

## **BRCT submission on the Dunedin SH1 cycle lane safety improvements project**

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### Executive Summary

We applaud the Dunedin City Council and the NZ Transport Agency on the collaborative work intended to construct a separated cycle lane to increase cycle safety on the 2.7km section of State highway 1 through the Dunedin CBD between the Botanical Gardens and Queens Gardens. This work signals positive implementation of the Dunedin City Transport Strategy, and meshes well with other recent strategies. It clearly fits within the city vision (*Dunedin is one of the world's great small cities*).

BRCT is a community organisation dedicated to building a resilient Blueskin community that encompasses the range of small Blueskin coastal (and inland) settlements. We support low carbon transport systems and infrastructure and advocate for low carbon transport corridors, including the important cycling corridor of Mt Cargill Road. We also value the work of other groups and experts interested in low carbon transport systems,

and in particular, we support Spokes' work and submission on the SH1 cycle lane safety improvements project. For the increasing number of Blueskin residents moving to low carbon transport (bicycles, electric bicycles, walking, electric cars, hybrid cars, retrofitted electric vehicles), there is a distinct lack of supporting transport infrastructure in the central urban area, particularly for those on bicycles.

**We support the idea of separated cycle lanes (SCLs) on the one-way system in Dunedin.**

### 1. Safety

The proposed separated cycleways will significantly improve safety for cyclists. They will also make cycleways and cyclists much more visible to motorists and will create a shared transport environment, reducing conflict points and marking 'multi-use' transport infrastructure, rather than car-centric transport infrastructure.

### 2. Parking

Car parking is important, and we support the provision of car parking, particularly outside the central city zone, to encourage the use of cycleways. We would like to see greater provision for cycle parking in all zones. We would also like to see any new parking buildings that are constructed having electric vehicle charging stations included in the design and construction. We support the replacement of some current car parking capacity with cycleways and we support the search for creative solutions to the car parking issue.

### 3. Connections

The main cycling link between the Blueskin settlements of Waitati and Warrington and the central city is Mt Cargill Road and the cycling link between the Blueskin settlements of Long Beach, Purakaunui, and Osborne is via Port Chalmers. Electric cars and retrofitted electric vehicles use all existing roads like fossil fuel vehicles. We encourage developments that build cycling and low carbon transport connections between settlements and townships and between the urban centre and outlying settlements and townships.

**We are happy to talk to our submission if required.**