

PNP and Advocacy – 2023 AGM.

From Mark Coburn, PNP Advocacy Rep.

- As every year, I attend about 70-80% of Cycle Wellington monthly meetings. Review their website for their views on submissions.
- I usually put submissions in under my own name.
- Sometimes I put under PNP as well if it's a reasonably easy to support a particular proposal and if unlikely to get different views if I asked all PNP members (which isn't really feasible).
- If there is a particular piece of roading that's up for consultation and you know it well or it's in your neighbour then you are welcome to take the lead and do a submission under PNP's name. Just run it past me first.
- If you want to make a real difference, make a submission!
- I've done:
- Articles in lots of PNP Weekly news to encourage readers to submit or be aware of potential changes.
- 23/5/22-made written submission to WCC on Shelly Bay. Attended 2 x 2hr workshops on consecutive Saturdays during April, invited by Cycle Wellington to take one of their 2 spots.
- 15/7/22 submission to WCC re Botanical Gardens to CBD.
- 14/8/22 Golden Mile. Said generally supportive of cycling improvement. Said to consider issues raised by Cycle Wellington as they went in to quite a bit of detail. Highlighted we usually end up with compromises which isn't good.
- 29/8/22 Newtown to City submission.
- 8/9/22 Hutt road submission around the childcare centres and trials.
- 9/9/22 PNP Weekly news-highlighting range of topics including links to two websites for climate change (cycling) analysis on local body election candidates.
- 12/9/22 NZTA Reshaping Streets submission. Letting Councils get on and trial cycle ways.
- 8/12/22 Thorndon Quay to Hutt Road, 2 lanes north/east side.
- Probably some other stuff...

General Elections

Have a think about what parties support or block/delay active transport. You have a choice with your vote. Ask a question about cycling at candidates meeting, let everyone in the room know its important.

Cycle Wellington-their Facebook has gone from 3,000 to 5,700 people in a year.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cyclewellington>



Cycle Action Network

www.can.org.nz

Do you know who they are?

CAN changed their name from Cycle Advocacy Network as they want to move from Advocacy to ACTION.

Join CAN (which includes CAW) from only \$25. <https://can.org.nz/join-can>

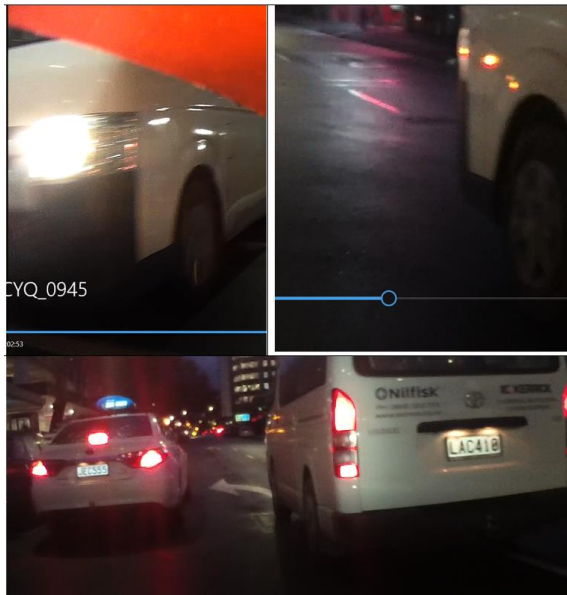
Submissions

Do you make submissions? This moves us forward and submission numbers count. Online submissions are very easy now and the websites have fantastic design of the feedback forms - just a few clicks. Even if you just say you support the draft plan (or whatever) without getting in to detail.

Other

Anyone can get involved with Advocacy and always welcome if someone wants to take over from me. It's a self-driven role, I don't attend PNP meetings but available if needed.

I've got **front and rear cameras** – really helps if anything goes wrong. I had a close shave with driver in a company vehicle going up Molesworth St at 7am. The right lane was empty. Sent images to head office in Auckland. CEO emailed me, he contacted the Wellington Sales Manager (who is a cyclist), driver and organisation apologised. A picture tells a thousand words and can't be disputed. A taxi driver was also involved so sent the same images and got an apology out of them.



The Future – cricky Wellington is really moving ahead. I recall the days when we had to fight just to get some white paint on the road. Wgtn is doing a lot of “transitional” cycle lanes, the intermediate step before we go permanent, quick to install, can tweak later. Your feedback during the process can help make them better. Please use cycleways when they are available.

Mark

Gold 500m TT and Sprint Bronze at 2023 Masters Track Nationals (thought I'd throw that in there 😊)