

More urban redesign projects overseas:



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# News

*Newsletter of the  
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In this issue: Information about a newly approved Beckenham neighbourhood enhancement project which is about to get under way: your input welcomed.

## Better Beckenham Project: Safety, Sociability, Sustainability

Dear Beckenham residents, you may have noticed in the news in May 2020 that the Christchurch City Council (CCC) put forward a proposal to the NZ Transport Agency Innovating Streets Fund, for Beckenham Neighbourhood Improvements. Approved projects are 90% funded by the NZTA and 10% by CCC. Beckenham was one of nine projects put forward by CCC, and on 22 June it was announced **that Beckenham has been one of the four Christchurch projects confirmed for NZTA funding.**

Although the proposal was put forward to the NZTA by the CCC (as required by the fund), it was based on a proposal put to the Council by some members of the community, and supported by the Beckenham Neighbourhood Association. Overall the concept is to enhance our neighbourhood and create people-friendly streets and places through a series of pilot initiatives. The result should be safer streets, a more pleasant living neighbourhood, and stronger community links. These types of project are sometimes referred to as tactical urbanism and aim to roll out temporary projects that are designed to quickly improve the area and test opportunities. If they work they can become permanent. The projects would be evaluated by the community and the Council once installed to see how they work.

The project areas that were identified in the proposal included key intersections and streets in

the Beckenham Loop where these pilot projects could enhance the neighbourhood, create unique places and slow traffic to make our neighbourhood a safer and a more pleasant environment. **None of the details or designs of the projects have been decided as this is something that should be led by our community with input from Council specialists.** Among likely locations for some attention are the Birdwood-Malcolm Ave and Norwood-Tennyson intersections. This is all going to happen quickly as the trials are meant to be in place before the end of June 2021 – which is much faster than normal (permanent) traffic engineering projects.

Now we have been successful at getting the project funded, we would love to host a community party to get things started (as planning for what to do is intended to start soon) to gather ideas, highlight some case studies from other places, and work on the designs with the council. Whether you're a carpenter, artist, poet, baker, student, landscaper or engineer your skills will be needed to help bring the projects to life. If you are interested, drop an email to the BNA (to email address on back page) or the email for this project (**betterbeckenham@gmail.com**), and we will keep you up to date with what's on and ways to be involved!

For a little inspiration, you could check out the work of Focus Paihia ([focuspaihia.org.nz](http://focuspaihia.org.nz)) in Northland. They started out doing some tactical projects, and now have a community trust, and even their own Op Shop that funds a range of projects, including a mountain bike park and new green spaces. Attached are also a couple of photos from other tactical street projects

from around the world, that give a little flavour of what could be possible.

Link to the story about funding confirmed for Beckenham: <https://www.odt.co.nz/star-news/star-christchurch/christchurch-secures-innovating-streets-people-funding>

Information on the NZTA fund: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/innovating-streets/about/pilot-fund/>

We include some images of urban projects overseas:

