DUNEDIN CENTRAL CITY SCHOOL CLUSTER

Dunedin City Council and VIASTRADA conducted an area-wide approach to addressing road safety issues around five central city schools







MOTIVATION

- Road safety risk assessment
 - Desktop comparison of all NZ schools
- Dunedin central cluster (2700 pupils):
 - St Joseph's Cath. Sch: High risk
 - Arthur Street School: High risk
 - Otago Girls High: Medium-High risk
 - Kavanagh College: Medium-High risk
 - Otago Boys High: Medium-High risk
- Ongoing concerns voiced by schools
- High parking demands
 - Schools, residents and commuters



Quick wins & Trials – "paint, planters & posts"



- From the outset, a main driver for all the schools was to actually see some action on-site. They were not interested in waiting years.
- We wanted to check how effective the measures where and if we had chosen the best location before spending \$\$



PROJECT PROCESS

- Data collection
- Sept 17 Stakeholder engagement/defining issues
 - Options assessment
- Oct 17 Schools workshop to discuss options
 - Concept design
- Nov 17 Stakeholder consultation
 - Public consultation
 - Council report

Dec 17

- Feb 18 Planning "trial sites" for quick wins
 - Trial sites installed using markings, signs and flexible bollards
- Mar 18 10 Gateways, 3 mid-block crossings and 4 intersection improvements (\$55k)
 - Detailed design completed
- Jan 19 Stage 1 Brown St Gateway and intersection improvement construction

Central City Schools Cluster Area



CODE LEGEND



TRIAL SITES – Brown Street/Elm Row



Arthur Street Gateway



Rattray Street Gateway



Things learnt from trial

- Initially opposition from public as they find if hard understand plans and descriptions.
- Following installation, first month many reports of motorists being confused and having to slow down going through gateways and crossings.
- Feedback after 6 months of trials, majority of users now understand the measures have been put in place and looking forward to "actual" installation and getting rid of ugly yellow posts.
- 2 Gateways have been slightly moved due to feedback and monitoring and additional intersection narrowing planned for one gateway.

Feedback from key stakeholders

- Schools have been supportive, even more so following the fast installation of trial sites for "quick wins"
- By trialing options the public are more aware of what we're doing and why
 - They realise it's not permanent if not successful
- Speed surveys before and after have shown a slight reduction in speeds, between 2-5kmh.

Brown Street/Elm Row – finished product (almost)



Stage 2-3 – Expecting to award contract this month– expected completion date Dec 19.

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Thank you for listening.

