What are the Major Cycle Routes?

The Major Cycle Routes (MCRs) are a planned network of 13 connected routes which link suburbs, education facilities, business and shopping areas as well as popular recreational destinations. The network will create a safe, connected transport option offering people a choice in how they get around the city. The cycleways will be different to what has previously been built and will be designed to enable a new group of people to try riding because they can see it is a safe, convenient option to get to where they want to go. This is necessary to get the desired number of people to change the way they travel.

The next sections of the Uni-Cycle route will be published for community consultation later in 2015. These are proposed to pass through Riccarton Bush to Ngahere Street, Miro Street and Hinau Street before crossing Clyde Road. The route will then pass through the University of Canterbury Campus, across Ilam Fields to Dovedale Avenue ending at Solway Avenue.

Why we are investing in cycleways

Cycling is a popular activity in Christchurch, a flat city nestling against the Port Hills. Research shows that 15 per cent of people regularly ride and a further 32 per cent would consider cycling if there were better facilities.

In the Council’s 2011 Share an Idea community discussion, cycling was mentioned 3500 times, telling us that it is an important part of the city rebuild.

Where can I find out more?

You can find out more about the routes and their development on the Council’s website

www.ccc.govt.nz/cycleways

Submitters will be informed of the final proposal including any changes made as a result of consultation, and will also be advised of details of the date of the Committee meeting at which the proposal will be considered for approval.

If you will like to discuss any aspect of this proposal or the consultation process, please contact:

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Please ensure that your feedback reaches us before 5pm on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

You can use the freepost feedback form enclosed with this leaflet, or visit the Christchurch City Council “Have Your Say” website at www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay for more information and to make a submission.

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Two improvements for cyclists and pedestrians on the Uni-Cycle route

The Uni-Cycle route provides cyclists with off-road and protected on-road cycleways and shared cycle pedestrian pathways from the north-west edge of the central city to the Solway Avenue side of the University of Canterbury and College of Education Campus. The route passes near a number of major high schools and several intermediate schools. It connects with the Nor’West Arc cycle route at the University and the Northern Line Cycleway at the railway line on Matali Street West and East.

The Council plans to improve planning to improve existing cycling and pedestrian facilities:

1. with a 4 metre wide shared path through North Hagley Park to the signalised cycle crossing across Deans Avenue to Matali Street East
2. from the existing cycle facility on Matali Street West, across Straven Road to connect with the Boys’ High Link finishing at a new signalised crossing across Kahu Road to Riccarton Bush.
1. **Hagley Park pathway proposal**  
(see map on opposite page for plan)

- The existing path in North Hagley Park will be widened to provide a 4 metre wide shared cycleway/pedestrian path (from the west side of Armagh Street bridge in the park to the new signalised cycle/pedestrian crossing on Deans Avenue, south of Matai Street East).
- Messages will be painted on the path to encourage good behaviour by all users.
- The existing parallel pathway that has deteriorated in condition will be removed.
- A lighting upgrade is proposed.
- No trees will be removed and root protection measures will be installed around trees where required.

2. **Straven Road, Boys’ High Link, Kahu Road proposal**  
(see map on opposite page for plan)

**Straven Road crossing**

- The existing signalised crossing facility will be upgraded to a standard Major Cycle Route signalised crossing where cyclists and pedestrians will have dedicated areas within the crossing.
- The existing crossing will be upgraded to cater for pedestrian and cycle demands.

**Boys’ High Link**

- The existing path will be widened to create a 3 metre wide shared path.
- 17 silver birch trees will need to be removed to improve the width of the shared path.
- Root protection measures will be installed where required around remaining trees.
- Eight new small to medium-size trees will be planted. Recommended species are Acer Rubrum (Red Maple) or Acer Palmatum (green leaved Japanese Maple). These tie in with the existing tree species on Matai Street.
- Lighting will be installed for path users.

**Kahu Road crossing**

- A Major Cycle Routes signalised crossing for pedestrians and cyclists will be installed to provide a high level of service for cyclists and pedestrians crossing from Riccarton Bush to the Boys’ High Link.
- A shared path will be provided on the west side of Kahu Road from the proposed signalised crossing to the pathway in Riccarton Bush. This will require the removal of the existing landscape bed. The bus stop will also be shortened in length.
- The on-road cycle lanes will have a green surface across the Kahu Road bridge to highlight to drivers the presence of cyclists.
- There will be advanced stop lines for cyclists on Kahu Road.

*At this stage construction of both projects is scheduled to start in February 2016.*