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Cc: [Jared Plumridge \(AT\)](#); [Damian Flynn \(AT\)](#); [Alan Trestour \(AT\)](#); [Terry Sugrue \(AT\)](#)
Subject: Mercury Lane Shared Zone decision - from Murray Burt
Date: Monday, 12 August 2024 8:30:21 am
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[Outlook-A picture](#)

Kia ora

Following a recent meeting with Murray Burt, Jared Plumridge and Terry Sugrue regarding the designation of the upper section of Mercury Lane, the decisions for designation and resolution below have been determined.

The reason for reviewing and landing on a Shared Zone was because it was deemed better to defer the Ped Mall change until it is proven that it is needed in this location once traffic behaviour is settled and the number of people using the Mercury Lane station entrance is warranted. Also, because there is continued objection from a few stakeholders. It was noted that we may also receive objections / complaints because we are not progressing with the proposed Pedestrian Mall as this was well supported.

Decisions:

- Resolve the upper section of Mercury Lane (between Cross St and Karangahape Rd) as a **Shared Zone** with marked & signposted Loading Zone and otherwise moving traffic only (i.e. No parking / stopping)
- Note in the Resolution that a decision to make this section a Pedestrian Mall has been deferred and will be revisited either when the station opens or when a specific measurable threshold (to be determined) has been exceeded. The deferral means the Special Consultative Process would need to occur again (min. one-month consultation) but there is likely to be less objection if it is proved that a Pedestrian Mall is needed.
- The section of Mercury Lane between Cross St and Karangahape Rd will operate for vehicular traffic in a northbound (uphill) direction only from immediately north of the George Court carpark access, with a signalised left-turn only into Karangahape Rd. Signage and road narrowing will be needed to emphasise this.. . Between the George Court carpark access and Cross St the road will be two-way and vehicles would be able to exit south as well. No specific road markings are necessary. *[This will mitigate the unintended consequence is that local residents will only be able to go uphill and turn left onto K Rd]*
- Bollards will be installed during construction as planned but not operated.
- Signals will be installed during construction as planned, with a short green phase that limits the impact on the operational efficiency of the intersection. Traffic volumes through this section of road are still expected to be very low, even as a Shared Zone.
- No change needed to current design (project team to confirm)

Actions:

- Mitch can you please advise on the impact to the Pitt St-K Rd intersection with this option

Project team to advise implications (if any) on current design

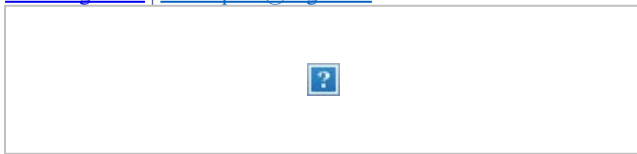
- Simon [REDACTED] to draft resolution accordingly. (I think this removes the need for an operational plan for bollards for this resolution, but it would be worth retaining what has been developed for when we may need to implement change)
- Siobhan, Manoj to notify immediately affected stakeholders and advise final decision prior to resolution being submitted (upper Mercury Lane residents, businesses & KBA, WLB)

Ngā mihi / kind regards

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From: Jared Plumridge (AT) <Jared.Plumridge@at.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 9 August 2024 4:18 pm

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Subject: RE: Please review: Mercury Lane decision.

Good afternoon,

Confirming I support - start the one way uphill section of upper Mercury Street above the vehicle entrance to the George Court building. This will minimise impact to George Court residents for left turn out only onto k-road. Noting the left turn out only is important to suppress traffic demand on Mercury Lane, hopefully make the shared space successful.

Thanks

Jared

From: Terry Sugrue (AT) <Terry.Sugrue@at.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 5:32 PM

To: Suresh Patel (AT) <Suresh.Patel@at.govt.nz>; Murray Burt (AT) <Murray.Burt@at.govt.nz>; Jared Plumridge (AT) <Jared.Plumridge@at.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Please review: Mercury Lane decision.

Just a note that it might be possible to start the one way uphill section of upper Mercury Street

above the vehicle entrance to the George Court building. The distinction could be reinforced with street furniture or side defining bollards to demonstrate that it is wide enough for two-way flow below that vehicle crossing but only one-way above it.

Regards

Terry

From: Suresh Patel (AT) <Suresh.Patel@at.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 5:46 PM

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Cc: Suresh Patel (AT) <Suresh.Patel@at.govt.nz>

Subject: Please review: Mercury Lane decision.

Kia ora & thanks for the discussion.

Please review these bullet points to check I have accurately captured our decisions. I have just realised **a new problem** our decision creates (in red)

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- The section of Mercury Lane between Cross St and Karangahape Rd will operate for vehicular traffic in a northbound (uphill) direction only, with a signalised left-turn only into Karangahape Rd **[unintended consequence is that George Court & Mercury Theatre vehicles lose the ability to go downhill towards Upper Queen St - they will only be able to go uphill and turn left onto K Rd]**
- Bollards will be installed during construction as planned but not operated.
- Signals will be installed during construction as planned, with a short green phase that limits the impact on the operational efficiency of the intersection

Actions:

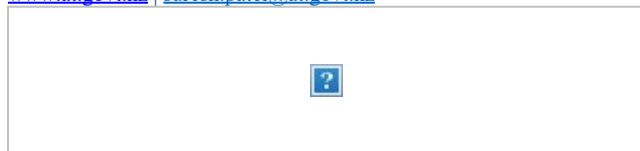
- Suresh to speak with Mitch about the impact on the Pitt St-K Rd intersection with this option

Ngā mihi / kind regards

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From: Murray Burt (AT)

Sent: Monday, 29 July 2024 10:14 am

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Subject: 4.40-5: Murray, Terry and Suresh re the attached email

When: Wednesday, 7 August 2024 4:40 pm-5:00 pm.

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