



LET'S TALK ABOUT - WOODEND WALKING AND CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We're building a shared path that will link the existing Rangiora Woodend Path, which currently ends at Chinnerys Road, to Woodend School.

A shared path can be used by people who are walking, on bikes, mobility scooters, skating and scooting.

The Council wants to provide different ways for residents to get around without the need to own or drive a vehicle, and to make sure that these options are safe.

This path will be a continuation of the existing link between Rangiora and Ravenswood, as well as an accessible walking and cycling route to Woodend School.



About the route

The shared path will extend from the existing Rangiora Woodend Path, along the western side of Rangiora Woodend Road. It will then cross over into School Road and link to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's proposed signalised crossing point on State Highway 1, which is due to be operating for the start of the first school term in 2021.

We are proposing to stay on the western side of the road because:

- It provides continuity with the existing path between Rangiora and Woodend
- There are far fewer driveways to cross so it is safer for path users as well as residents leaving their properties
- It provides better separation between people on the path and traffic
- It allows residents on the eastern side to exit their properties with a clear view
- It reduces the need for path users to cross roads multiple times to access the school
- The footpath on the eastern side remains, for people who prefer not to use the shared path.
- It's more affordable.



We're also proposing to undertake minor safety improvements in School Road, and are considering traffic calming methods to reduce vehicles speeds. We're working with the school and nearby residents to work through existing safety issues to develop a solution, and have a proposal we would like your feedback on.

You can view a full plan of the proposal at waimakariri.govt.nz/letstalk



OPTION ONE

This option is the same as what is currently in place, and is a continuation of the existing shared path.

Considerations we made

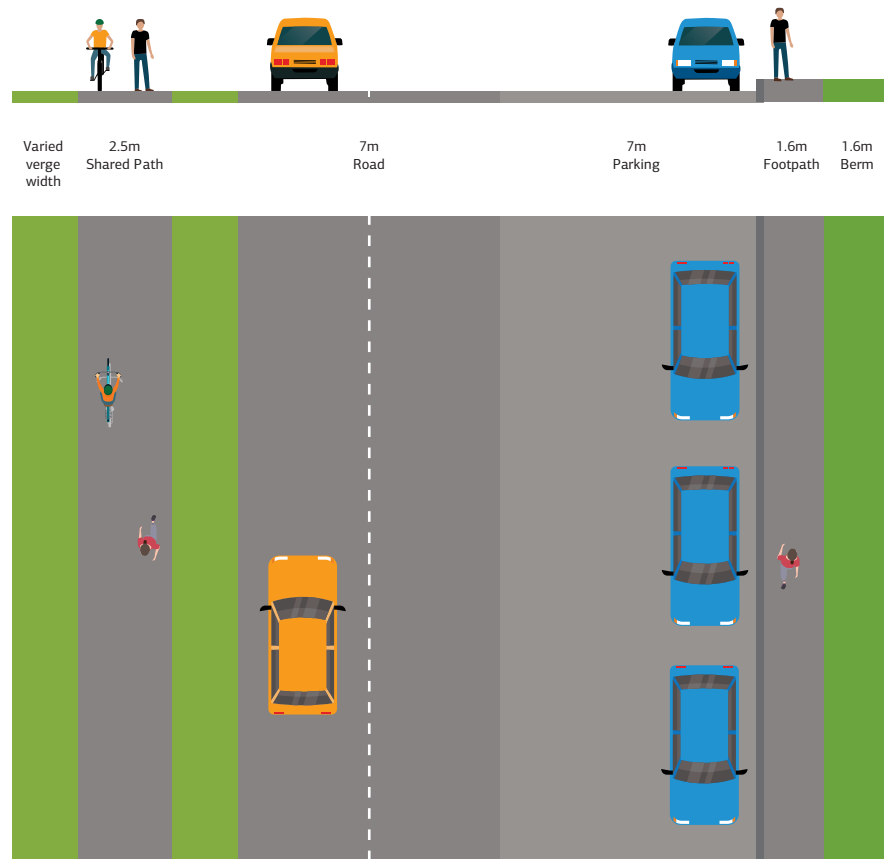
When designing the path we looked at:

- Where the path should go and what type of path it should be
- What provided path users with the safest route
- How we could reduce impacts for residents and property owners
- How we could deliver on all of the above, while minimising the loss of on-street parking.

Proposals for feedback

We have two options we would like your feedback on. These options show what the path could look like.

Both options have very similar overall costs. The advantages and disadvantages of each option are detailed below.



Advantages:

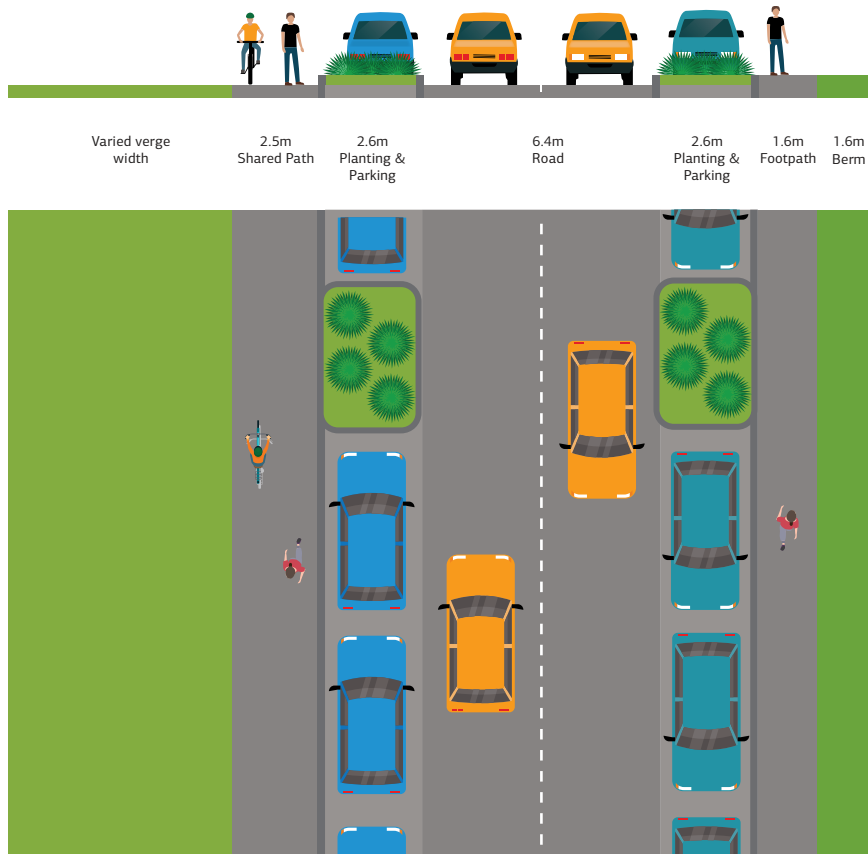
- Provides continuity with the existing shared path
- Has the least amount of driveways to cross so is safer for path users and residents
- Provides good separation between people and traffic
- Minimal construction impacts to residents and motorists
- No impact to on-street parking.

Disadvantages:

- The road remains the same width with a lot of wasted space, mainly in the parking bay area which is unnecessarily wide
- There is no planting included in this option
- There are no traffic-calming features to slow down traffic
- Vehicles may not have a clear view of oncoming users of the path when exiting their property.

OPTION TWO

This uses the existing road to accommodate the path and moves the traffic lanes slightly east. It provides the opportunity for plantings, separated with on street parking bays and kerbing that acts as a buffer between people on the path and vehicles.



Advantages

- Provides continuity of the existing shared path
- This option provides an opportunity for parking on each side of the road that could include plantings. This would reduce the road width considerably, helping to slow down traffic
- There is good separation between path users and vehicles
- Plantings will help improve the appearance of Rangiora Woodend Road and would provide a buffer between people on the path and vehicles
- Vehicles exiting driveways from the western side of the road will have a clearer view and won't need to encroach on the path to view oncoming traffic
- Similar cost to option one and provides the opportunity of making the area more attractive, as well as addressing speed issues.

Disadvantages

- Traffic lanes would move slightly to the east and therefore slightly closer to residential properties.

Next steps

We will be meeting with specific residents where we have detailed options to talk about, as well as seeking feedback from residents and the wider community.

Once we receive feedback, staff will report to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board, who will make a recommendation to the Utilities and Roading Committee. The Committee will make a final recommendation at their meeting on 17 November 2020. We will update residents with the outcome after this meeting.

Tell us what you think

We're holding two drop-in sessions in the Sports Hall at the Woodend Community Centre so that you can talk more about the project with staff and ask questions.

Come along and see us on:

Thursday 8 October from 7.30am until 9am

Thursday 8 October from 4.30pm until 6pm

If you can't make the drop-in and have questions or concerns about the proposed options, please contact us and we will arrange to meet you.

You can tell us what you think on the attached form, or visit waimakariri.govt.nz/letstalk to tell us online.

Make sure your feedback reaches us by 5pm, Thursday 22 October 2020.





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We'd love to hear your thoughts...

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Tell us your preferred option and any other comments or concerns you may have