

# Active Modes Infrastructure Group (AMIG) Update

Another year underway and already we've had the first AMIG meeting of the year, held online on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Here's what got discussed:

- Waka Kotahi's TCD Steering Group is back in action, already approving several new TCDs for use. These include some **newly gazetted signs** providing more information associated with speed limits, for example around Marae and beaches. For neighbourhood greenways, it is also recommended that the green "Safer Speed Area" sign is now used to denote these. Meanwhile, due to delays in getting some recent **formally trialed signals** captured in the



TCD Rule (including directional cycle signals and two-aspect ped/cycle signals), Waka Kotahi is allowing other Councils to undertake further trials of these.

- Bike Auckland gave a very interesting presentation to AMIG, introducing a project they have been working on to improve **inclusive access of cycling** for a wider range of people and their bikes. For many disabled people, a trike, hand-cycle, or wheelchair bike is their key to mobility, but not all cycle routes provide for these bike types; similar issues arise with many cargo bikes. Waka Kotahi have also been working on some planning/design guidance for the CNG to address these issues as well, considering aspects such as cycleway width, use of bollards and barriers, surface smoothness, legibility of routes, and ramp design.

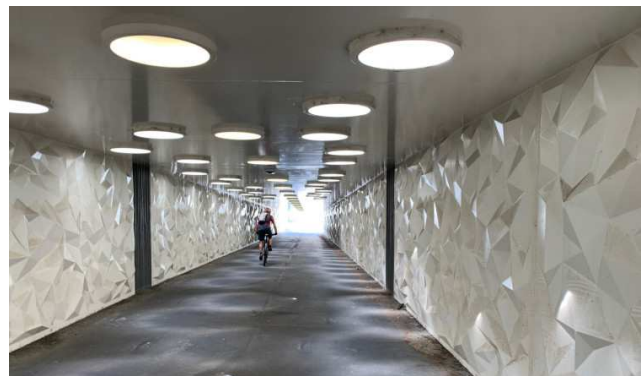


- A challenging design issue discussed was how to sign the fact that a cycleway is ending, and that riders will be merging with general traffic (e.g. approaching a roundabout). While sharrow markings are one tool, they can be obscured by traffic; in practice, many

riders also still tend to keep left after the cycleway ends. The Group discussed the pros and cons of different variations of **"cyclist merging" warning signs**, although there is a question about whether the general public would understand their meaning.



- The latest updates to online multimodal guidance were also noted at the recent AMIG meeting, including information on **intersection planning/design** in the PNG (<https://nzta.govt.nz/png>) and advice on **cycleway lighting** and **cycle parking design** in the CNG (<https://nzta.govt.nz/cng>).



- Other topics discussed at the latest AMIG meeting included progress on pedestrian wayfinding, Dutch-style roundabout plans, and choosing cycleway separator to allow waste collection. I mentioned last time that AMIG is now 10 years old, and Wayne Newman also provided an interesting historical overview of the Group's formation and development.

- To see more details about these topics from the minutes, check out Waka Kotahi's AMIG website:

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

The next AMIG meeting will be in early April. If you're at a local Council that is not currently involved in the group, you can contact co-convenors Wayne Newman (RCA Forum; [wayne@cresmere.co.nz](mailto:wayne@cresmere.co.nz)) or Gerry Dance (Waka Kotahi; [Gerry.Dance@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Gerry.Dance@nzta.govt.nz)) for more info. And if you have any ideas or issues that you'd like to raise at AMIG, just contact me.

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