

**Reference:** TR 121 – 17

**Location:** Post Office Square, between Customhouse Quay and Jervois Quay

**Proposal:** New cycle path

**Information:** Wellington City Council is working to make cycling safer and more convenient for people travelling on bikes. The Urban Cycleways Programme has allocated \$1.5 million in funding for minor improvements in the central area. The changes proposed by this report are some of the first investments of this programme.

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 accessibility and permeability by providing a more convenient cycle connection through Post Office Square, between Customhouse Quay and Jervois Quay.

Post Office Square has a one-way restriction which allows vehicle traffic to travel westbound only from Jervois Quay to Customhouse Quay. The average daily traffic volume is about 1600 vehicles per day. Operating speeds are below 30km/h.

The current level of service for cyclists is poor. People cycling towards the waterfront and Jervois Quay cannot ride through Post Office Square due to the one-way restriction. A survey undertaken in May 2017 during the 5pm-6 pm peak time recorded 49 cyclists crossing Jervois Quay from Post Office Square, either towards Queens Wharf or onto Jervois Quay itself.

Given the relatively low traffic volume and speed through Post Office Square and the open space, we are proposing to improve cycle connectivity by allowing people on bikes to ride from Customhouse Quay towards Jervois Quay and Queens Wharf directly adjacent to the road on a small width of the existing paved area.

The proposed changes include:

- installing a 1.5m-wide designated cycle path along the edge of Post Office Square, alongside the existing bollards(the cycle path will not be painted green)

- improving the pedestrian and cycle ramps on both sides of Jervois Quay (to and from Queens Wharf)
- Improving the pedestrian and cycle ramp on the eastern end of Post Office Square.
- Additional cross buttons for pedestrians and people on bikes in waiting area.

## Key Dates:

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| 1) Advertisement in the Dominion Post Newspaper  | 26 September 2017 |
| 2) Feedback period closes  | 16 October 2017   |
| 3) If no objections received report sent to City Strategy Committee for approval                             | 23 November 2017  |
| 4) If objections are received, further consultation, amendment/s, or proceed with explanation as appropriate |                   |

# PROPOSED TRAFFIC RESOLUTION

## Legal Description:

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

**Column One**

**Column Two**

**Column Three**

**Post Office Square**

**Cycle Path**

*Eastbound, commencing at its intersection with Customhouse Quay (grid coordinates x= 1748815.7m, y= 5428083.9m) extending in an easterly direction and terminating at its intersection with Jervois Quay*

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