Subject RE: Queries from MDCA on Aranui Road

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Date 2023-12-01 15:45

Hi Jim.

Thanks for your email. We've provided further clarification in red below.

Hope you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Vincent

From: MDCA Chair Jim Vause <vauses+MDCA@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 6:38 PM

To: Vincent Revell <vincent@revelldevelopments.nz>

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Kia ora Vincent,

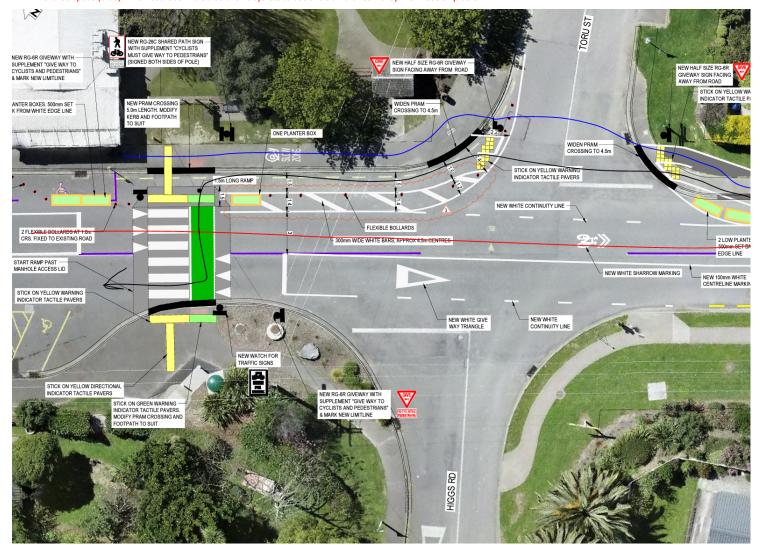
I realise these questions might seem duplication to those already asked by Lou Gallagher, our MDCA secretary but I checked with the person who raised the issues at the MDCA meeting on the signage for cyclists. and thus I have refined the questions as below

1. Could you clarify the meaning of the Sharrow markings in the 50km/h zone. I note that Darren Cottingham, on the <u>Drivingtests.co.nz</u> website states: "Sharrow markings are not intended to be used in isolation or where there's an existing cycle lane".

The use of sharrows indicate that cyclists can use the full road lane. At some locations with sharrows there are also arrows indicating that cyclists can also bidirectionally cycle on a dedicated cycling lane and also on the shared pathway, creating three different cycling route options.

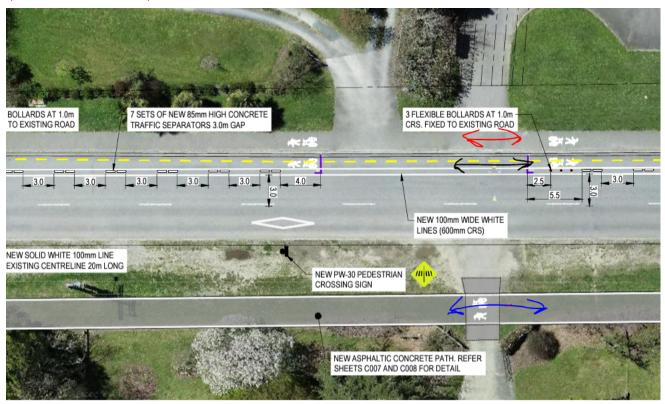
Although there are only two options for cyclists where there are sharrows. On-road as guided by the sharrows through the town centre area or on the shared path if uncomfortable taking the lane.

Across the Toru Street intersection, the wharf bound on-road cyclists are then guided back to the shared space beyond the Toru Street intersection. This may be where there are three spaces? On-road for confident cyclists (red), the shared space created using the concrete separators for school bound cyclists (black), and the footpath designated as a shared space (blue). The Road User Rule also allows cyclists to use the traffic lanes if they wish. See snip below.





At the school end, there are also three spaces although we consider the shared path on the northern side of the road as one space, albeit physically separated by kerb and channel. The extra shared path width created behind the concrete separators, the footpath designated as a shared path, and the new path designated as a shared path. The Road User Rule also allows cyclists to use the traffic lanes if they wish.



2. Given that the Great Taste trail forces the provision of a shared pathway on the northeast side of Aranui Road from the tennis courts westward, this contributes to the above confusion. The MDCA would like to know what plans exist in both the short and long term for relocation of the Great Taste trail from Aranui Road, at least in the tennis court to lwa Street section?

There are no plans for relocating the TGTT. Tasman's Great Taste Trail utilises existing infrastructure. If this project delivers an improved cycling option, then it is likely that Tasman's Great Taste Trail would consider that.

Jim Vause

Chairperson MDCA

On Wed, Nov 29, 2023 at 2:28 PM Vincent Revell < <u>vincent@revelldevelopments.nz</u>> wrote:

Thanks for your email Lou,

I have checked in with the Team today at TDC and have provided answers to your questions in red below.

Kind regards,

Vincent

-----Original Message-----

From: secretary@ourmapua.org>

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:15 PM

To: vincentr@frequency.nz; Vincent Revell < vincent@revelldevelopments.nz >

Cc: vauses@gmail.com; pmcintosh64@yahoo.com</br>
Subject: Queries from MDCA on Aranui Road

Greetings Vincent.

I hope this email finds you well.

On behalf of the MDCA I am contacting you regarding signage questions that came up at our last general meeting in Mapua.

These are as follows:

1. Regarding clarity of signage on the bike path, can cyclists claim the lane where indicated even though it's a 50 km zone?

Yes, they can. More detailed guidance is available here: https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/sharrow-markings/

2. Is there a plan to put up signage for the Great Taste Trail?

The TGTT utilises existing cycling infrastructure where possible. Once this project has landed on a final layout, rerouting the TGTT will be considered, and signage altered as required.

3. People are wondering about speed limit signs and what the plan is for putting those on Aranui Road.

There are no plans at this stage. Although early designs had explored a 30km/h limit, there was real push back from the fire brigade here as it compromised their response time. Any decision to add a speed limit will involve our key stake holders, such as emergency services. We are actually meeting with the fire brigade this week to see how the pilot layout is working for them. They wanted a bit of time to get used to it before discussing things further on a 30km/h speed limit. It is worth mentioning that TDC's region-wide speed management plan is currently open for consultation. People can submit their thoughts here: https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/speed-review

4. Horses have a traditional right of way to cross Aranui Road where the Fruit and Vegetable store is. Is there a plan to put up signage to indicate that horses are able to cross here where pedestrians and cyclists are already directed?

No signage is planned here. More information for horse riders is available here. https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode/general-road-code/about-other-road-users/information-for-other-road-users/information-for-horse-riders/

Our next general meeting will be 12 December, 2023. We look forward to sharing your response then.

Thanks and regards,

Lou Gallagher (acting Secretary for MDCA)