

Transition Valley 473 North Road Public Meeting

Transition Valley 473 transport group held a public meeting “A lower speed limit for North Road” on 28th April 2011. The following lists the written “postit note” feedback obtained from meeting attendees. The feedback is in three categories, what attendees could do themselves, what the council could do, and what else could be done to make North Road a better place.

Individual

- Buy locally if possible
- Shop and walk more in North East Valley
- Cross road more - don't retreat from road
- Work with others to create a safe and friendly valley
- Cycle more, encourage others to cycle
- Walk whenever you can
- More crossings and countdowns at the crossings, so people have more time and have more warning, how long until the lights go green
- Continue to bring the community desires and ideas to the council table, to help make NEV and North Road more liveable
- Provide technical and research resource
- Ride bike more
- Don't go into the bike lane to pass a car turning right
- As a driver, I could drive more carefully and be aware of pedestrians and cyclists
- Lobby to change designation of road
- Keep cycling
- Pick up more rubbish
- Be a 30K pace car
- Continue to cycle and walk
- Buy more locally

DCC

- Change Designation of North Road to reduce speed limit
- Provide cycle racks
- Build-outs
- Furniture and trees
- Support business and community activities
- Planted islands to aid crossing and slow traffic
- Continue working with the 3x established groups
- Need overall plan linking the joint outcomes of the groups
- More signs to indicate pedestrian needs
- Listen to local community about how North Road could be safer and better serve the local community
- Reduced speed limit
- Islands
- Work on barriers like road designation
- Make bike lanes hi-vis/fluro
- Longer time to cross roads at lights
- Keep listening to the community
- Liaise with the community in terms of where existing funding could be prioritised

- Use opportunities with existing budgets
- Fix North Road road hierarchy designation
- Reduce speed limit in all residential areas from 50km/h to 30km/h
- 1.5M cycle paths
- signs - “share the road” - “this is a school zone”
- Introduce electronic speedometer
- Put in centre islands
- Change designation of North Road from District to Connector (Residential)
- Have electronic speedometer so drivers speed is displayed.
- Have signage
- Neighbourhood facilities
- Land use planning
- Lower speed limits in suburban shopping areas
- Kerb buildouts
- Sculpture
- Lower speed limit
- Islands for safer crossing with planting
- Re-designate down from Arterial/District to Connector
- Change the road designation
- Develop a long term plan for redesigning North Road and Gardens Village area
- Lots of median strips
- Break up the straightness of the road by whatever means are available
- Change speed limit at shopping area and DNI to 30km/h

Other

- More walking
- busses for school children
- Get New World to change facade
- Obvious break-through from car park to North Road (pedestrian)
- Create a community friendly environment in our valley. Takes care of all ages.
- Set up a walking school bus at every school and have more than one “walk and wheel” day every year
- Support our suburban shopping centres
- Think about accessibility of services rather than mobility of people
- starting with low-hanging fruit and key sites eg. Chingford
- Use carpark spaces for cafe seating or bike parking (“bike corral”)
- Public art + Trees
- Self explaining roads
- Research NZ examples
- Re-designate road
- Self explaining roads
- Address traffic at Baldwin Street - a roundabout?
- Psychological signals to slow traffic
- Make the valley a series of distinct and interesting places, with associated changes in road/access design
- North Road, a place where motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are equal
- A place that is pleasant for all to be
- Turn gardens shops into a cafe area with outside/ on pavement tables.