

Ana Nicholls

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, 4 February 2019 5:42 PM
To: Ana Nicholls
Cc: Justin Lester
Subject: Re: IRO-7892

Hi Ana,

I've cc'd in the Mayor again due to no response to my yet again valid criticisms about the councils perspective on cyclist safety.

Some footage to add to your research. The lady in front of me was averaging around 15kmph. At times around 10 (with one of those magical incline things that everyone goes the same speed at). Can't email you the images as too large. I can upload the videos tomorrow. I'm sure the council would be delighted to add them to their existing collection of research on cyclist speeds.

Any idea when I might get a response from the council about their decision to not do any research and dismiss valid criticisms? Very interested as the council makes it very clear that they are all for safe cycling. This email chain shows a very different perspective.

Also surprised an apology from [Redacted] hasn't made it my way. Have the council even talked to him about him verbally abusing me and suggesting that as a cyclist I don't deserve safety?

Cheers,

[Redacted]

On Thu, 31 Jan 2019, 10:30 AM [Redacted] wrote:
Hi Ana,

Went for a short onzo ride yesterday. Going uphill on Victoria st, if I stood up and pedalled so much to build up a sweat, I got to about 25kmph. If I sat down and pedalled quickly (fixie bike so no gears), I got to about 15-20kmph. If I sat down and cycled normally (comfortably) then I got around 10-15kmph. Not scientific at all, but should be something to show the council that just ignoring it without doing their own tests is just negligent.

As for whether onzo's are a legitimate test, I'm sure that not everyone that cycles on Wellington roads has a high end road bike costing several thousand dollars. I myself only have a hybrid which still cost a fair bit, and doesn't go that quick uphill. Majority I would assume have old bikes, or lower quality, and the 20kmph would be difficult to obtain comfortably. Feel free to pass that along. Maybe [Redacted] could go grab an onzo and bike it up Victoria st and see whether he thinks it is safe for cyclists with the timings? Might make him think a bit more about safety which I think is probably needed given his comments to me about safety.

Cheers,

[Redacted]

On Wed, 30 Jan 2019 at 15:29, Ana Nicholls <Ana.Nicholls@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Withheld under s,

Thanks for that. I will be responding shortly via FYI to the correspondence request.

I understand that you are frustrated and that your expectations have not been met. My intentions is to understand the situation with a holistic approach which means that all road user are considered in its processes and policies.

I will send a response which will cover all your key questions and points.

I am happy to speak with you if you would prefer for me to call you.

Cheers

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From: Withheld under section 7(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, 30 January 2019 12:55 p.m.

To: Ana Nicholls

Subject: Re: IRO-7892

Let's say in the year 2018. Also can you add to my request what is the average speed the new bike sharing onzo bikes go at. I'm sure the council had some input into them or research into them at some point so I'm sure the council is aware they go around 15km/h.

Very disappointed in the councils behaviour on this. I merely brought up the fact that I myself had the issue where cars came at me when I entered on a green, gave videos showing that. Got verbally abused by a staff member at the council in charge of the traffic timing when I met with him. Gathered facts about bicycle speeds and intersection timing, put the two together. Instead of the council acknowledging this, they say they will do absolutely positively nothing and quoted some out of date resource from a different country which assumes all bikes go at the same speed. I mean does that sound like a good process to anyone at the council?

Most likely the person that verbally abused me and said that cyclists are minorities that safety doesn't matter for has had absolutely no repercussions for his actions. Says a lot about a council that says they pride themselves on safety....

On Wed, 30 Jan 2019, 11:51 AM Ana Nicholls <Ana.Nicholls@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi

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In regards to your information request for correspondence in regards to the traffic light timing safety issues at the Victoria Street and Karo Drive intersection can you give me specific timeframe or years?

I am in discussions with the Traffic Team about the questions you asked yesterday and will get back to you once I have the answers.

Thanks

Ana

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