



1 NZTA encouraging cycling. 2 Two-way cycle facility. 3 Testing the website on practitioners.

CYCLING NETWORK GUIDANCE

Abley Transportation Consultants for NZ Transport Agency

Project Location: Nationwide



In March 2015, the NZ Transport Agency engaged Abley Transportation Consultants and their collaborative partner, ViaStrada Ltd., to develop the Cycling network guidance (CNG) framework.

The on-line framework aims to provide practitioners with resources that enable them to plan and design cycling networks with confidence. This is important as, over the period 2015–19, NZ\$333 million is being invested in the Government's Urban Cycleways Programme, which aims to build a cycling network that benefits all New Zealanders.

The CNG project broke new ground by developing a web-based guidance tool that makes available consistent, best practice guidance on planning and designing for cycling. The tool is a living repository of information; a technical resource which also guides practitioners towards appropriate decision-making processes. The consultant team identified areas where existing guidance was minimal, unclear, inconsistent, not best practice or too hard to apply. From this foundation they updated NZ guidance, referenced international guidance, or developed interim guidance. New Zealand case studies are included to support the guidance.

Development of the deliverables involved close collaboration between the consultant team and the client, with input from the industry along the way.

The framework's accessibility was tested on a sample of users from the industry: the feedback gained gave the project team confidence that the website was accessible and the content met expectations. The Cycling network guidance framework was launched at the 2WALKandCYCLE conference in July 2016.

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