

CYCLING AND THE LAW: ROAD RULES AROUND BIKING




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Presentation outline

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1. What is “The Law”?
 2. What is a “Bicycle”?
 3. Where can you Ride your Bike?
 4. Possible future Rule changes
 5. Any questions from YOU!

More info: *Cycling in Christchurch* website

- <http://cyclingchristchurch.co.nz/topic/legal-issues/>



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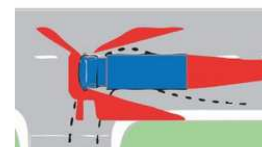


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Welcome to the home of Cycling in Christchurch!

Flashback Friday – Handy Tips: Playing Nice with Trucks and Buses

Large vehicles like trucks and buses continue to cause serious problems for people biking, so it's important to respect them on the road. This article, originally from Aug 2013, gives some advice on how best to interact near heavy vehicles: Cycling and trucks got a bit of media attention in ...



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Flashback Friday – Hidden Treasures: Tennyson St Cycleway

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Cycling routes

If you think all of these separated cycleways are relatively new for Christchurch, then you have forgotten that the first one actually popped up nearly 18 years ago. Ultimately destined to form part of the Southern

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Welcome to Biketober 2020!

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1 Oct 2020

Cycle-centric ideas / Events

September is over, so it must be... Biketober! Yep, once again Christchurch ignores the traditional calendar and celebrates a month (and more) of cycling events for everyone. If you want to know what is happening,

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Flashback Friday: How did a 50-year-old get back into cycling?

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General A2B by bike / People riding bikes

As someone who is veering rather close to his 50th birthday soon, I am glad that I have activities like biking to help keep me in good shape as I get older. I've been biking essentially most of my adult life but

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Biketober 2020 is not far away!

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Events

We're still in September (and with glorious biking weather right now...), but literally just around the corner next week is... Biketober! Yep, for the fourth year running in Christchurch, the month of October

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Lucky Dock stations popping up around town

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21 Sep 2020

Bikes & equipment / Cycle infrastructure / General A2B by bike

A few months back we informed you about an exciting new development for bike parking about to happen in Christchurch – "Lucky Docks". Essentially they are free secure bike/scooter parking stations scattered

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Reflections on a Month in the UK

My time in the UK during my sabbatical has now come to an end and I've moved on to the Netherlands (more on that in ...)

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EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, 13 October

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Biketober

5:00pm Spokes Tuesday Transport

Wednesday, 14 October

Biketober

10:00am Mairehau Red Zone Ride

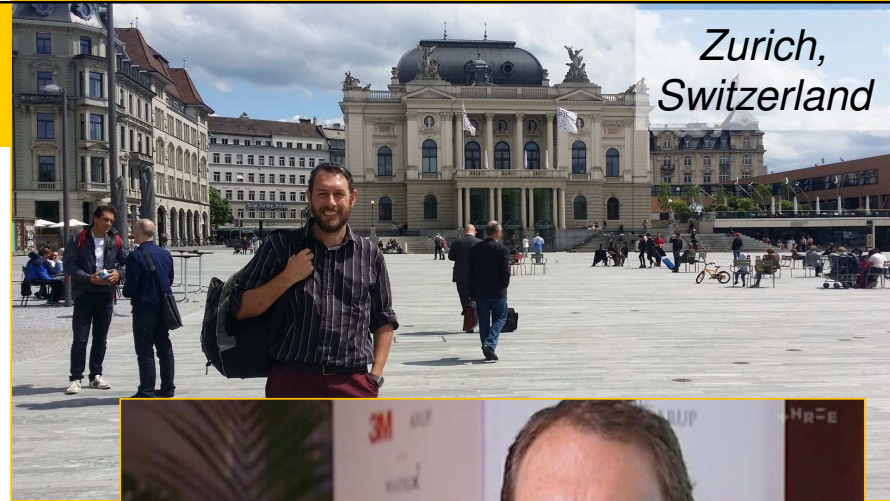
5:30pm RAD Bikes workshop hours

Thursday, 15 October

Ridehah

About me...

- ViaStrada Ltd (2016–)
- University of Canterbury (2004–16)
- Opus International (1996–2004)
- *NZ Cycle Safety Panel 2014*
- *Active Modes Infrastructure Group*
- *CAN / Spokes Canterbury*
- *BE(Hons), ME(Civil), PhD(Trptn)*

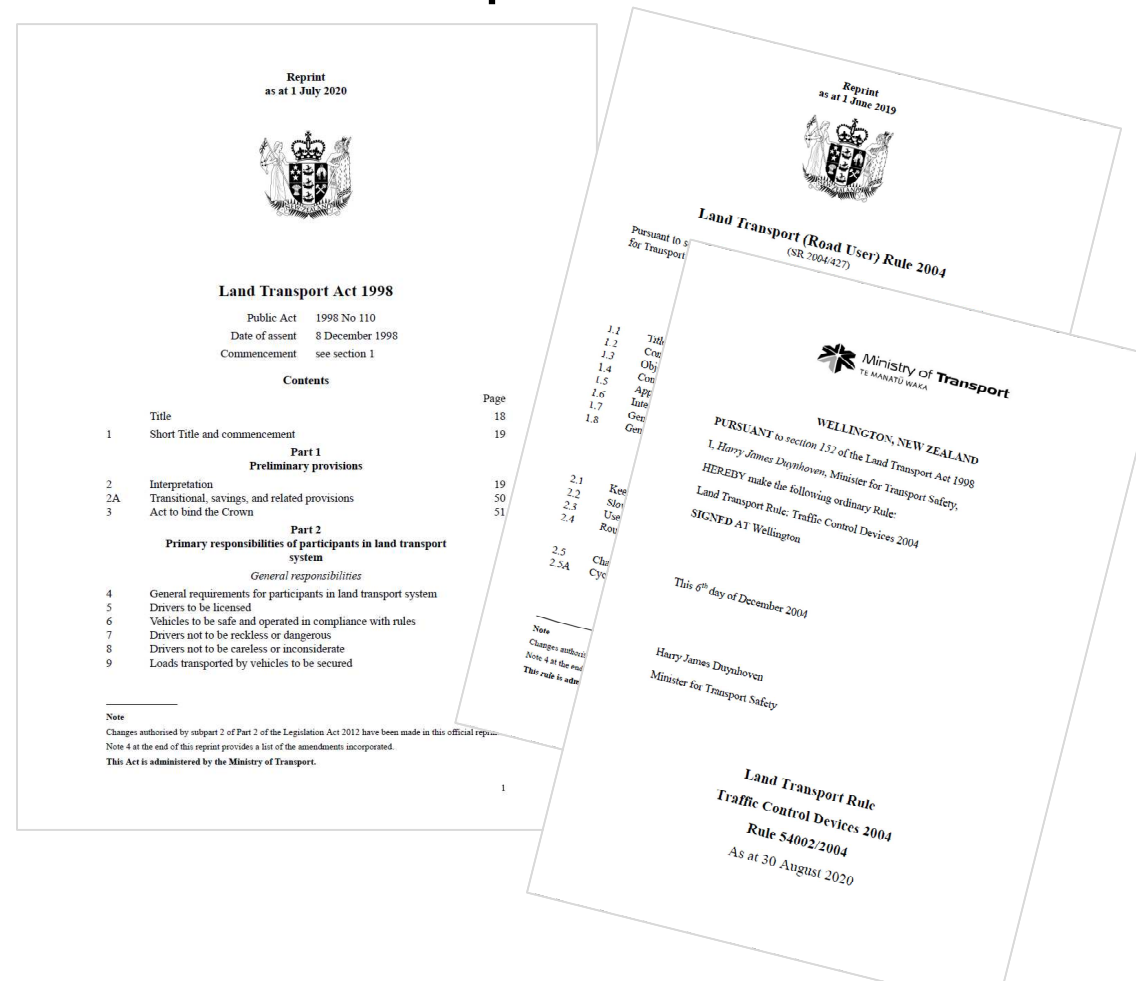


What is “The Law”?

- NZ Road Code

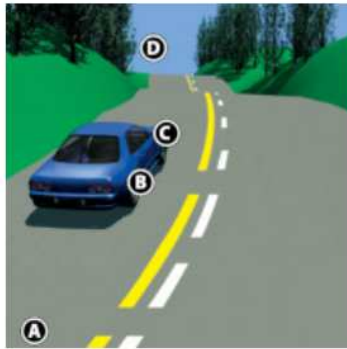


- Land Transport Act + Rules



Differences between the two

● NZ Road Code



No-passing line

As shown in the image above:

- you may come back over the dashed yellow line between A and B to finish passing
- you must not cross the solid yellow line between C and D.

You can pass at a no-passing line if:

- you stay on your side of the solid yellow line, and
- you can see 100 metres of clear road in front of you for the whole time while you are passing, and
- the lane is wide enough for two vehicles.

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● Land Transport Act + Rules

“2.9 Passing where roadway marked with no-passing line

*(2) The driver must not pass or attempt to pass **a motor vehicle or an animal-drawn vehicle** moving in the same direction within the length of roadway on which the no-passing line is marked until the driver reaches the further end of the no-passing line, unless throughout the passing movement the driver keeps the vehicle wholly to the left of the no-passing line.”*

— Road User Rule 2004

Differences between the two

● NZ Road Code

Safe driving around cyclists

- Hazards like parked cars, potholes, glass, litter, strong wind and opening car doors may cause cyclists to veer off-line and move into your path. Because of this, give cyclists plenty of room when passing them. **Ideally, allow at least 1.5 metres between you and the cyclist.**
- Wait for a clear space before passing a cyclist on a narrow road.
- At intersections, apply the same rules to cyclists that you would to any other vehicle on the road. Take care to indicate turns.
- If you are crossing a cycle lane, give way to cyclists before you cross.
- Take extra care around young cyclists.
- You must not drive in or cross a cycle lane except for a maximum of 50 metres when entering or leaving side roads, driveways or parking spaces.
- You must not stop, stand or park in a cycle lane.



● Land Transport Act + Rules

“2.6 General requirements about passing other vehicles

(1) A driver must not pass or attempt to pass another vehicle moving in the same direction unless—

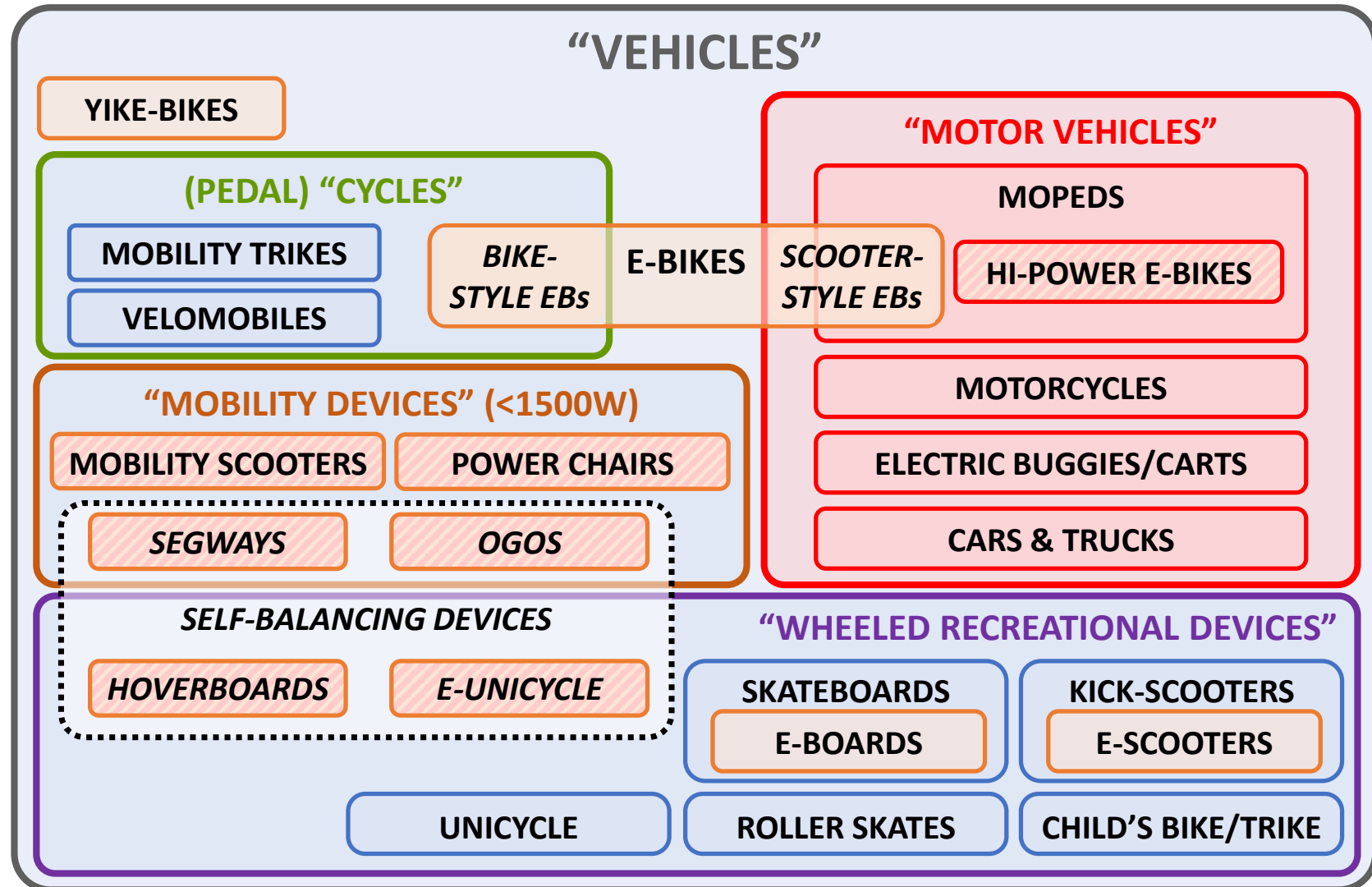
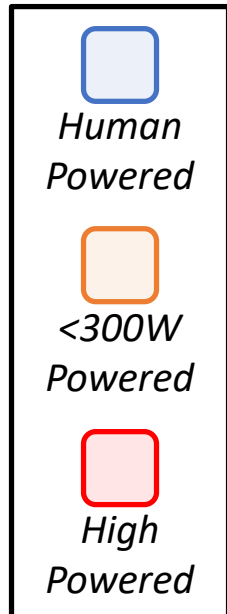
*(a) the movement can be **made with safety**; and*

*(b) the movement is made with **due consideration for other users** of the road”*

— Road User Rule 2004

What is a “Bicycle”?

NZTA Research
Report #621 (2017)

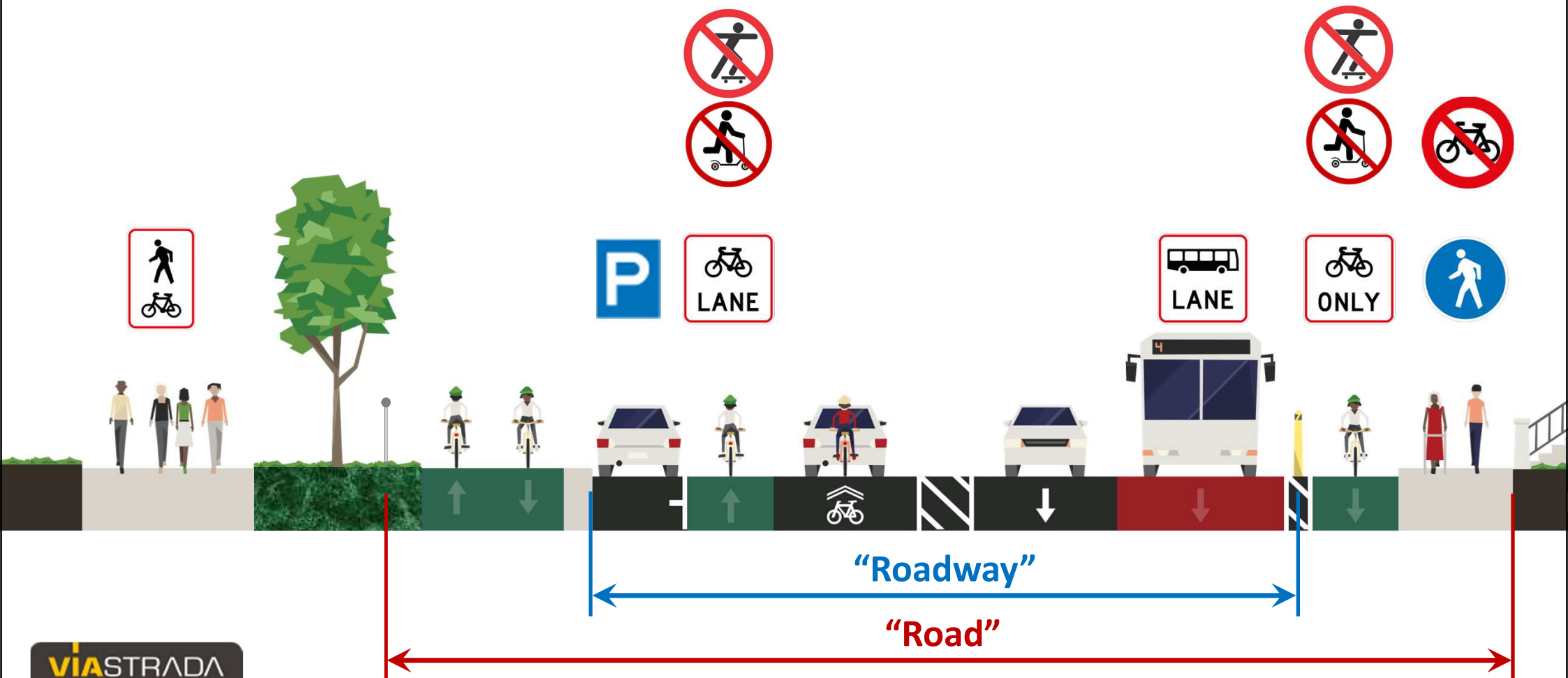


“PEDESTRIANS”

WHEELCHAIRS

PRAMS/PUSHCHAIRS

Where can you Ride your Bike?



Separated cycleways and turning traffic



Possible new Road Rule changes

“Accessible Streets” legislation package:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/consultations/archive/accessible-streets/>

- New categories: “powered/unpowered trpt devices”
 - Can use cycle lanes/paths along with bikes
- Minimum overtaking gap when passing bikes
- Biking on footpaths (For all? Kids <16?)
 - With rules around behaviour (eg max speeds)
- Changes to road rules when cycling
 - Passing on the left, Going straight from a left-turn lane
- Separated cycleways as “roadway” (priority over turning traffic)
- Creation of “path crossing” treatments at sideroads



Over to YOU – Questions?



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