

Active Modes Infrastructure Group (AMIG) Update

Since last report, AMIG has held another online meeting on August 5th; here's what got discussed:

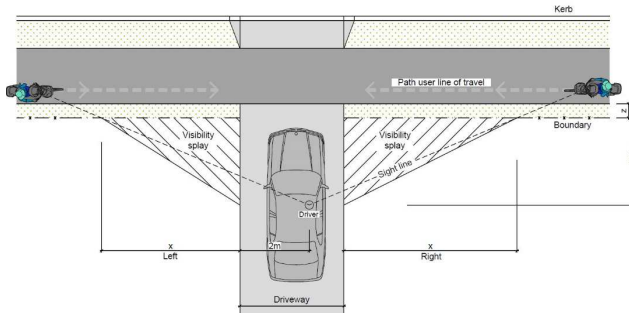
- An interesting challenge is arising due to trying to fit narrow **central refuges with zebra crossings** on narrow roads (often to allow for separate asymmetric raised platforms each side). Technically, that makes for two separate crossings, so motorists only have to stop for people crossing on their side – but does the average person crossing know that? The current law doesn't help as it talks about giving way to people "obviously waiting" to cross – if you're already crossing one side, are you going to stop and wait in the middle to cross the other side too? Possibly one option is to change the rule to say you must give way to someone "intending" to cross...



- Four local councils gave some short presentations on the results of their recent **Innovating Streets trials** in Wellington, Palmerston Nth, Hastings and Rotorua, particularly focused on cycleway and school safety measures. Various practical lessons were learned about consultation, design and installation, and a notable finding from some of them was drops in motorist speeds of 6-10 km/h.



- There is some growing interest in work here and overseas on **rubberised asphalt pavements**, which have the potential to help with waste reduction while also mitigating injuries through a softer surface.
- Following the previous discussions, a draft Technical Note on **pathway visibility at driveways**; was presented for feedback. The aim is to provide guidance on suitable visibility splays so that motorists on driveways have sufficient time to see and stop for a path user (often travelling reasonably fast). Once further feedback is taken on board, the final guidance will be shared with industry.



- Draft national guidance was also presented on **wayfinding signage for cycling routes**, based on the good guidelines already developed for Christchurch. This includes advice on developing a network/route plan, sign design elements, graphical standards and installation & maintenance. Some further consideration to the use of bilingual wayfinding signage is also being looked at.



- Other items discussed at the last AMIG meeting included signing of cycle paths to accommodate other wheeled users, and potential signing of school speed zones under the new Speed Limit Rule. There is also a new W16-11 warning sign now available for approaching a marae (NZ Gazette notice 2021-au1615).



For more information about the AMIG activities, check out Waka Kotahi's AMIG website:

<https://nzta.govt.nz/walking-cycling-and-public-transport/active-modes-infrastructure-group/>

The next online AMIG meeting will be on 30th September. After that an actual in-person meeting (*Covid willing...*) is planned for Hastings in November. RCA members who would like to be added to the group can contact co-convenors Wayne Newman (RCA Forum; wayne@cesmere.co.nz) or Gerry Dance (Waka Kotahi; Gerry.Dance@nzta.govt.nz). Other TGNZ members are always welcome to talk with me about raising any ideas or issues on your behalf at AMIG as well.

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