

# Active Modes Infrastructure Group (AMIG) Update

The online AMIG meetings for 2024 have continued with the latest one held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; here's some of the things discussed there:

- Some new **active mode signs** have now been gazetted for use by RCAs (for more info, see <https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-au1214>). You can now place a MERGING or CROSSING sign underneath a standard cycle warning sign, and you can also inform people that pedestrians and cycles can still use a route that is no exit for other road users.

MERGING

CROSSING

NO EXIT  
EXCEPT  

- With the new government pushing to remove (or restrict) the use of raised crossings, there is the interesting question of what are other ways that you could improve the **conspicuity of flush crossings** and slow down traffic? Some discussion identified several possible alternative interventions, including flashing studs, active speed indicators, high-friction or coloured surfaces, kerb build-outs, median islands, narrowed lane markings, chicanes, and rumble strips – more suggestions welcome! Some new practice notes will be developed in response to the policy shift.

- We've previously mentioned the development of some new guidance on **accessible cycling infrastructure** for the CNG. The draft guidance note was finally published a couple of months ago (see <https://nzta.govt.nz/resources/accessible-cycling-infrastructure/>). It is intended to inform the planning, design, and auditing of streets and cycle facilities to achieve accessibility by people of all needs and abilities, using a variety of different cycles and other wheeled devices. The guide provides lots of practical examples of how certain design details can be major barriers for some people who would otherwise like to ride on cycle facilities.



- Another guideline recently launched is the CCNZ **Practice Note for Temporary Traffic Management of Vulnerable Road Users** (i.e. people walking, cycling, wheeling, etc). The document is a modular graphics-rich guide, with practical advice for people at all stages of the TTM planning and implementation process. See <https://civilcontractors.co.nz/tm-practice-note/21279/> for more details.

- Sign consistency nationally is a desirable thing for ease of comprehension. I presented some examples of “interesting” cycle advisory and warning signage observed on a recent ride along the

Alps2Ocean Trail. Some signs were unique; others applied approved signs to new situations. While it could be said that most signs observed conveyed the message that was intended, some introduced potential risks of misunderstanding and many signs showed inappropriate use of supplementary signage.



- One of the challenges of active modes is in being able to provide comparable monitoring and reporting on **walking and cycling usage** as with other modes. Various technology solutions are starting to appear, but it is still a challenge to get good data collection that captures information like different modes used, direction of travel, time and location, and mobility aid usage. NZTA staff Darren Fidler and Roy Pryor spoke to AMIG about these challenges and sought some feedback on how get these capabilities when considering the future needs of active mode counts.

- The **Pedestrian Network Guidance** (PNG) has been gradually built up over the past few years with various new sections. The latest content added to it cover Maintenance & Renewals, Streets and Public Realm, and Supporting Infrastructure such as wayfinding, lighting, fencing, and street furniture. The guidance on pedestrian crossing selection has also been updated with a revised selection flowchart.



- Other topics discussed at the latest AMIG meeting included progress on traffic filtering signage needs, and the coming GPS, NLTP, and SH Investment Programme. Detailed minutes about all these topics can be found on the AMIG website:

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

The next AMIG meeting will be on July 4<sup>th</sup> (online). Contact Wayne Newman ([wayne@cesmere.co.nz](mailto:wayne@cesmere.co.nz)), Gerry Dance ([Gerry.Dance@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Gerry.Dance@nzta.govt.nz)) or myself if you have any interesting projects or issues that you'd like to present at AMIG – all ideas welcome!

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