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47279	I support the changes	<p>Even with the improvements, if we were to be honest this section of road is still a concern for users.</p> <p>The area needs to be traffic calmed. The speed needs to be reduced to 30km/h as soon as possible. There needs to be encouragement to park cars further away from the schools, or even better encourage students to bike and walk.</p> <p>Ultimately, the solution needs to be changing Waterloo Road from being a main thoroughfare. However this is beyond the scope of this project, hopefully this can be considered for the future.</p>		Allan Taunt
47278	I support the changes	<p>More bike lanes.</p> <p>Too much traffic parking outside the school. The new Hornby community center is going to cause a lot of extra traffic.</p> <p>It would be nice to have a bus that goes down Waterloo Road to swimming pool and Library. Due to these two new facilities there will be more people with disabilities wanting to use the area.</p>		Jill Scott
47277	I support the changes	I support the Spokes submission. We need to prioritise safe active transport infrastructure for our children to schools, libraries and recreational facilities. Waterloo Road is already unsafe, and the opening of Matatiki will increase the volume of traffic even further. Lights on Smarts and Waterloo Roads is the obvious option.		Anne Scott
47276	I support the changes	Please see the submission from Spokes.		Anne Scott
47275	I support the changes	<p>Kia ora,</p> <p>Thank you for listening to the students and implementing safety improvements.</p> <p>I am a commuter and competitive cyclist who races at Denton Park across the road, and occasionally use the BMX track at Kyle Park. I will also use the Matatiki facility once open. These recreational spaces, plus of course the schools on Waterloo Rd, involve a lot of foot traffic, and cyclists are competing with motor vehicles for space too. Please consider creating a separated facility outside the Schools, to prevent conflict between modes (including push/electric scooters and skateboards too), or at least widen the shared path to 4 metres, otherwise cyclists travelling at speed will be dangerously placed on the road.</p> <p>Please fully signalise the intersection with Smarts Road. This will need to be done when Matatiki opens anyway, so please just do it now and save money doing an insufficient intermediate treatment now (refuge island is insufficient, signals are required).</p> <p>The diagram does not make it clear the extent of the 3 metre shared paths. Will these extend to the existing shared path on Carmen Road adjacent to the School site? Will the south side extend the full length of Kyle Park?</p> <p>Please future-proof now to save money long term.</p> <p>Thank you</p>		Fiona Bennetts
47274	I support the changes	Think about the pools and the cafe over road	Student	Danni Wanhalla
47273	I support the changes	Also think about the future users of the pools	Student	Ella Nichole Simpson Maisey
47272	I support the changes	Is this going to mean that trucks are not going to go through our school and if people that cross from the other side are going to be more safe from on coming traffic	Student	EJ Coffin

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47271	I support the changes	My A.A. Canterbury/West Coast District Council agree fully with the proposed changes. The changes will make the area safer for all road users and are in line with our own aims and objectives to make roads safer for all forms of mobility.		John Skevington
47269	I support the changes	it would be convenient	Student	Tyra Nielsen Gray
47268	I support the changes	Anything to keep us students safe	Student	Jaleel Arataura-Collins
47267	I support the changes	It's good that these changes will be implemented into the road.	Student	Summer Nelson
47265	I support the changes	It's going to be good. Especially if there will be a crossing right out by the students school exit and entry. It's about time something has been done about this since there are some reckless drivers.	Student	Alesha Thomas
47264	I support the changes	Students cross just before lights at Hei Hei Road intersection	Student	Michaela Cameron
47263	I support the changes	The lights on hei hei aren't very good. I approve the proposed speed limit with Waka kotahi	Student	Ruby Cooper
47262	I support the changes	Too much trucks	Student	Jackson Dakin
47261	I support the changes	Just don't remove many trees please	Student	Tovie-Jean Muir
47260	I support the changes	It looks like a safe plan.	Student	Tayla
47258	I support the changes	Great to see students asking for safety changes around their school. Only thing I would add. Is there any discussion of a seperate project (seperate because I don't want to bog this project down) of connecting this to the nor'west arc? Having the cycle lane outside the school is great, but it needs to connect to other cycle networks to provide a safe route to school for students!		George Laxton
47248	I support the changes	I would like to see the speed limit lower in the front of the school for the whole day, not just during school time... I would also like them to put a zebra crossing at the schools gate (they have two gates together between the primary and secondary schools) It will allow the school to monitor the crossing as they have a teacher at that gate every morning.	Family/Caregiver/Parent	Lisa Scott
47247	I support the changes	No	Family/Caregiver/Parent	Ann Parcon
47246	I support the changes	I watch before and after school and the kids are safer with parked cars as they step between them then cross. Where the yellow lines are they tag each other and just run out on the road. We need parking for 10 minutes available before and after school.	Family/Caregiver/Parent	Doreen Wanhalla
47245	I support the changes	I live on Hei Hei Road and already find turning right from Waterloo Road to go to Hornby very dangerous even though there is a big painted arrow on the intersection. Ideally, with all the heavy traffic on Carmen Road there should be green right turning lights.		Lynette Norris

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47244	I support the changes	<p>Just want to mention first that I'm proud of these students for critically examining their environment and petitioning for change -- I support whatever changes the students think will serve them best. Ka pai!</p> <p>In addition to safety improvements, the suggested interventions like lower speed limits , traffic calming and shared paths are good approaches for encouraging/enabling active transport and potentially lowering transport emissions alongside making the street a more pleasant place for people to connect. These knock-on benefits should not be underestimated or left unconsidered.</p> <p>It is outside the scope of this consultation, but there is perhaps need for a wider plan managing school-side drop off. P3 parking might improve flow, but improving traffic flow is not always compatible with meeting safety goals. There may be opportunities to designate drop-off areas elsewhere, linked to safe walking/riding/scooting paths, to prevent more cars/traffic from manoeuvring in and out of parking for drop off</p>		Lindsey Conrow
47243	I support the changes	Only thing missing is a pedestrian crossing.		Selina McLeod
47241	I don't support the changes	<p>Currently there is a huge issue with Hornby high school and Hornby primary. The issues suggested will not improve and in fact worsen the traffic issues around the schools at pick up and drop off times. It is clear the P3 parks do not work as parents park in them from 2.30 to wait for there children. Teenagers are highly unlikely to use a one area suggested walk zone as currently cross where they please. I believe that a few changes to make it safer is needed but I suggest the following.</p> <p>Staggering finish times of the high school and primary school. There is less parking issues on Wednesdays when the high school finishes at 2.30pm. Prevent trucks traveling down there during the day. Trucks are often going at 60km per hour past the school and the road is not wide enough when parents are parking to collect kids. Increasing the path width on the school side. It is excess for both sides to be widened when the school side is far more busy. More police/parking presence so it prevents people parking on yellow lines and across the cones.</p>	Family/Caregiver/Parent	Tracey C
47233	I support the changes	Slow the trucks down.		Jaryd Kelly
47232	I support the changes	Move the traffic lights to the Cnr of Hei Hei and Waterloo Rds, as where they are is dangerous for turning cars out of Hei Hei Rd.		Jennifer Pope
47231	I don't support the changes	<p>10hrs per week, alot of expense to disrupt schools and traffic causing big delays for months.</p> <p>Why not start with shared pathways and signage for parking a for trial period? Reassess in 6mths Agree whole heartedly with shared pedestrian/cycle paths.</p> <p>Strongly disagree with pullouts/popouts a hazardous piece of unnecessary street furniture. It also creates less space for vehicles to pass on a dual carriage way. Going by examples now on our streets it can cause total stoppage as these LANES are not wide enough. A parked bus ,oncoming car nothing can pass the bus. A straight road is no longer. Its not trucks that need slowing down its courier and car drivers mainly.</p> <p>What are the stats of child deaths outside schools the period of 2010-2021?</p>	Family/Caregiver/Parent	Sonja Mc Donald
47230	I support the changes	<p>Why not have speed bumps all the way to Gilberthorpes road.</p> <p>Have the trucks off the road also because of two schools and a pool a lot of children using this road totally unsafe. The widen foot path should be on both sides of the road to gilberthorpes road. All traffic speed down Waterloo road we have been living on Waterloo road for 12 years and lately the traffic is horrific for speeding even during the night</p>		Shane Blair

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47229	I don't support the changes	Moving the traffic lights from the Hei Hei Road corner to where the proposed pedestrian island is to be constructed between the primary school and the high school would be a big improvement.		Julie Broughton
47228	I support the changes	<p>A shared 3 metre-wide path will be constructed on both sides of Waterloo Road to provide access to both schools and the new Hornby Centre. - is this another fricken bike lane?</p> <p>Kerb buildouts will be constructed on Smarts Road at the Waterloo Road intersection to slow trucks entering pedestrian areas. - no no no - they need turning room - come on - oh just wait for the new counsel to be voted in in october then we can get some real reasoning !!!!!!!!!!!!!</p> <p>Other than yes to the other items - go for it . but please not another 1 million dollar 1 kilometre bike lane!!!</p>		holly traxler puddle
47224	I support the changes	Would the schools allow there to be a drive through option (one way only) for parents to drop off	Family/Caregiver/Parent	Tarsha McNicholl
47223	I don't support the changes	Do the job properly, install traffic lights at Smarts / Waterloo Roads to allow safe vehicle and pedestrian access across Waterloo Road.		Bob Shearing
47222	I support the changes	Thanks for making the children safe , to many miss accidents	Family/Caregiver/Parent	Alischa Story
47221	I support the changes	<p>It would be worth setting the speed limits now. At least consider installing the posts for them as this will make the job neater</p> <p>Is there any other work planned in the area which might be done first? It is very frustrating to see nicely laid road being ripped up for doing works that were known to be needed before the road was laid - Sumner I'm looking at you...</p> <p>The street scene is a bit confusing turning from Carmen Road which can lead to it being easy to miss the change of speed limit during school hours. A change of roadway colour would make this more obvious. It might also be worth considering removing the two lanes turning in to Waterloo road at Carmen Road - it is very rare to have both in use simultaneously but they do make the road 'look' faster than it is and this might encourage drivers to slow down naturally without impinging on traffic flow significantly.</p>		Rob Seddon-Smith

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47220	I support the changes	<p>I support some of the changes.</p> <p>Only need one side for the bikes. You need to do a poll to see how many kids bike you will find it's very little due to families not having the funds for bikes locks helmets etc.</p> <p>I think that there needs to be one crossing closer to the entrance to the primary and one by the pathway into the school not so far from the entrances I love the speed bump idea but also adding zebra lines to them both so traffic has to stop!! Or no one will they don't stop for the one that's out already!</p> <p>Making it no parking over the FH by the primary as every day morning and afternoon someone is parked on it!</p> <p>A "kiss and go" out side each school would be amazing!</p> <p>There needs to be more set parking as new hei hei road will be limited parking and the pool across the road will end up with everyone parking there! Making it harder for pool/gym users!</p> <p>I'm all for a change it isn't quite right!</p> <p>I have a child at each school one new entrant and one year 8</p>	Family/Caregiver/Parent	Melissa Breen
47219	I support the changes	Crossing NEEDS to be closer to the High School... and the bus lane pushed forward	Student	Zoe Evans
47218	I support the changes	Policing needs to be weekly to ensure continuous compliance	Family/Caregiver/Parent	Belinda Taylor
47217	I support the changes	Much better I know the lights are where they are due to the cycle way but would be good to have them at the middle crossing. Still much improvement though	Family/Caregiver/Parent	Danni Ingham
47216	I support the changes	Safety all good. Forcing every single motorist at any time of day to slow for a speed hump on a busy road - ridiculous. The whole road is busy at school time, not just the crossing. The whole area needs something flashing low speed zone signs at those busy times. don't screw with people outside school time		Chris Protheroe
47215	I support the changes	Please do not make the cycleway on the same side as the new bus stops. Due to blind spots on buses etc, this is dangerous for both parties		Michelle Clemence



Waterloo Road Safety Improvements Spokes Canterbury Submission

Ref: <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/haveyoursay/show/439>

Introduction

"Spokes" - Spokes Canterbury (<http://www.spokes.org.nz/>) - is a local cycling advocacy group with approximately 1,200 followers. Spokes is affiliated with the national Cycling Action Network (CAN – <https://can.org.nz/>). Spokes is dedicated to including cycling as an everyday form of transport in the greater Christchurch and Canterbury areas.

We would like the opportunity to appear at any public hearing held to consider submissions on this project or any opportunity to develop the ideas in this submission further.

Waterloo Road Safety Improvements

Thank you for listening to the concerns of students at Hornby High and for the opportunity to comment on these proposed changes.

Spokes strongly supports safer access for pedestrians and cyclists around schools. Spokes also acknowledges Matatiki (the Hornby Recreation Centre), the Kyle Park BMX track for cyclists, and the link from Hei Hei Road through Kyle Park to the Hornby Mall (which needs much better signage) are all amenities which need easy access for the community.

Spokes is generally in favour of these proposed changes with the following caveats.

Shared paths both sides of Waterloo Road

Spokes agrees with the need for safer infrastructure, but believes a 4m shared path (particularly on the north side) or a separated cycle path would be more appropriate. There is a lot of potential conflict in this area which should primarily be designed for children using active transport to school rather than for car drop-offs.

The shared paths should be extended from the lights at Hei Hei Road to Carmen Road, particularly on the North side (school side).

Spokes notes that confident cyclists moving at higher speeds will likely tough it out in the traffic where there is little protection and there will be chaos at school drop of times.

The design in the school drop-off area should limit the possibility of a door hitting a cyclist.

Ramps are needed at the western end of the shared paths onto the road so cyclists don't have to turn onto or off the road at the signalised crossing.

All transitions between road and path should be smooth, machine laid seal.

Regarding the safety audit of the P3 parking/bus proposal, will the bus parking create conflict between those waiting to board and other cyclists/pedestrians, particularly if the share path is only 3m wide?

Crossing Points for Cyclists and Pedestrians across Waterloo Road

A safe crossing point at the entry point to Hornby High and the new Hornby Centre is needed.

The current proposal is not adequate, particularly once Matatiki (Hornby Recreation Centre) is open. If you look at a comparable facility such as Halswell the volume of traffic is high during opening hours. This will significantly increase the traffic on both Smarts and Waterloo Road making an already unsafe situation worse.

Spokes believes the best option is controlled lights at the Waterloo Road/Smarts Road intersection, with a cycle/pedestrian sequence, particularly given the number of trucks coming out of the Industrial area. Alternatively, a lights-controlled pedestrian/cyclist crossing would be the next best option given the volume of traffic on this road. This would replace the existing and proposed refuge crossings across Waterloo Road. The current refuge closest to Carmen Road has already been hit by something.

If refuges are used these should have a smooth surface with a well-protected waiting space wide enough for bikes. Also the speed humps look far too close to the refuges which is intimidating to those attempting to cross.



Current refuge at the East end of Waterloo Road.

Smarts Road

Smarts Rd is currently used by heavy vehicles, vehicles towing trailers and other vehicles trying to avoid the lights at the Carmen/Waterloo intersection. This is not ideal around schools and community amenities. Our preference would be to close the Smarts Road exit which would be problematic for Matatiki. Our next preference is to put lights at this intersection. If the road remains the same, it should become a Stop rather than Give way intersection to slow vehicles down.

It is unclear how cyclists, scooters, electric wheelchairs etc will access Matatiki. Is it via Waterloo Road or Smarts Road via the carpark? If it is off Smarts Road then the 3m shared path should be extended on the west side Smarts Road to the entrance. Hopefully sufficient high-quality cycle and scooter parking is part of the design.

Speed Changes

Please change the speed limit to 30Km/hr outside the two schools now rather than waiting for the Setting of Speed Limits change. This is one of the most effective safety features that can be implemented.

It is pleasing to see the progress on the South Express on Hei Hei Road which should integrate nicely with this proposal.

Increasing active transport, both cycling and walking, fits with the Christchurch City climate and transport goals.

14 August 2022

Anne Scott, Submissions Convenor,

