

COMMUNIQUÉ

The Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) held its meeting in New Plymouth, Taranaki New Zealand on Tuesday, 10 November 2009. The meeting was chaired by Duncan Elliott, Austroads Network Program Manager. This communiqué summarises the main discussions, decisions and actions arising from the meeting.

A site visit was conducted from around the New Plymouth including the Coast shared pathway on Wednesday 11 November 2009. The site visit included a visit to the construction yard of the metal fabricator constructing a new bridge to cross the Waiwhakaiho River. While in New Zealand the members of the ABC attended and participated in the New Zealand Cycling Conference (12-13 November 2009 - <http://cyclingconf.org.nz/>) and the New Zealand Cycling Advocacy Network workshop (14-15 November 2009 - <http://can.org.nz/>).

OUTCOMES OF THE ABC MEETING

OVERVIEW

The main focus of the meeting was the Australian National Cycling Strategy (NCS) 2005-2010 implementation and the framework for the next NCS 2011-2016.

PROGRESS ON NATIONAL CYCLING STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

Web Based Cycling Resource Centre

As at 30 September 2009, the CRC averaged over 2500 visitors per month for the first quarter of the year, the site is attracting visits from Australia (75.5%), New Zealand (3%), with North America, UK and Central Asia. The most popular pages, apart from the Home Page were; News (21%), Road Safety Statistics (15%), Bicycle Maps (12%), Cycling statistics (11%) and Network Planning (8%).

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL CYCLING STRATEGY

Progress on the implementation of the NCS for each jurisdiction was reported to the ABC based on responses received from ABC members.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

All research projects are progressing.

Austroads Project Number:

- NS1435 – Effectiveness & Selection of Intersection Treatments for Cyclists – progress is on track for completion by June 2010.
- NP1575 – ABC members discussed the progress of the NCS 2011-16. The consultant selected for the development of the NCS is PricewaterhouseCoopers.
- NP1436 – Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides - This project is being undertaken by ARRB and is on track for completion by 30 June 2010.

POWER ASSISTED BICYCLES

The review, being lead by NSW RTA, is continuing.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT INTO CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

ABC members will provide support to groups that are successful in attracting the federal government stimulus package funding for building cycleways; by providing information, fact sheets and advice as appropriate and to promote the linking of the new infrastructure built with the federal government funding to existing cycling infrastructure.

AUSTROADS GUIDES

The new Austroads Guides related to cycling infrastructure are:

<i>Guide to Road Design</i>				
Part 2: Design Considerations	Chapter 1 Design Objectives	1.9 Provision for cyclists and pedestrians		p6
Part 4: Intersections and Crossings – General	Chapter 9 Cyclist Crossings			pp76 - 94
Part 4A: Unsignalised and Signalised Intersections	Chapter 8 Left-turn Treatments			pp127 & 137
Part 4B: Roundabouts	Chapter 5 Pedestrian and Cyclist Treatments			pp48 -59
Part 4C: Interchanges	Chapter 4 Structures	4.4 Pedestrian/Cyclist Grade Separations		p25
	Chapter 14 Cyclists			pp77-80
Part 6A: Pedestrian & Cyclist Paths	Entire document			
Part 6B: Roadside Environment	Chapter 4 Roadside Infrastructure	4.4 Off-street Parking	4.4.8 Bicycle Parking Facilities	p85
<i>Guide to Traffic Management</i>				
Part 3: Traffic Studies & Analysis	Chapter 2 Traffic Studies & Surveys	2.5. Traffic Surveys	2.5.5 Pedestrian & Bicycle Surveys	p22
	Chapter 3 Traffic Analysis – capacity & level of service	3.3 Factors Affecting Capacity, Level of Service, Degree of Saturation	3.3.5 Pedestrians & Cyclists	p32
Part 4: Network Management	Chapter 4.6 Bicycle Networks			pp33-38
Part 6: Intersections, Interchanges & Crossings	Chapter 4 Roundabouts	4.5 Road space allocation & lane management	4.5.2 Cyclists	p43
	Chapter 6 Interchanges	6.4 Road space allocation & lane management	6.4.4 Pedestrians & cyclists	p89
	Chapter 7 Rail Crossings	7.6 Path crossings of railways	7.6.2 Paths – shared	p132
	Chapter 8 Pedestrian & cyclist crossings of Roads			pp139- 144
Part 7: Traffic Management in Activity Centres	Chapter 3 Techniques for traffic management in activity centres	3.8 Providing for Pedestrians & Cyclists	pp41-46	
Part 8: Local Area Traffic Management	Chapter 7 Selection of LATM Schemes & Treatments	7.5 Signs, Linemarking & Other Treatments	7.5.11 Bicycle Facilities	p120
	Chapter 8 Design Considerations for LATM Schemes	8.12 Catering for Cyclists & Pedestrians	pp132- 138	

Part 10: Traffic Control & Communication Devices	Chapter 8 Traffic Signals	8.1 Types of Displays & their Meanings	8.1.4 Bicycle Aspects	p116
		8.3 Display Sequences	8.3.7 Bicycle Signals	p132
		8.5 Special Uses	8.5.5 Bicycle Facilities	p152
Part 11: Parking	Chapter 6 Off-Street Parking	6.8 Parking Provisions for Other Road Users	6.8.5 Bicycles	p36
	Chapter 7 On-Street Parking	7.8 Provision for Other Road Users	7.8.5 Bicycles	p51
Part 12: Traffic Impacts of Development	Chapter 3 Traffic Management for Developments	3.2 Road User Considerations	3.2.7 Cyclists	p19
<i>Guide to Project Evaluation</i>				
Part 8: Examples	Chapter 3 Examples	3.10 Bicycle network evaluation		pp33-37
<i>Guide to Road Safety</i>				
Part 6: Road Safety Audit	Chapter 7 Case Studies	7.7 Road User Group Audit		p95

The guides are available on the Austroads website (www.austroads.com.au).

NEXT MEETING

ABC meeting #34 will be held in South Australia in April 2009. The first draft of the NCS 2011-16 will be workshopped with the consultants PricewaterhouseCoopers conjunction.