



Curletts Road

PROJECT UPDATE

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The NZ Transport Agency is investigating options to improve congestion and queuing on Curletts Road, between Main South Road and Blenheim Road.

In August and September we asked the community for feedback on three possible options to address congestion on Curletts Road. There was good community interest in the project, with more than 200 submissions received. There were also opportunities to discuss issues with many at our open day and at other meetings with local people and interest groups.

The key findings of the consultation are:

- The safety of all road uses (especially pedestrians and cyclists) is a concern for many.
- There was agreement that congestion needs to be addressed, and as soon as possible.
- Reinstating the wide painted median (flush median) and pedestrian islands was favoured.
- Option 2 (Clearway, with a shared pedestrian /cycle path and a wide painted median) was supported by around 70% of those who responded to this question.
- Many respondents offered an alternative option and most of these involved pedestrians, cyclists and

motor vehicles being separated from one another (in some cases land purchase was suggested to widen the road).

- There was some support for encouraging cyclists onto other routes.

Following discussions with stakeholders we have also agreed to look into:

- A separated cycle lane on one side of the road.
- Improvements to the pedestrian signals between Vicki St and Suva St, outside Riccarton High School.
- Restricting right turns into and out of the Meadow Fresh site (near the intersection of Curletts Rd and Blenheim Rd

Thank You

We are using the ideas and information we collected during consultation to help shape the final design for Curletts Road. We would like to thank all those who took the time to provide feedback, all your ideas and views are valuable to us.



The Issues

We have limited room

The width of the road reserve from boundary-to-boundary is not wide enough for everything people would like - separate footpaths, cycle lanes, parking, four traffic lanes, a flush median and pedestrian islands. Widening the road by purchasing a strip of land off each adjoining property would be lengthy, expensive and disruptive, making it a highly unlikely course of action in the foreseeable future. We need to work within the road width we have.

Safety is a top priority

We need to ensure what we design is safe, especially for pedestrians and cyclists. There are a number of schools in the area, particularly Riccarton High, which has one entrance off Curletts Road making pedestrian and cycle access important in the area. We are also aware commuter

cyclists need a safe and convenient route between the University of Canterbury precinct and southwest Christchurch.

Curletts Road is a State Highway

Curletts Road is the main route for freight moving between the west and south of the city. It forms part of the arterial system for Christchurch and its primary role is to allow high volumes of traffic and especially freight to move easily around Christchurch.

What is a One Network Solution?

While it is vital for Christchurch to have good access for all travel modes (walking, cycling, freight, public transport and private vehicles) it is not necessary or even advisable to give all modes equal access on all roads. This means we may encourage walking and cycling on some roads while prioritising heavy vehicles on other roads.

The Transport Agency is working closely with the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury to ensure all modes are well catered for throughout the Christchurch network, regardless of who is responsible for the road.

Timing and Construction

Our decision on the final design is taking longer than we first stated because of the additional ideas we are assessing following consultation. At this stage a plan for Curletts Road is expected by March 2014.

Construction will take a little longer to start than originally reported. We are now hoping to be underway by late 2014. However, this is subject to obtaining funding for the project.



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