

Eccles – Main Street intersection feedback sought

With the Streets Alive trials over, there's still a few initiatives the Council is working on finalising. One of these is traffic flow at the intersection of Eccles Street and Main Street.

We have been trialling a left-hand turn only for traffic coming out of Eccles Street on to Main Street. It seems to be working well, but the Council wants to hear people's thoughts before going any further.

What's proposed

North and south-bound traffic can enter Eccles Street off Main Street, but traffic won't be able to turn right when exiting Eccles Street on to Main Street. This layout will be the same as at the intersection of Irk and Main Streets.

Why change

Safety and traffic congestion are the main reasons for the proposed layout change.

Waka Kotahi NZTA figures show that between May 2020 and April 2021 there was a 54% increase in traffic in this area.

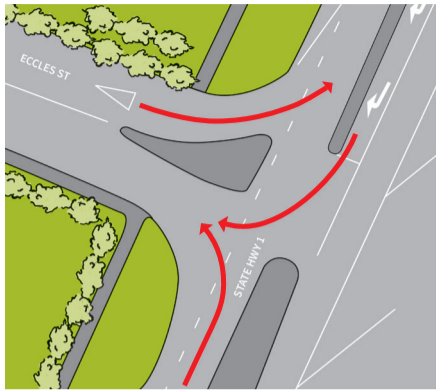
This increase in traffic means a right hand turn out of Eccles Street takes a lot longer. This adds to congestion and is dangerous as impatient drivers take their chances may be when they shouldn't.

Another benefit of this proposed new layout is a reduction in traffic on Eccles Street, as anyone wanting to head south has to use an alternative route.

Share your thoughts

Let us know what you think about the proposed change.

Go to www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz and comment on the forum, email streetsalive@goredc.govt.nz or drop a letter into our main office. Feedback is open until Friday 8 October.



Rates Payment Reminder

Today (Wednesday 22 September) is the last day to pay the first rates instalment for the 2021-22 year without incurring a 10% penalty. Please call the Council's rating team, phone **209-0330** if you want to talk about your rates payments.

Upcoming Meetings

Please note - all meetings are subject to COVID-19 alert level restrictions. Meetings will be held via zoom or in the Council Chambers, in Bowler Avenue, Gore, unless otherwise stated.

Wednesday 22 September

A meeting of the Community Strategy Committee will be held, starting at 3.30pm.

It will be followed by an extraordinary meeting of the Council.

Wednesday 29 September

The Audit and Risk Committee will meet, in committee, starting at 3.30pm. The public is excluded in accordance with Sections 7 (2)(i) and 7 (2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations; and protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Tuesday 12 October

There will be a Council meeting, starting at 4.00pm.

Agendas for all meetings, except those in committee, will be available on the Council's website www.goredc.govt.nz beforehand.

All meetings are livestreamed on the Council's YouTube channel www.youtube.com/GoreDC

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

The deadline has been extended for the latest round of funding from the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund. Applications are open until **Thursday 30 September**.

This fund is for summer sports and is designed to subsidise travel for junior teams taking part in local sports competitions, and is open to rural sports clubs and school teams within the Gore District. Those taking part in the sports must be aged between 5 and 19 years. The fund is for travel to local sports competition out of school time, and not regional or national events.

For more information go to www.goredc.govt.nz.

Otama Rural Water Scheme Referendum

The preliminary electoral roll for a referendum on the future ownership and management of the Otama Rural Water Scheme is available for viewing at the Council's main office and Gore Library.

Those eligible to vote are:

- Scheme consumers
- Residents in the scheme area
- Ratepayers in the scheme area

People have until **Thursday 14 October** to enrol to vote. Details about the referendum and supporting documents are available at www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz