

ACCESSIBLE STREETS CONSULTATION

Submission form

The Ministry of Transport and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency are proposing a collection of rule changes that we call the Accessible Streets Regulatory Package.

Thank you for taking time to tell us what you think. Please answer as many or as few questions as you choose to answer.

You can find information about these proposals in the Accessible Streets Overview (available at www.nzta.govt.nz/accessible-streets-consultation), which includes the same questions included in this online submission form. You may want to have the Accessible Streets Overview open in a different window or printed alongside you.

Please remember your submission is public information and we will use your submission to help us make the changes to the rules.

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1. Please answer a few questions about yourself

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Proposal 1: Change and re-name the types of devices that used on footpath, shared paths, cycle paths and cycle lanes

Proposal 1A: Pedestrians and powered wheelchair users

| 2. | We are proposing to include people using powered wheelchairs in the pedestrian category. How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
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| | ○ Strongly disagree |
| | ○ Disagree |
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| | ○ I don't know |
| | What was the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments? |
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| Pr | oposal 1B: Changing wheeled recreational devices |
| 3. | Our proposed change will replace the wheeled recreational device category with two new groups of devices: unpowered transport devices (for example push-scooters, skateboards) and powered transport devices (for example e-scooters, YikeBikes). |
| | We are proposing to include people using powered wheelchairs in the pedestrian category. How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | ○ Strongly disagree |
| | ○ Disagree |
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| | What was the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments? |
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| 4. | We're proposing that the new category of powered transport devices will consist of low-powered devices that have been declared by the Transport Agency not to be a motor vehicle. |
| | What steps (if any), do you think the Transport Agency should take before declaring a vehicle not to be a motor vehicle? |
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| | ne Transport Agency declares a vehicle to not be a motor vehicle, do you think it should be eto impose conditions? | | |
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| - | es, should the Transport Agency be able to apply conditions regardless of the power output he device? | | |
| ○ Yes | | | |
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| Wh | nat was the reason for your answer? Do you have any other comments? | | |
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| We | e propose to clarify that: | | |
| a) | low powered vehicles that have not been declared not to be motor vehicles by the Transport Agency (e.g. hover boards, e-skateboards and other emerging devices) are not allowed on the footpath | | |
| b) | these vehicles are also not allowed on the road under current rules, because they do not meet motor vehicle standards and cannot be registered. | | |
| c) | if the Transport Agency declares any of these vehicles not to be motor vehicles in the future, they will be classified as powered transport devices and will be permitted on the footpath and the road (along with other paths and cycle lanes). | | |
| Но | w much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? | | |
| \bigcirc | Strongly disagree | | |
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Proposal 1C: Clarifying cycles and e-bikes

| 8. | Child cycles that are not propelled by cranks, such as balance bikes, will be defined as transport devices. | |
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| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? | |
| | ◯ Strongly disagree | |
| | ○ Disagree | |
| | Agree | |
| | ◯ Strongly agree | |
| | ◯ I don't know | |
| | What was the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments? | |
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| | pedestrians, but they will have to give way to pedestrians and wheelchair users. | |
| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? | |
| | Strongly disagree | |
| | ○ Disagree | |
| | ○ Agree | |
| | ○ Strongly agree | |
| | ○ I don't know | |
| | What was the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments? | |
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| 10. | Do you think there will be any safety or access-related problems with mobility devices operating in different spaces? Please explain. | |
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| | . We intend to review the mobility device category at a later date. What factors do you think we need to consider? | | |
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| | We have outlined an option to not change vehicle definitions. This means we would make changes at a later date instead. Do you prefer this option to our proposal to change vehicle definitions now (see proposals 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D for more details)? Why/why not? | | |
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| | oposal 2: Establish a national framework for the use of otpaths | | |
| | Our proposed changes will allow mobility devices, transport devices, and cycles on the footpath – provided users meet speed, width and behavioural requirements. | | |
| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? | | |
| | Strongly disagree | | |
| | ○ Disagree | | |
| | ○ Agree | | |
| | ◯ Strongly agree | | |
| | ◯ I don't know | | |
| | What was the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments? | | |
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| | Do you think there should be any other requirements, in addition to speed, width and behaviour? | | |
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| 15. | We | have outlined two alternative options to address cycling on the footpath. These are: |
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| | a) | Allow cyclists up to 16 years of age to use the footpath |
| | b) | Continue the status quo, where most cyclists are not allowed to use the footpath. |
| | c) | Neither option. |
| | Wh | nat option do you prefer instead of allowing cyclists on the footpath? |
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| 16. | Wo | ould you support an age limit for cycling on the footpath? What age would you prefer? |
| | \bigcirc | Yes, I would support an age limit |
| | \bigcirc | No, I would not support an age limit |
| | If y | es, what age would you prefer? |
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| 17. | | propose to allow road controlling authorities to restrict cycle or device use on certain tpaths or areas of footpaths to suit local communities and conditions. |
| | Нο | w much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
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| | \bigcirc | Disagree |
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| to th | re proposing that road controlling authorities consider and follow certain criteria in addition neir usual resolution processes if they want to restrict devices from using the footpath These |
| | ria are: |
| | consider relevant guidance developed by the Transport Agency consider any alternative routes or facilities that will no longer be available to the user due |
| | to a restriction |
| • | consider any other matter relevant to public safety. |
| The | road controlling authority will need to: |
| | consult with any party affected by the proposed restriction |
| | give those parties reasonable time to respond take their submissions into account |
| Hov | nuch do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
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| | Agree |
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| | at was the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments about how will this ct you or whether you think the proposed changes are practical? |
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| | have also outlined an option to maintain current footpath rules. Would you prefer this option |
| inst | ead of the proposed framework with speed and width requirements? Why/why not? |
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Proposal 2A: Users on the footpath will operate vehicles in a courteous and considerate manner, travel in a way that isn't dangerous and give right of way to pedestrians

| 21. | We propose that pedestrians should always have right of way on the footpath. |
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| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | ○ Strongly disagree |
| | ○ Disagree |
| | ○ Agree |
| | ○ Strongly agree |
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| | What was the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments? |
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| 22. | This proposal will require footpath users to operate vehicles in a courteous and considerate manner; travel in a way that isn't dangerous; and give way to pedestrians. |
| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | ○ Strongly disagree |
| | ○ Disagree |
| | ○ Agree |
| | ○ Strongly agree |
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| | What was the reason for your rating? Are there any other requirements we should consider? |
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Proposal 2B: Default 15km/h speed limit for vehicles using the footpath

| 23. | We are proposing to set a default speed limit of 15km/h for footpaths. How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? Strongly disagree Disagree Agree Strongly agree |
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| | O I don't know |
| | What is the reason for your rating? Do you think the proposed speed limit should be higher or lower? |
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| 24. | Under the proposed changes, road controlling authorities will be able to lower the default speed limit for a footpath or area of footpaths. |
| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | ○ Strongly disagree |
| | ○ Disagree |
| | Agree |
| | Strongly agree |
| | ○ I don't know |
| | What is the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments? |
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| 25. | Are there other ways that you can think of to improve footpath safety? Please explain. |
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Proposal 2C: 750mm width restriction for vehicles that operate on the footpath

| | We are proposing that the width of devices used on the footpath should not exceed 750mm (with the exception of wheelchairs). Do you think this is: |
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| | ○ Too wide |
| | ○ About right |
| | O Too narrow |
| | What is the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments? |
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| 27. | Do you use a mobility device? |
| | ○ Yes |
| | ○ No |
| | If yes, what is the width of your device? Would the proposed width restriction impact you? |
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| 20. | Should a maximum width limit apply to mobility devices? Yes |
| | ○ No |
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| | What is the reason for your response? |
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| 29. | We propose that people who already own a device wider than 750mm could apply for an exemption. We're also considering three alternative approaches to mitigate the impact on existing device owners. |
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| 29. | exemption. We're also considering three alternative approaches to mitigate the impact on existing device owners. Which is your preferred option? a. Mobility devices purchased before the rule changes would be automatically exempt from |

| Do you have any comments on these alternatives? |
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| Proposal 3: Establish a national framework for the use of shared paths and cycle paths |
| 30. We are proposing that a person using a shared path or cycle path must travel: |
| a) in a careful and considerate mannerb) at a speed that is not dangerous to other people on the pathc) in a way that doesn't interfere with other people using the path. |
| How much do you agree or disagree with these proposed behavioural requirements? |
| Strongly disagree |
| ○ Disagree |
| ○ Agree |
| ○ Strongly agree |
| ◯ I don't know |
| What is the reason for your rating? Should there be other requirements or rules to use a share path or cycle path? |
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| 31. We propose that all users will need to give way to pedestrians when using a shared path. |
| How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| Strongly disagree |
| ○ Disagree |
| ○ Agree |
| Strongly agree |
| ○ I don't know |
| What is the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments? |
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| 32. | We propose that, if a shared path or cycle path is adjacent to a roadway, the speed limit will be the same as the roadway – which is currently the case. If a shared path or cycle path is not located beside or adjacent to a roadway, then our proposed change clarifies that the path has a default speed limit of 50km/h. | | | | | |
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| | How much do you agree or disagree with the proposed speed limits for shared paths and cycle paths? | | | | | |
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| | What is the reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments, including on the proposal to allow road controlling authorities to change limits? | | | | | |
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| 33. | We are proposing that road controlling authorities should be able to declare a path a shared path or a cycle path by making a resolution. | | | | | |
| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? | | | | | |
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| | What is the reason for your rating? What factors should be considered when road controlling authorities make this decision? | | | | | |
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| 34. | Do you think that the Transport Agency should be able to investigate and direct road controlling authorities to comply with the required criteria? | | | | | |
| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? | | | | | |
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| | ○ No | | | | | |
| | What is the reason for your response? Do you have any other comments? | | | | | |
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Proposal 4: Enable transport devices to use cycle lanes and cycle paths

| 35. | We are proposing that devices other than cycles should be allowed to use cycle lanes and/or cycle paths? |
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| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | ○ Strongly disagree |
| | ○ Disagree |
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| | ○ Strongly agree |
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| | What is the reason for your rating? Should there be any other requirements? |
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| 36. | We are proposing that road controlling authorities should be able to exclude transport devices from cycle lanes and/or cycle paths? |
| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | ○ Strongly disagree |
| | ○ Disagree |
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| | ○ Strongly agree |
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| | What is the reason for your rating? Should there be any other requirements? |
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Proposal 5: Introduce lighting and reflector requirements for powered transport devices at night

| 37. | We are proposing that powered transport devices must be fitted with a headlamp, rear facing position light, and be fitted with a reflector (unless the user is wearing reflective material) if they are used at night. |
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| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | Strongly disagree |
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| | ☐ I don't know |
| | What was your reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments about the proposal? |
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| 38. | Do you think these requirements are practical? For example, if you own a powered transport device, will you be able to purchase and attach a reflector or lights to your device or yourself? |
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| 39. | Do you think unpowered transport device users should be required to meet the same lighting and reflector requirements as powered transport device users at night time? |
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Proposal 6: Remove barriers to walking, transport device use and cycling through rule changes

Proposal 6A: Allow cycles and transport devices to travel straight ahead from a left turn lane

| 0. | We propose that cyclists and users of transport devices (like skateboards and escooters) should be able to ride straight ahead from a left turn lane at an intersection, when it is safe to do so. |
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| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | ◯ Strongly disagree |
| | ○ Disagree |
| | ○ Agree |
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Proposal 6C: Give cycles, transport devices and buses priority over turning traffic when they're travelling through an intersection in a separated lane

| 42. | We propose that turning traffic should give way to buses, cyclists, and users of transport devices travelling straight through an intersection from a separated lane. |
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| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | ○ Strongly disagree |
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| | Agree |
| | Strongly agree |
| | ○ I don't know |
| | What was your reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments about the proposal? |
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| 43. | Our proposed change will introduce a list of traffic control devices used to separate lanes from the roadway to help you understand what a separated lane is and if the user has right of way at an intersection. Is such a list necessary? Yes |
| | ○ No |
| | What was your reason for your response? Do you have any other comments about the proposal? |
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| 44. | Should the definition of a separated lane include the distance between the lane and the road? Yes No |
| | What was your reason for your response? Do you have any other comments about the proposal? |
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Proposal 6D: Give priority to footpath, shared path and cycle path users over turning traffic where the necessary traffic control devices are installed

| | We propose that turning traffic should give way to path users crossing a side road with the proposed minimum markings of two parallel white lines. |
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| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | ◯ Strongly disagree |
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| 6. | ditional questions for road controlling authorities Do you think that the proposed minimum markings of two parallel white lines are appropriate? Please explain. |
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Proposal 7: Mandate a minimum overtaking gap for motor vehicles passing cycles, transport devices, horses, pedestrians and people using mobility devices on the road

| 48. | We are proposing a mandatory minimum overtaking gap for motor vehicles of 1 metre (when the speed limit is 60km/h or less), and 1.5 metres (when the speed limit is over 60km/h) when passing pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, and users of other devices. | |
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| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? | |
| | ○ Strongly disagree | |
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| | What was your reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments about the proposal? | |
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| | oposal 8: Clarify how road controlling authorities can restrict orking on berms | |
| 49. | We are proposing that road controlling authorities should be able to restrict berm parking without the use of signs and instead rely on an online register. | |
| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? | |
| | ○ Strongly disagree | |
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| | ○ Agree | |
| | Strongly agree | |
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| | What was your reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments about the proposal? | |
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| 50. | Would it be helpful if information on berm parking restrictions was available in other places, like at a local library, i-SITE, or a local council? | |
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Proposal 9: Give buses priority when exiting bus stops

| 51. | We propose that road users should give way to indicating buses leaving a signed bus stop on a road with a speed limit of 60km/h or less. |
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| | How much do you agree or disagree with this proposal? |
| | Strongly disagree |
| | ○ Disagree |
| | ○ Agree |
| | Strongly agree |
| | ☐ I don't know |
| | What was your reason for your rating? Do you have any other comments about the proposal? |
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| 52. | Should traffic give way to buses in other situations? For example, when a bus is exiting a bus lane and merging back into traffic lanes? |
| | ○ Yes |
| | ○ No |
| | In what situations should traffic give way to buses? What was your reason for your response? Do you have any other comments? |
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Thank you for making a submission on the Accessible Streets Regulatory Package.

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