Path (Two Way) At all times	Commencing at its intersection with Spenmoor Street and Lyndfield Lane (Grid coordinates x= 1752340.5m y= 54339817.1m) and extending in a southerly direction to its intersection with Centennial Highway.	
Centennial Highway	Shared Path (Two Way) At all times	Commencing 42 metres east of its intersection with Hutt Road (Grid coordinates x= 1751987.3m y= 543222.9m) and extending north 446m to its intersection with Malvern Road.	
Centennial Highway	Shared Path (Two Way) At all times	Commencing at its intersection with Malvern Road (Grid coordinates x= 1752023m y= 5432663.2m) and extending north 106m to its intersection with Glover Street.	

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Shared Path (west bound only for

Commencing at its intersection

with Glover Street (Grid

bikes) At all times

coordinates x= 1751920.8m y= 5432743.9m) and extending north 199m up the northern footpath to its intersection with

Wakely Road.

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**Date:** 14 July 2017

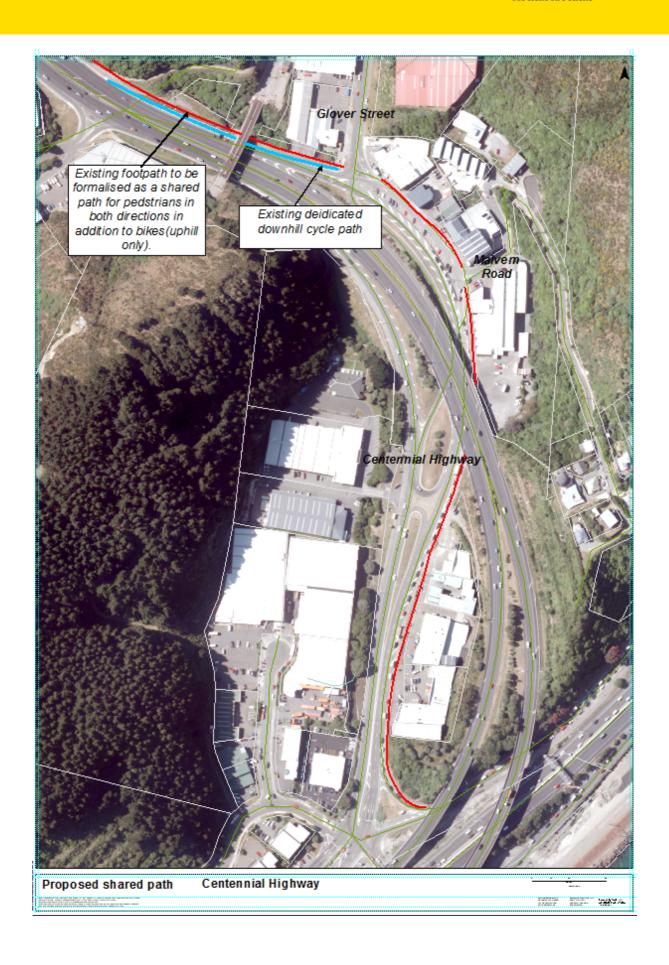
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Other data has been compiled from a variety of sources and its accuracy may vary, but is generally +4-1m.

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