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Outline the Scene	Incident	Cyclist vs Truck and Trailer
	Subject	Vehicle Accident
	Incident Date	29-09-2025
	Business Unit	Fletcher Living – Canterbury Branch

What happened



At 3pm on Friday afternoon a young cyclist (16-20 years old) was biking down a road that has a heavy traffic management plan in place with a huge amount of road works underway.

Approaching the site at the same time as the cyclist was a civils truck and trailer, the driver who has 40 years' experience has not seen the cyclist and as he has turned left into the site the rear of his trailer has interacted with the cyclist's movements causing the rear wheel of the bike to strike the curb. Fortunately the cyclist has been able to dismount from the bike and the rear wheel has sustained the damage.

The driver was alerted to the incident inside the site boundary by another motorist on the road. The cyclist was able to walk away from this incident without being injured.

Some contributing factors:

- At the site entrance there was a no left turn sign in place, however this provided a false sense of security for cyclists as construction vehicles turn left. This has now been enforced for construction vehicles and construction vehicles take a different approved route into site.
- The same afternoon of the incident some signage separating cyclists and vehicles had been removed to allow painting of the cycle path.



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We believe all injuries are preventable, here are some questions to help us learn:



- Are drivers considering NZTA Worktime and logbook requirements?
- Do we encourage our contractors to take part in regular road safety training, regardless of experience level
- Overlapping duties – are we identifying who the upstream contractor is when works overlap?
- Can we implement a method to communicate, coordinate and collaborate with other PCBUs whose work has an influence on our site operations?
- Can we check traffic management plans to ensure the plans consider vulnerable road users who are bypassing our site access?
- And finally, please remove all distractions in your vehicle and keep an eye out for cyclists.

For more information, please contact;

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