

Christchurch City Council Cyclist Survey Project



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Project Objectives

- n Determine current demand cycle network
- n Segregate commuter, recreation, other types of cyclists
- n Identify where cycle facilities are required
- n Identify problem areas for cyclists
- n Update the 1999 cycle network plan

Procedure

- n Engagement of 400 cyclists
 - Weeklong travel survey of cycling activity
- n Data:
 - Entered, mapped and analysed

Participant Recruitment

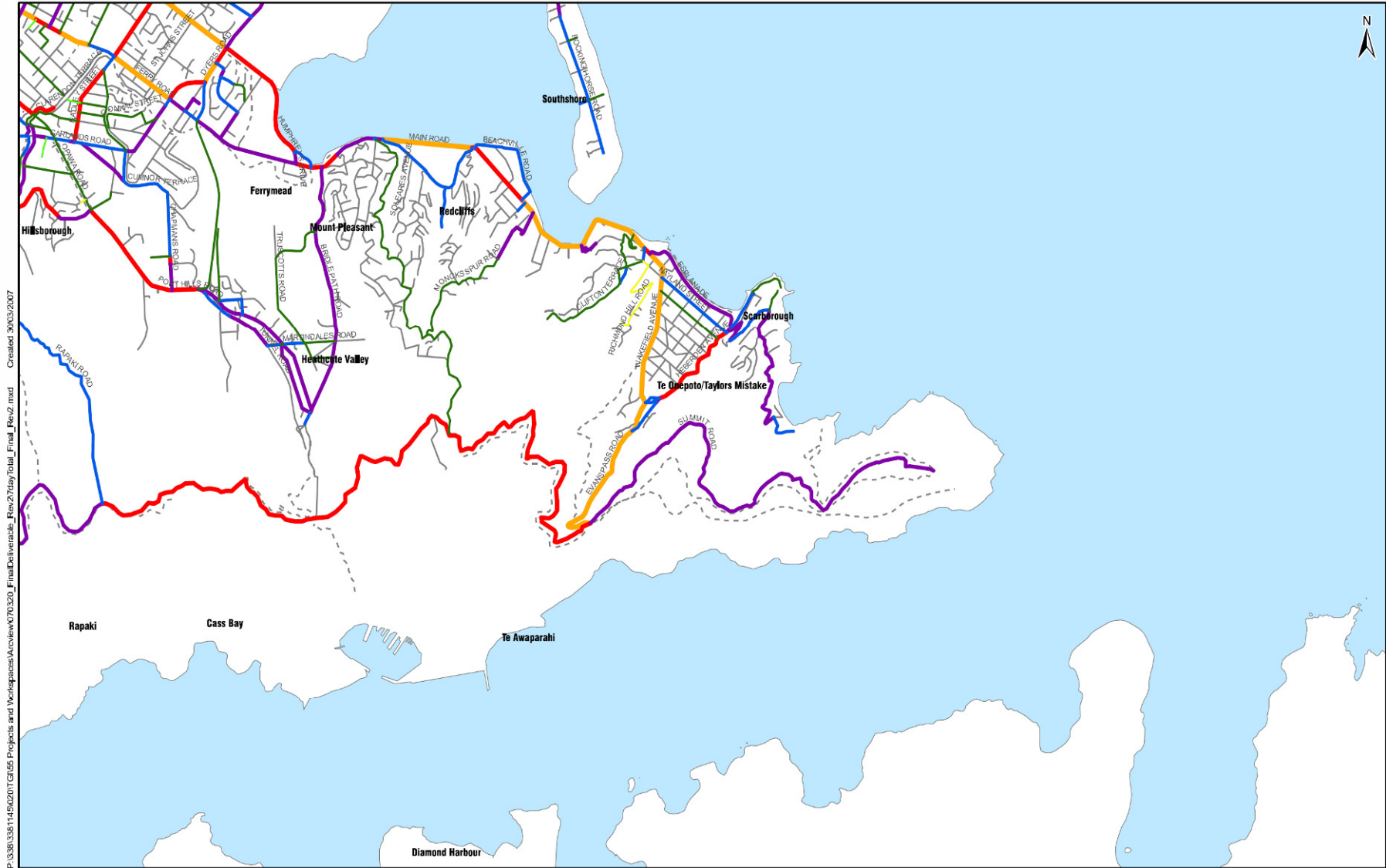
- n Randomly selected – telephone numbers
- n Evenly distributed throughout city wards
 - Minimise bias of trips by residential address
- n Participants aged 16 +

Data Gathering

- n Self-completion travel diary
 - Date, time, origin, destination, route, purpose, problem locations etc.
- n Regular contact with recruitment consultant
- n Split into two periods, as May was a wet month. Enabled comparison of data between different months.

Data Entry & Mapping

- n Custom interface in database
- n Pick lists to minimise data entry error
- n Creation of Unique ID to allow data to be connected to spatial data
 - Concatenation of person ID, date & trip number = Route ID
- n Mapped using GIS software



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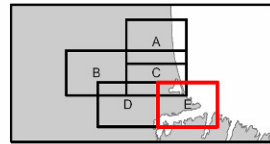
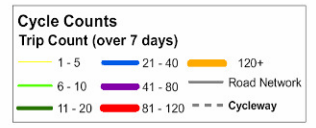


Christchurch Cycling Survey

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Map: E 1

Road Centreline and Cycleway Network data sourced from Christchurch City Council.
 Cycle Counts derived from Christchurch Cycle Survey
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Key Findings

- n 417 survey participants made 3,927 cycling trips
- n Trip purpose (main types):
 - Commuter = 48%
 - Recreation = 29%
- n Average trip time = 26 minutes ~ 6 – 9km

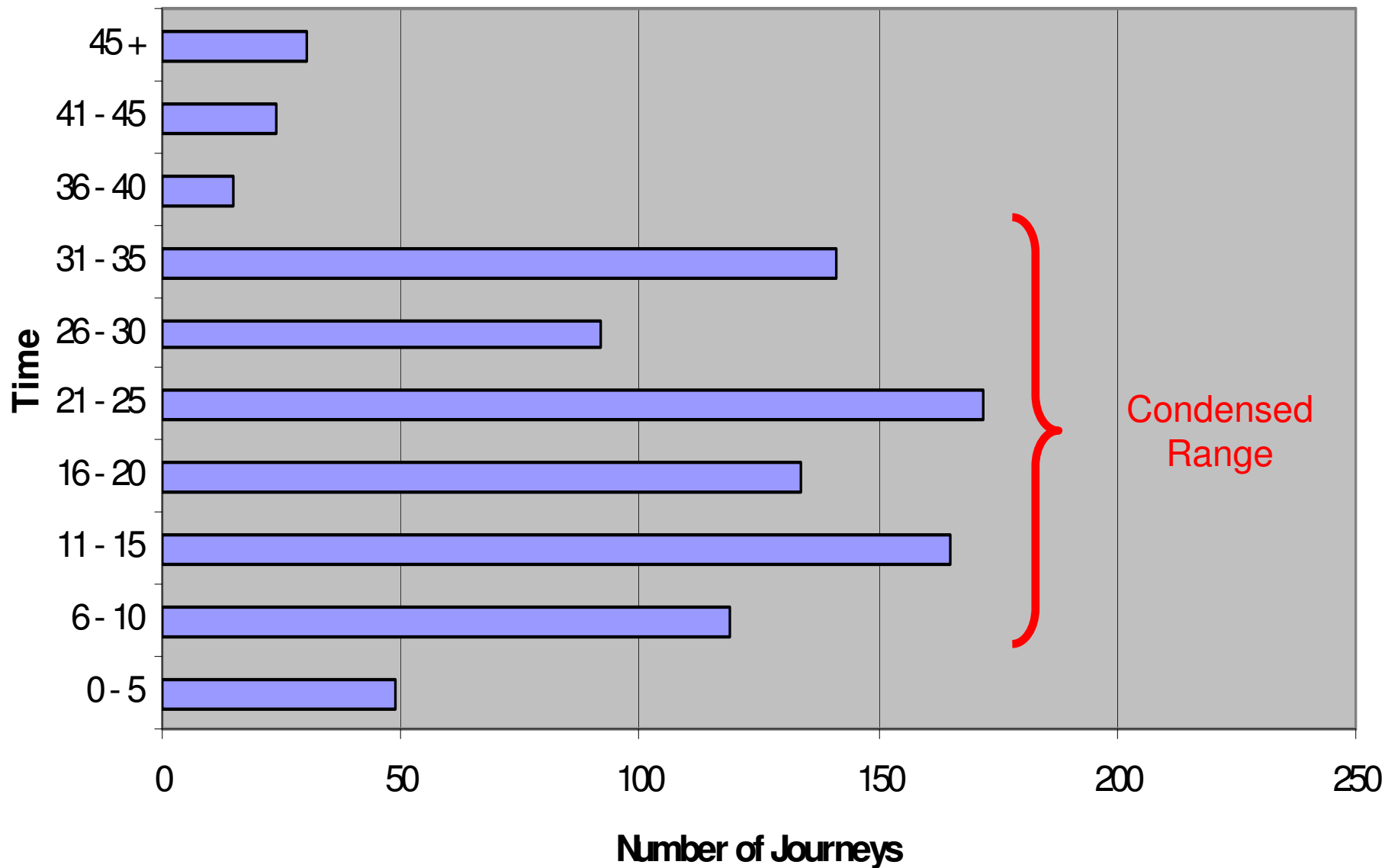
Relationship with Existing Network

- n Trips occur mainly on arterial roads.
- n Some arterial roads with high cycle demand have no cycling facilities e.g. Riccarton Rd, Papanui Rd.
- n Some arterial roads have lower than expected demand.
 - Why?
 - Lack of cycling facilities = deterrent to safe cycling
- n Cycle paths attract demand e.g. Rolleston Ave between Antigua boatsheds and Museum.

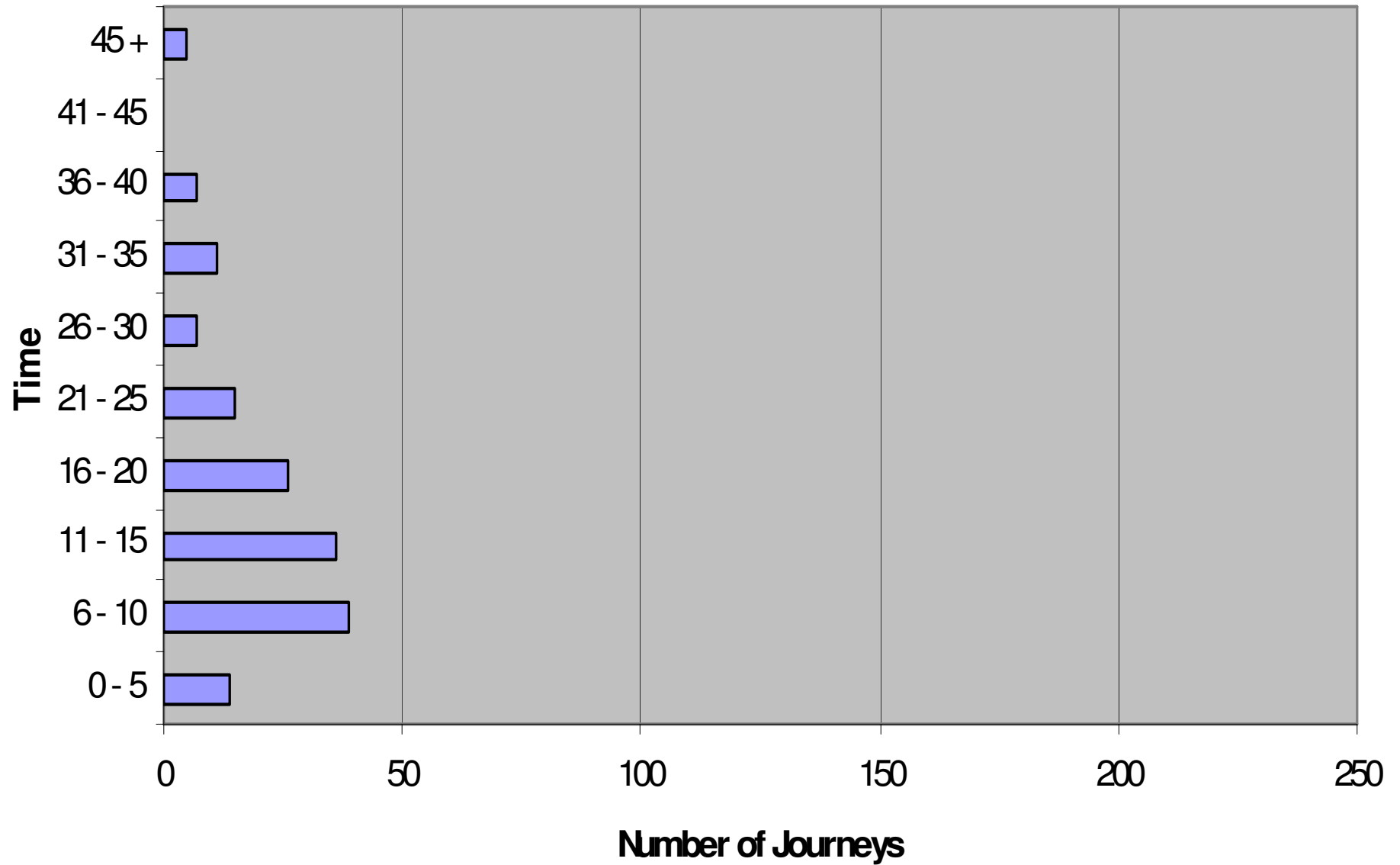
Trip Times

- n No overall difference between May & October
- n Commuter Trips = 20 minutes
(no variation in time of year)
- n Education Trips = 18 minutes
(15 min avg in May vs. 25 min avg in Oct)
- n Recreation Trips = 59 minutes
(lower in Oct)

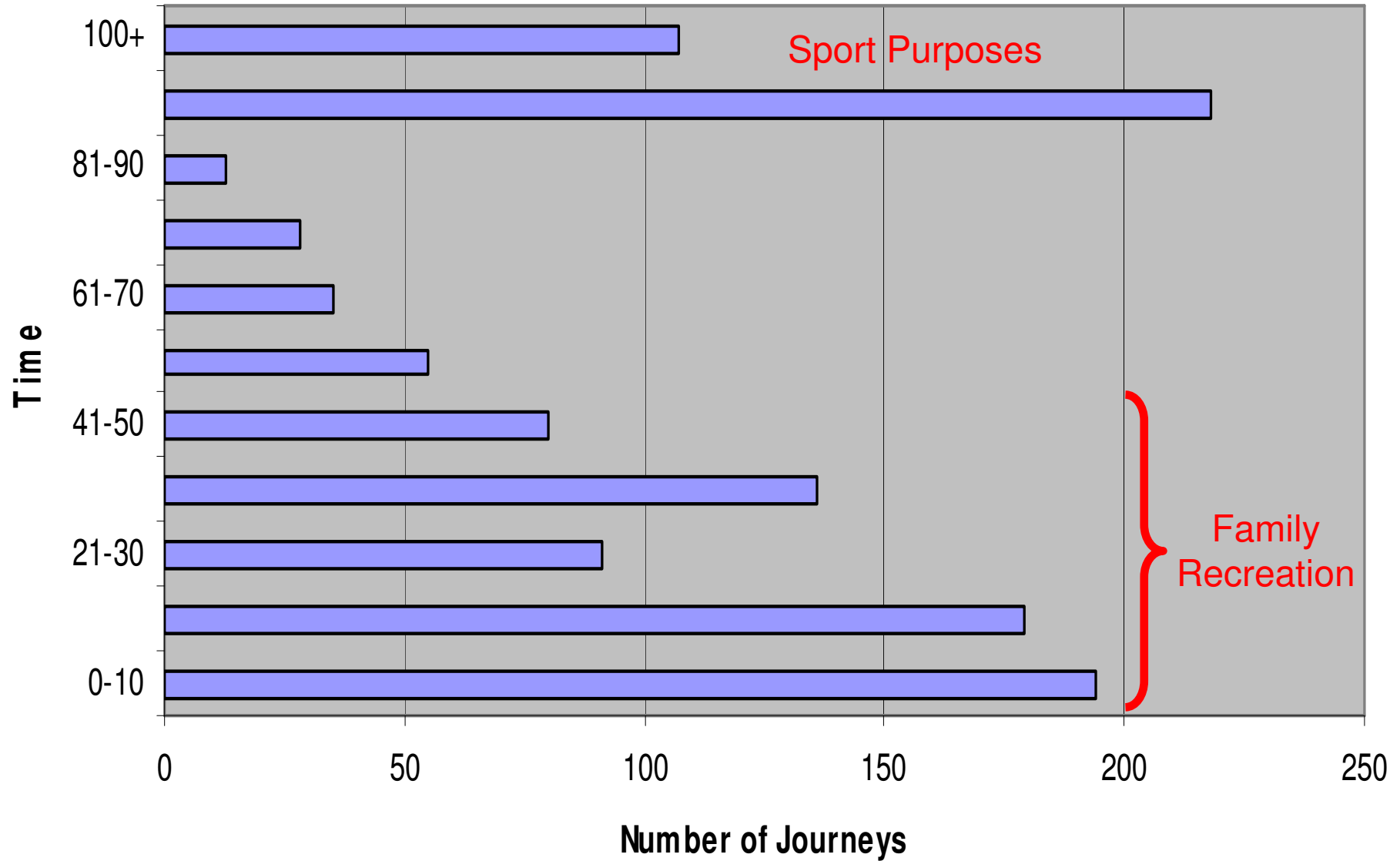
Commuter Journey Time



Education Journey Time



Recreation Journey Time



Problem Locations

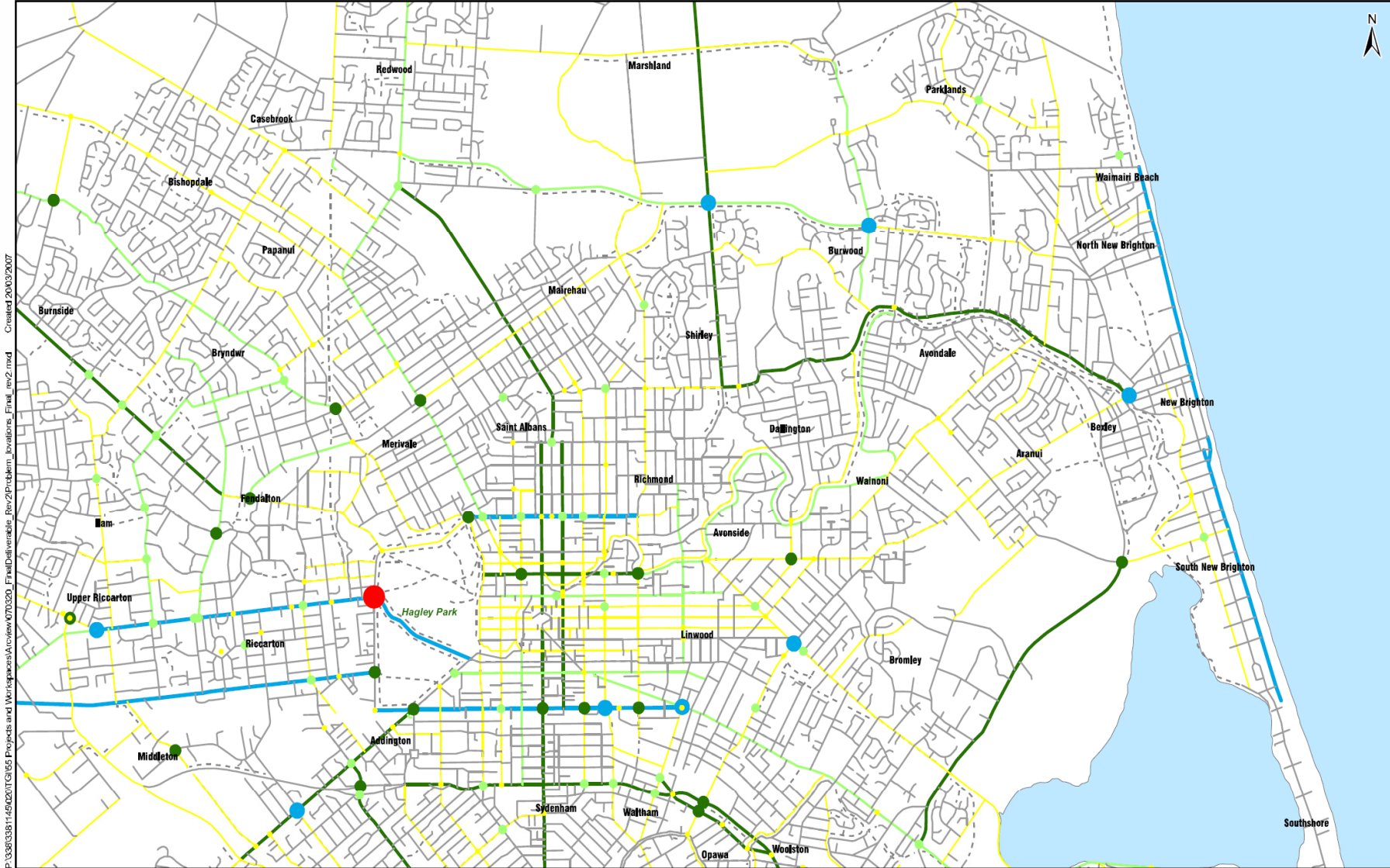
n Mapped as **Point** or **Route** Locations

n Point Locations

- Deans / Riccarton roundabout
- Ferrymead Bridge

n Route Locations

- Bealey Ave, Blenheim Rd, Marine Pde, Moorhouse Ave & Riccarton Rd



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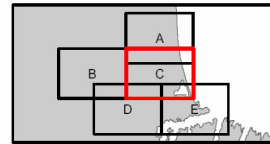
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Selection of Unsafe Roads and Intersections

Count of Negative Comments per Road		Count of Negative Comments per Intersection	
	Roads		1
	1 - 5		2
	6 - 10		3 - 4
	11 - 20		10+
	21 - 40		5 - 7
	41 - 80		
	81+		
	CycleWay		



Cause of Problems

MAINTENANCE

- n Broken glass
- n Loose gravel
- n Road works and road works signage
- n Rough surfaces

INFRASTRUCTURE

- n Tram tracks
- n Traffic calming
- n Lack of cycle lanes
- n Pinch points
- n Poor street lighting

BEHAVIOUR

- n Vehicles (incl. buses) stopping in cycle lanes
- n Parking outside schools

Use of Survey Information

- n Input for updating the existing Cycle Network Plan
- n Identify and prioritise cycle capital expenditure
- n Input to major projects e.g. SWAP
- n Complements cycle count programme
- n Monitoring tool available for other projects
- n Base to periodically add future surveys to maintain awareness of any changing demands