Protected cycle lane barrier selection matrix - see also other considerations outlined in CNG > Designing a cycling facility > Between intersections > Separated cycleways > Width and separator/protection

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor							
Key	****	***	**	*	0							
	Painted	separators	Vertical s	eparators	Vertical + Low	Low se	parators		Kerb separators		Other s	eparators
	Painted buffer	Parked cars plus buffer	Rigid bollards	Flexible posts	Linear barrier + posts	Linear barrier	Mountable rubber thresholds	Cast-in-place barrier kerb	Precast barrier kerb	Raised cycle track (Copenhagen)	Jersey barriers	Planter boxes
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Cost/benefit		-			-	-		-	-	-	-	1
Affordability (purchase & installation in preferred conditions)	****	****	**	***	***	***	***	*	**	*	**	**
Cyclist perceived safety	**	***	****	***	****	***	***	****	****	***	****	****
Other Considerations												
Durability / maintenance	**	****	**	*	**	***	**	***	***	****	****	**
Traffic compatibility (Motor vehicle / barrier interactions)	****	***	**	****	****	***	****	***	***	****	***	***
Aesthetics	**	***	***	*	*	**	**	***	***	***	*	****
Low impact construction	****	****	***	****	***	***	***	**	***	*	****	***
Min width of separator device (m)	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.75	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.75	0.4
Ideal shy space to cyclist (m) Ideal shy space to traffic (m)	0 0	0 2.0 (parking space)	0.25 0.3	0.25 0.3	0.25 0.2	0.25 0.2	0 0.2	0.25 0.2	0.25 0.2	0 0.2	0.45 0.4	0.45 0.2
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General (incl. visibility/conspicuity)	By itself, does not meet definition of "protected" as it does not physically separate cars and cycles.	Requires on-street parking - only effective if parked cars are present, therefore less effective at off-peak parking times. Poorly parked cars may encroach into buffer.	Colour of vertical element should	Plastic / rubber product that are bolted / glued to roadway surface. Flexible and frangible when hit by motor vehicles. Colour of vertical element should reflect immediately adjacent road marking colour.	posts attached to separators. Colour of vertical element should reflect immediately adjacent road	Generally narrow and low, with various means of fixing to surface and connecting between components.	Should only be used where it is intended for vehicles to cross cycleway. E.g. Quay St Auckland, Papanui Parallel, Christchurch.	Width and height can vary. Designed to fit curves in road, could include lowered sections at driveways.	Constructed off-site and bolted / glued to pavement surface.	Half-height between roadway and footpath. Low mountable kerb could encourage cars to park in cycle track.	Could be pre-cast concrete, or plastic shells that are easy to transport then filled with water to make heavy. Need to consider pedestrian crossing movements.	Of varying widths, heights, materials and fixtures. Involve some central planted feature.
Cost	Least expensive option.	Biggest "cost" is space.	Utility conflicts could affect cost.	Spacing of devices affects cost.		Spacing of devices affects cost.	Spacing of devices affects cost.	More handling / traffic management time for on-site installation.	Cost will increase if road surface is not flat / smooth and more effort is required to fit kerbs to road.	Reconstruction including storm- water improvements is likely.	Provide gaps along the facility to allow water to access existing drainage infrastrcuture.	Spacing of planters affects cost. Will have ongoing requirements tend to contents (plantings).
Cyclist perceived safety	Poor due to no physical element.	Parked cars provides strong deterrent for motorists, but only if present. Some people may find visibility at driveway/side-roads is compromised.	Good vertical element.	Good vertical element - studies show cyclists perceive this as similarly safe to a physically strong barrier.	Good vertical element - studies show cyclists perceive this as similarly safe to a physically strong barrier.	Good deterrent for motorist.	Some deterrent for motorist - good conspicuity - but designed to be driven over.	Strong deterrent for motorist. Horizontal separation.	Strong deterrent for motorist. Horizontal separation.	Cyclists may feel too close to motor vehicles if no buffer provided, provide additional widtl in the cycle facility and minimise any drainage infrastructre alongside the kerb so can choose to ride further from traffic.	Strong deterrent for motorist. Good vertical element plus suitable horizontal separation.	Strong deterrent for motorist. Good vertical element plus suitable horizontal separation.
Durability / maintenance	Thermoplastic / paint needs to be maintained.	Thermoplastic / paint needs to be maintained.	bollards may be expensive to replace.	Flexible posts will be damaged when hit / run over by motor vehicles - may require frequent replacement (but could be seen as sacrificial element).	Flexible posts will be damaged when hit / run over by motor vehicles, may be detached and stolen by vandals - may require frequent replacement (but could be seen as sacrificial element).	Good durability.	Good durability.	Less durable than pre-stressed concrete options.	Very good durability if pre- stressed concrete.	Very durable design.	Very durable barriers.	Consider maintenance partner fr watering etc; on busier roads m require temporary traffic management.
frame compatibility	No high speed motor vehicle traffic concerns.	Appropriate for moderate traffic speeds.	Appropriate for moderate traffic speeds.	No high speed motor vehicle traffic concerns.	Appropriate for moderate traffic speeds.	Appropriate for moderate traffic speeds.		Appropriate for moderate traffic speeds.	Appropriate for moderate traffic speeds.	No high speed motor vehicle traffic concerns.	Compatible with higher speed traffic. Care must be given to end	Appropriate for moderate traffic speeds.
(Motor vehicle / barrier interactions) Aesthetics	Neutral aesthetics.	Good aesthetics over barrier life.	Good aesthetics over barrier life. Potential for damage to bollards so could quickly become ragged	Damaged barriers quickly become ragged looking.	Separators with damaged posts become unpleasant looking.	Neutral aesthetics.	Neutral aesthetics.	Good aesthetics over barrier life.	Good aesthetics over barrier life.	Good aesthetics over barrier life.	treatments. Strong visual impact on street. Can be painted for improved aesthetics.	Barrier with plantings enhances street aesthetics if well maintained.
Low impact construction	Road marking changes only.	Road marking changes only.	looking. Installation of bollards may have utility conflicts.	Typically glued onto road surface.	Some installation issues on NZ roads - must be bolted into substrate.	Some installation issues on NZ roads - must be bolted into substrate.	Some installation issues on NZ roads - must be bolted into substrate.	Kerbs have to be poured in place and pinned into the carriageway.	Some installation issues on NZ roads - must be bolted into substrate.	Complete reconstruction is likely required.	Minimal - heavy objects that simply need to be placed in the correct position.	Barrier installation is quick and non-invasive. If protected by ker this will require more invasive construction. Water-filled barrie are a quickly installed temporary option.
	Minimum width is for painted buffer including the edge lines. No shy space required for either cyclist or vehicle.	0.9m is the car door opening zone. The width is taken to the outside of the edge lines. Good if on-street parking is existing and in high demand.	cycle lane width for people riding adjacent to vertical elements. However, the associated road marking if provided such as painted buffer could sit within the cycle lane. 0.3m should be provided from the outside of the bollard to the traffic lane and would comprise some of	inside face of the bollard) should be provided in addition to the cycle lane width for people riding adjacent to vertical elements. However, the associated road marking if provided such as painted buffer could sit within the cycle lane.	inside kerb face) should be provided in addition to the cycle lane width for people riding adjacent to vertical kerbs. This should be increased to 0.5m if posts are higher than standard handlebars. 0.2m should be provided from the kerb to the traffic lane and could take the form of a 0.1m edge line	kerb to the traffic lane and could take the form of a 0.1m edge line offset 0.1m from the face of the	riding adjacent to the low profile threshold. 0.2m should be provided from the kerb to the traffic lane and could	inside kerb face) should be provided in addition to the cycle lane width for people riding adjacent to vertical kerbs. 0.2m should be provided from the kerb to the traffic lane and could	 0.25 metres (measured from the inside kerb face) should be provided in addition to the cycle lane width for people riding adjacent to vertical kerbs. 0.2m should be provided from the kerb to the traffic lane and could take the form of a 0.1m edge line offset 0.1m from the face of the kerb. 	No shy space provided. To address the height difference issu between the cycle lane and carriageway, provide additional space in the cycle track.	 0.45 metres (measured from the inside face of the concrete shells) should be provided in addition to the cycle lane width for people riding adjacent to vertical elements. 0.4m should be provided from the kerb to the traffic lane and could take the form of a 0.1m edge line offset 0.3m from the face of the kerb. 	kerb to the traffic lane and could
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