Are Our Cycleways Created Equal?

An Ōtautahi-Christchurch Perspective

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Design impact

- 94% believe that well-designed cycleways will encourage the uptake of new people to cycling.
- 60% believe that poorly designed cycleways will discourage the uptake of new people to cycling.
- If possible, 49% of people who bike will avoid poorly designed cycleways.

Safety

- 77% of people feels safe when biking on a separated cycleway
- 23% of people feel safe when biking on the road



Cycleway preference

- 1. One-way/uni-directional cycleways
- 2. Two-way/bi-directional cycleways
- 3. Shared paths
- 4. Neighbourhood greenways/ shared 30kmh roads
- 5. Painted cycle lanes on a 30kmh roads with no park cars
- 6. Painted cycle lanes on a 50kmh roads with no parked cars
- 7. Painted cycle lanes on a 30kmh roads with park cars
- 8. Shared bus and bike lanes
- 9. Painted cycle lanes on a 50kmh roads with parked cars



5 favourite aspects

- **1.** Separation from vehicles (moving and parked)
- 2. Auto detectors for traffic lights
- 3. Smooth surfaces
- 4. Scenery/nature
- 5. Width



5 least favourite aspects

Traffic lights
Narrow widths
Busy shared paths
Intersections
Wayfinding



Key takeaways

- 1. Keep them separate, one-way and make them wide
- 2. Try not to do shared paths, especially in high pedestrian areas
- 3. Smooth surface, smooth transitions
- 4. Auto detectors with manual call button and display lights
- 5. Priority at intersections should be given to people on bikes
- 6. Minimise design types within a single route
- 7. Have good wayfinding
- 8. Have good lighting at night
- 9. Natural amenity

