
From: Roy Johnston
Sent: Thursday, 16 July 2015 9:42 a.m.
To: Tony Sizemore
Subject: RE: Pedestrian crossing Stanley/Ballarat St

Tony

It is one option which I think would be problematic for the reason that pedestrians don't like to deviate from their desire line.

We know that zebra crossings on multi-lane roads are less safe than ones on single lane roads for the reasons demonstrated in this crash.

The simplest short term solution is to move the limit line back on the approach lanes to increase the visibility splay from both lanes. We did this in Dunedin until we replaced the crossing with a signalised intersection further along the road. We should remember that there has been one reported crash involving a pedestrian in 5 and ½ years which equates to 28 million vehicle movements and I don't know how many pedestrians. It also tends to be a slower environment because of the congestion so the risk is lower of a serious or fatal outcome.

We don't normally construct zebra crossings at roundabouts but I believe in this situation it was probably something we were forced to do due to earlier Council's position regarding traffic signals.

I think the only solution is to signalise the intersection to cater for vehicles and pedestrians.

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From: Vanessa van Uden [<mailto:Vanessa.vanUden@qldc.govt.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 July 2015 4:07 p.m.
To: Tony Sizemore
Subject: FW: Pedestrian crossing Stanley/Ballarat St

Hi can we discuss please
Vanessa

From: Hannah White
Sent: Wednesday, 15 July 2015 2:51 PM
To: Vanessa van Uden
Subject: FW: Pedestrian crossing Stanley/Ballarat St

Hi V – FYI below and attached. I have sent an acknowledgement and Trimmed. I'll touch base with you on a response and who should draft one etc when I next see you.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 July 2015 2:45 PM
To: Hannah White
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Pedestrian crossing Stanley/Ballarad St

To Hannah White
Please kindly pass this and the attachments (6) to The Mayor.
Thank you
Regards
[REDACTED]

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Attention The Honourable V van Uden

Dear Mayor van Uden

Pedestrian Crossing Cnr Stanley and Ballarat Street

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It was an accident. However, the driver (a local) should have stopped. No excuse.

However a major contributing factor to the accident is the design and layout of the pedestrian crossing and intersection. It needs to be remedied, quickly as top priority, before someone actually does get killed.

There are expedient and workable solutions that would be effective and not expensive.

The purpose of this letter is to outline the problem and to propose the solution.

The problem

Traffic

1. Cars come towards town from Frankton direction. They come down the hill at often, the wrong side of 50kmh. Then the road opens up to two lanes!!
2. As the driver comes down the hill, he is confronted with the prospect of an intersection, a roundabout and a decision whether to turn left or go straight ahead. The last thing he sees or thinks about is the pedestrian crossing, just a few metres short of the roundabout (too much happening in a short space).
3. The traffic in the left lane has an obscured view of the pedestrian crossing and people on it, due to vehicles in the right lane.

Pedestrians

1. A lot of pedestrians coming from the large public carpark on the corner.
2. A lot of pedestrians walking down the hill from the Millennium Hotel and other motels. Many are overseas tourists confused at a crossing. Look for traffic coming from the left, not the right.
3. A lot of children (who are excited and run ahead).

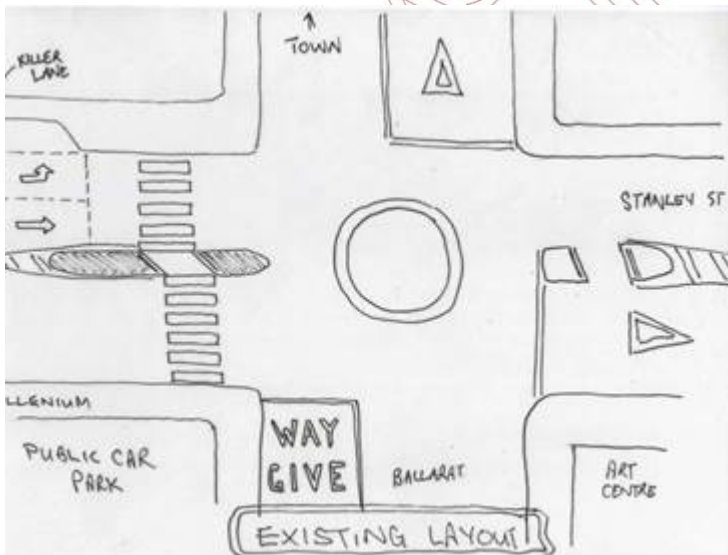


Unrelated boy photographed today July 15

Location of Pedestrian Crossing

1. Traffic heading towards Frankton on Stanley Street stop for pedestrians at the crossing and jam up the whole roundabout.
2. The pedestrian crossing negotiates three lanes of traffic of as explained above. The left lane coming into town along Stanley Street, is what I would describe as “the killer lane”.

In short the pedestrian crossing slows up traffic flow is badly sited and a menace for pedestrians.



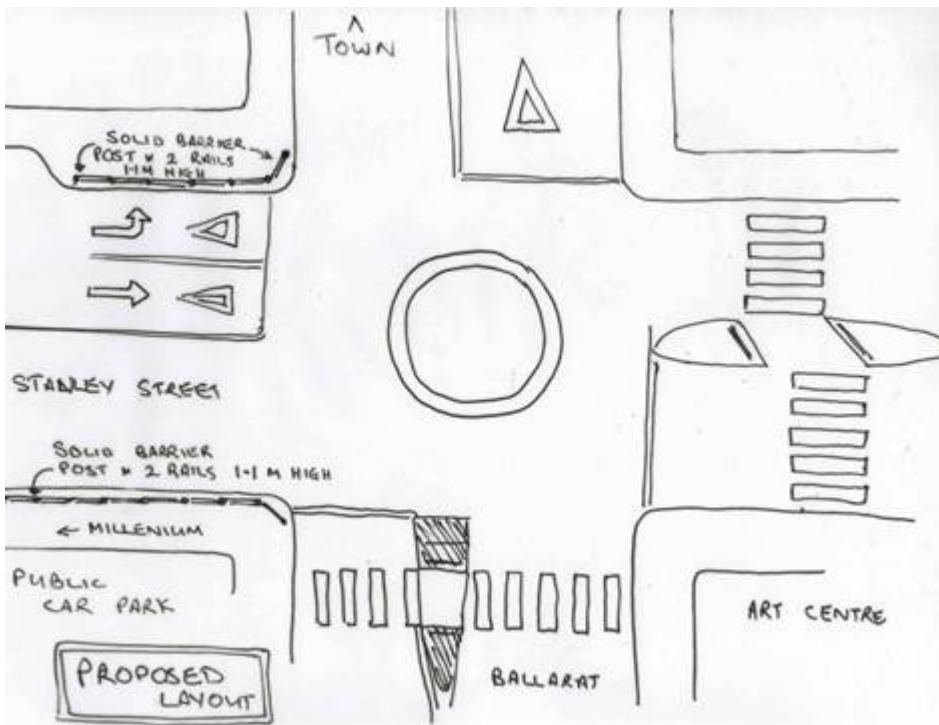
The problems associated with this pedestrian crossing have long been a concern of ours and a talking point with friends.

Solution

Please refer to the attached sketches.

1. Remove crossing from existing position

2. Install post and (2) rail fences, extending approximately 25 – 30 metres from corner on the car park side to positively prevent people from crossing.
3. Similar fence on the opposite side of Stanley Street
4. Create new pedestrian crossing with centre island on Ballarat Street (uphill side).
5. Create a new pedestrian crossing on Stanley Street (between the Art Centre and Speights Ale house)



Advantages of proposed solution.

- No longer will pedestrians have to negotiate three lanes of traffic, including “the killer lane”.
- Traffic coming out of the roundabout will be naturally slow. Traffic coming south along Stanley Street towards the crossing will be relatively slow and besides there **will be only one lane, not two.**
- Traffic flow from Frankton will be less impeded, giving a clearer run.
- Traffic coming from Frankton on Stanley Street, will become diluted by the split into Ballarat (going to town) and that continuing along Stanley Street. Therefore the traffic count over the re-located crossing will be less.
- North flowing traffic coming out of the roundabout and stopping for pedestrians will jam up the crossing to some extent but to a lesser extent than now.
- Cost effective and lives will be saved

I had considered the possibility of putting pedestrian controlled lights at the existing crossing, but that would be a hopeless solution, since pedestrians are inclined to be impatient and ignore the red light. More particularly such lights would unnecessarily impede the traffic at a position where traffic needs to be cleared quickly and expediently.

I have attached some sketches which, though not to scale, demonstrate my proposed solution. If it would be of benefit, I am willing to meet with you any time.

I do hope you will see fit to act on my letter and without delay. I look forward to your confirmation that you will be responding accordingly

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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