



Submission of Civic Trust Auckland

Shared Use of Tamaki Drive Forum

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The aims of Civic Trust Auckland include:

- Encouragement of good planning, for the City and Region, to help construct a better future built environment, to the benefit of our members and all citizens.

The Trust applauds the Transport Committee for holding the 21 October forum on shared use of Tamaki Drive. Such forums are an excellent opportunity for individuals, community groups and other stakeholders to provide input on issues that concern them, as well as to hear and to understand the concerns of others. We would like to see more forums on the various issues that affect Auckland City.

Recognising that:

- Tamaki Drive is a shared use roadway for cyclists, motorcyclists and motorists
- A cyclist/motorcyclist is a more vulnerable road user than a motorist
- Tamaki Drive has become a valued resource for cyclists in training

the Trust supports:

- the proposal of a time period during the early morning of Saturdays and/or Sundays when Tamaki Drive is closed to motorised traffic
- more education of all road users not just of Tamaki Drive but of all roads in Auckland City in terms of safe and considerate road use
- better maintenance (including sweeping) of all road surfaces throughout the city.

The Trust further proposes that:

- full consultation with businesses and residents on/near Tamaki Drive be carried out as regards any possible changes in road access
- a change in use such as closure of the road to motorised traffic be done on a trial basis and feedback from affected parties should be called for
- such consultation and feedback be called for via notices in all letterboxes in Tamaki Drive and streets in close proximity, as well as large durable notices along Tamaki Drive

- large durable notices along Tamaki Drive also be considered as a means of educating road users about their responsibilities
- the Transport Committee consult with like bodies in other cities which have similar issues, including Wellington and Christchurch, as well as overseas (such as the example of Melbourne, as discussed at the forum)
- consideration be given to the provision of traffic lights at the Tamaki Drive/Ngapipi Road intersection

A time period when there are no motorists on Tamaki Drive would enhance the experience for cyclists, pedestrians and joggers without presumably restricting motorists too much. There would be no restriction on the size of cycling groups at this time. At other times cyclists should ride no more than two abreast.

Cyclists should be encouraged to report problems with cycle routes (such as maintenance) to the council.

City-wide education about safe and courteous road use should include impressing upon motorists that cyclists (and pedestrians, when crossing roads) are not only legitimate road users but vulnerable road users.

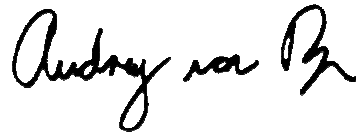
The Trust does not see a change to the speed limit on Tamaki Drive as necessary. However, the reinforcement of the current limit not only on Tamaki Drive but on other Auckland roads is seen as a very necessary part of driver education.

The Trust considers that addressing the safety and courtesy issues raised at the forum on an Auckland-wide basis would be of great benefit to citizens throughout the city.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a submission subsequent to the forum.

Date of submission: 28 October 2009

Signature:

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Board Member, Civic Trust Auckland