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Hi Geoff and Steve

Here is a copy of the signed exemption from the requirement to display the standard green pedestrian traffic signal symbol at the specified Wellington intersections.

The actual exemption notice is in the post.

Regards
Richard

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The Chief Executive Officer
Wellington City Council
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Exemption from requirement to display the standard green walking human symbol on pedestrian traffic signals

Pursuant to section 166 of the Land Transport Act 1998 and being satisfied as to the matters specified in section 166(2), I Dave Brash, Group Manager Planning and Investment, acting under a delegation from the NZ Transport Agency, make the following exemption:

Exemption

Wellington City Council is exempt from the requirement of clause 6.3(1) of Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 (the Rule), to display the standard green walking human symbol on pedestrian traffic signals, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions

1. This exemption applies only to the following locations:
 - (a) Aitken Street, Hill Street, Molesworth Street intersection;
 - (b) Bowen Street, Lambton Quay, Whitmore Street intersection;
 - (c) Bowen Street, Museum Street, The Terrace intersection;
 - (d) Bunny Street, Featherston Street, Stout Street intersection;
 - (e) Bunny Street, Lambton Quay, Molesworth Street intersection;
 - (f) Bunny Street, Waterloo Quay intersection;
 - (g) Customhouse Quay, Waterloo Quay, Whitmore Street intersection;
 - (h) Featherston Street, Whitmore Street intersection.
2. The safety of all people using the intersections named in condition 1 must be monitored and any crashes must be investigated to determine if the pedestrian traffic signals contributed to the crash in any way.
3. If there is evidence that the modified pedestrian traffic signal displays have contributed to an increase in the crash rate, at any of the intersections named in condition 1, the pedestrian traffic signal displays at all intersections must be immediately replaced with symbols that conform with the specification in diagram S3-2 or S3-2.1 in Schedule 3 of the Rule.

Explanation

This exemption has been granted to enable Wellington City Council to replace the standard green walking human symbol pedestrian traffic signal display with an image resembling Kate Sheppard. I consider the non-conformity with the standard display at the named locations is unlikely to confuse pedestrians and provides a point of difference to highlight the linkage between Kate Sheppard and the seat of government in New Zealand.

The decision to grant this exemption is made on the basis that the conditions of Section 166(2) of the Land Transport Act 1998 have been met; namely that I consider the risk to safety will not be significantly increased and that displaying an image of Kate Sheppard substantially complies with the requirement of the Rule to display a green walking human symbol and that further compliance is unnecessary.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dave Brash', written in a cursive style.

Dave Brash

Group Manager Planning and Investment