

What cyclists need to know to get ahead

- The cycle ways are designed to be used in one direction only, following the main traffic flow. If you use them in the opposite direction you will get in the way of other cyclists and put yourself in danger because motorists will not expect you.
- While cycling on the road, you are legally considered to be a 'vehicle' and must follow the normal road rules. If you are unsure about any situation, check the road code.
- Watch out for cars turning in or out of driveways: although you have right of way, they may not see you.
- Be alert to people opening doors from parked cars, they may not see you.



What pedestrians need to know to get ahead

- The cycle paths are intended for cyclists.
- A separate purpose built footpath is provided for pedestrians to use.
- Pedestrian islands in Tennyson Street are different to pedestrian or "zebra" crossings because motorists and cyclists are not required to stop and give way to you. The islands give you the opportunity to cross the road in two stages, with a safe refuge in the middle of the road. Pedestrians using the islands are required to give way to motorists and cyclists.
- Glass, potholes or overgrown foliage that is a hazard for cyclists and pedestrians can be reported. Contact the Council on 941 8666, or email info@ccc.govt.nz



For more information about the Tennyson Street survey results or cycle routes and maps:

Visit our website www.ccc.govt.nz/cycling

For information on the road code and sharing the road rules and guides:

Visit the LTNZ (Land Transport NZ) website www.landtransport.govt.nz/ and use the LTSA (Land Transport Safety Authority) link.

Tennyson Streets ahead



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The path to better safety

The Tennyson Street reconstruction was an opportunity to create a safer road environment for residents, motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. To achieve this Council has provided a unique design of red cycleway, along with separate footpaths, pedestrian islands and includes green berm plantings.

Whilst the Council has provided a 'good' road environment it's up to the users to make sure it's used safely. This includes everyone – at times most of us will have cycled, walked and driven (or even scootered) so it's up to us all to be aware of other road users' needs and make sure we travel in a safe manner.

Also from a motorists perspective consider this: if cyclists and pedestrians have their own space, they'll feel safe and keep on cycling and walking, helping create a balanced, sustainable, transport system. If cyclists and pedestrians feel threatened they'll drive their cars making congestion much worse.

By creating convenient, safe and attractive cycle paths, such as on Tennyson Street, cycling becomes a preferable alternative to driving. Pedestrian facilities, such as islands, improve safety crossing the road making walking a more popular activity.

And it's working!

Since the new cycle lanes were installed, survey results show that over 90% of cyclists consider Tennyson Street safer to cycle in than other Christchurch Streets, and motorists and residents acknowledge the improved safety.



However, some of the survey results show that not all residents, motorists, cyclists and pedestrians understand how the new facilities are designed to work.

This brochure outlines what motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and residents along Tennyson Street need to do to ensure that this unique approach to improving road safety works well and provides an attractive, safe and enjoyable street to travel and live on.



What residents need to know to get ahead

- Cycle paths are for cyclists. Rubbish bins and recycling crates block the paths and can cause accidents, so please keep bins and crates off the pathways.
- Keep your properties street side foliage pruned so pedestrians can use the footpath and be easily seen by motorists driving in and out of the driveways.
- Give way to pedestrians and cyclists when driving in and out your driveway.

What motorists need to know to get ahead

- Cycle lanes are for cyclists; so don't drive along or park on cycle lanes.
- Cyclists will also use the road. Cyclists ride at different speeds and for fast riders the road can be more suitable and safer than the off-road path.
- When cyclists are on the road they have the same rights as motorists, which means you must give way to them as you would to other vehicles.
- When overtaking give cyclists space – at least 1.5 metres - they are vulnerable road users.
- Be careful when opening your car door; look for cyclists before you open it.
- Give way to cyclists and pedestrians on the off-road paths if you are turning into or coming out of your driveway.

