

HCC Update, Community advocates groups

- Presentation by a Council Traffic Signals Engineer on the improvements and expansion of Traffic Signals across the city.
- Introduction and explanation on bicycle hook turn boxes popping up at some intersection where right turns can be difficult for cyclists. Bike Hamilton facebook group could do some promotion on the use of Hook Turn boxes.
- The School Link project will be discussed at the next meeting and is going to hold a whiteboard session attendees to brainstorm ideas for the project.

NZTA Future of Transport

Workshop carried out by NZTA for community engagement on how transport could develop in the future within NZ to address changes in mode share and limits to available funding. A large number of transport stakeholders from Federated Farmers, Trucking Associations, CAN, etc.

Gordonton Road Corridor Options Workshop

This workshop is being held at the end of the month. Claire can't attend, would anyone like to attend to represent the group?

Discussion around the Cycle Action Waikato Group and it's future

Current status of Cycle Action Waikato membership

- Between the Cycle Action Waikato membership and the Bike Hamilton facebook group there are 500-600 people who can be reached for inclusion.

What does CAW look like as a group/organisation

- CAW is ready to change and move onto the next phase.
- There needs to be a focus on action instead of advocacy.
- Have a goal to become that go-to stakeholder for bike related stuff for Hamilton. NZTA, Waikato District Council, HCC etc. Develop a database of key people so organisations know who to contact.
- Consider setting up a few meetings/gatherings to discuss projects, stakeholders, other initiatives that are separate from the current monthly meetings. Can be smaller groups of interested people with relevant passions or skills.

Action: Start an email list and add people to it as they want to come on board. Send it to a variety of channels to get people on board.

The Brand

- We need to identify who we are, what we do, where we're doing it.
- Bike Auckland grew out of Cycle Action Auckland. Are we ready for a similar evolution?
- Currently CAW's main focus has been on making submissions to Hamilton City Council for advocacy, and the name gets used on the submissions. Currently don't do a lot outside of Hamilton (e.g. Waipa). We could have people in the regions to assist with submissions for those regions – with support and resources in a central location.
- Discussion around the group name. The current name is possibly off-putting for potential members because 'action' implies advocacy, whereas 'bike' is inclusive. Using

'Bike Hamilton' could be confusing because of the council using the name. Should we make a change to Bike Waikato? We could have this as an umbrella and then have regional groups underneath it (e.g. Bike Hamilton, Bike Cambridge). This could mean that things in Hamilton only fall under Bike Hamilton, and if it hits the region it falls under Bike Waikato.

- Look at ways to engage the online community we already have.
- We may have a need to have someone to run the administration of 'Bike Hamilton'.
- We probably have a need for a website to better communicate, gather volunteers, update on progress.
- We may need more specific roles within CAW (e.g. a Treasurer) if we are going to be applying for funding.

Projects and Initiatives

A discussion was had around projects and initiatives we would like to support as a group. These included:

- Fundraising drives to raise money for cycle skills training or cycle repair courses, even coming up with ideas for infrastructure that we want around the city.
- An Ungap the map campaign, similar to in Vancouver BC, for closing the gaps in their bike map.
- Taking our vision to councilors (e.g. Mark Bunting, Siggi Henry) to get council support. Focus on who is there now and get them to back us.
- Running workshops of our own with diversity and invite council members along to show them who is wanting to cycle and where they are wanting to cycle and that there is currently nothing there for them. eg. safe route north/south through the centre of town.
- Initiate the Mayoral Challenge again – where the Mayor bikes around the centre of town.
- Create a Bike Heart of Hamilton somewhere – a place where people go to meet together around cycle activities. A vision with sheds, bike skills tracks, pump tracks, bike repair stations, picnic tables - all accessible to the community. HMS Trust are already in the early stages of planning.
- Look at connecting Hamilton to more regional cycling opportunities, e.g. Hauraki Rail Trail.
- Still keep doing advocacy but look at widening the net. Some good work has already been done (e.g. Western Rail Trail, Cobham Drive Underpass etc).

Action: Work with HMS Trust with discussions with HCC to create a bike heart/hub in Hamilton.

Action: Kelly to email Richard about initiatives currently in discussion with Will and Claire at CAN.

Action: Create a list of initiatives and arrange a discussion to prioritise the focus of CAW.

Next month's meeting

Possibly at Migrant Resource Centre. To be confirmed and communicated in the invitation for next month.

Action: Maya to confirm if the venue is free on 7 August 2018.