

Fundamentals of Planning and Design for Cycling



Development and Delivery of a Technical Training Course



Presentation Outline

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Background

Lack of formal training concerning the provision for cycling

- University training
- 'Fundamentals of Traffic Engineering'
- Engineers trained on the job
- No agreed industry standards or guidelines







Project History

 Consortium formed in December 2001
 Methodology developed
 Funding sought from Transfund NZ in 2002 and again in 2003









Introduce professionals to designing for cyclists **Increase cyclists' safety Remove imbalance in transportation sector Stimulate development of industry** standards and guidelines (previous objective) **Implement Government policy of promoting** cycling (new objective)







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Methodology

Demand analysis – 60 written responses

- One-day course clearly favoured
- Preferences regarding course content established

Transfund funding application approved for 2002/03

Cycling Design Guide (CDG) developed in early 2003

Course material based on CDG content





Methodology cont'd

Various forms of peer review

- Course team member reviewed each other's material
- Team peer reviewers
- External review by LTSA
- Pilot course in June 2003 (LTSA, Transit NZ, Transfund NZ) and feedback session
- Achieving industry acceptance





Course Content

Meeting cyclists' needs **Planning for cycling Cycling between** intersections **Cycling through** intersections **Putting it all together Bouquets and brickbats**





Meeting Cyclists' Needs

- **Government policy**
- Advantages and disadvantages of cycling
- **The Five Main Requirements**
- **Design standards**
- Bringing cycling into the mainstream
- **Cyclists come in all sorts**
- Crash data and cyclists behaviour
- **Road Danger Reduction**







Planning for Cycling

Philosophy or Approach to Planning
 Data Gathering about Cycling

 Compilation of Cycling Data
 Treatment Selection
 Consultation







Cycling between Intersections

- Choice of appropriate cycling provision
- ✤ Providing no specific cycle facilities
- **On-road Cycle lanes**
- **Other Useful On-Road Treatments**
- Making Space (incl. Case Studies)
- **Off-road Paths**
- **Bridges/Tunnels, Grade Separation**









Cycling through Intersections

- Six elements of intersection continuity
- Hierarchy of measures
- **Cycle bypasses**
- Minor junctions
- **Cycle path crossings**
- **Signal-controlled intersections**

Roundabouts







Putting it all together

Creating a Practical Implementation Plan
 Project Evaluation and Funding











Course Delivery

 NZ Institute of Highway Technology (NZIHT) arranging the courses
 Two presenters are delivering
 6 locations in 2003

- Auckland south, Hamilton & North Shore (already delivered)
- Wellington, Palmerston North & Dunedin







Course Delivery cont'd

Other courses

- Pilot Course (Christchurch)
- University of Canterbury Transportation Masters course
- Christchurch City Council in-house staff training
- **Course Format**
 - Lecture
 - Discussion encouraged





Course Delivery cont'd

- Approx. 100
 attendees to
 date
- Some 50 to 60 further attendees this year
 Further courses in coming years







Expected Course Outcomes

Cycle planning and design experts

Knowledge to take cyclists' needs into account

Appreciate the scope of CDG and AUSTROADS part 14





Conclusions

- Course meets demand of profession and fills knowledge gap
 Good tool for making profession aware of CDG content
 Cyclists will be catered for more often and more appropriately
- **Cyclists' safety will improve over time**





We hope you found this course useful

And enjoyed it!

Now go and make life better for cycling!



