



**Spokes – Canterbury Cyclists Association  
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**Spokes – Who are we?**

Spoke's is the collective name for a dedicated group of Christchurch Cyclists, Transport professionals and Cycle Industry Representatives. The group was formed early in 1998 and is a continuation of Canterbury Cyclists Association that had been operational in Christchurch for some 15 years. Spokes operates through regular monthly meetings and a cyclists e-mail tree connecting a larger body of Canterbury cyclists. We are also a supporting organization of the Cycle Advocates Network (CAN) – a national coordinating body for cycle advocacy groups. We are in constant communication with CAN regarding issues affecting cyclists both nationally and internationally.

The Chairperson of Spokes since conception is Richard Hayman. Steve van Dorsser is a founding member of Spokes, local cycle clothing manufacturer, keen cyclist and committed cycle advocate.

**More Investment in the Cycling City**

Having reviewed the Draft Annual Plan Spokes would like to make the following comments:

- That Council formally **reconfirms commitment to Christchurch Cycling Strategy**
- That Council recognises that current levels of investment in cycling are **not meeting the Councils stated goals** of increasing cyclist commuter trips (Target 2.2.1 Cycle Strategy). The latest Census data indicates 7.6% of people cycled to work (down from the previous census) - woefully short of the 13% targeted for 2001 (CCC Cycle Strategy). This strongly suggests that without increased levels of energy and investment the 20% goal for 2006 will also be missed.
- That Council recognises that there is a huge amount of work to be done to **implement the Cycle Strategy and Associated Cycle Network Plan** and allocates sufficient funding to ensure implementation within real time
- That Council recognises the **long term cost savings** that cycling provision provides when allocating funding for new cycle works (due to far lower impacts of cycles on city streets relative to vehicular traffic and associated environmental costs of motorised transport)
- That Council ensures that funding is budgeted for **audit, review and maintenance of existing cycle facilities**
- That Council recognises **Canterbury University and Polytechnic transport plans** currently in progress and provides budget allowances in 5 year plan to assist with cycle infrastructure around these institutions.