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Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 1:29 PM
To: Robyn Scherer
Subject: Fwd: Simon Horrock's email

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Simon Horrocks <horrocks.simon@gmail.com>
Date: 10 April 2019 at 5:47:24 PM NZST
To: Dana Wensley <Dana.Wensley@tasman.govt.nz>
Subject: Paxter issue

Hi Dana

I'm just back from another visit to the hospital with good news for myself but not confident enough (particularly if it is wet) to attend tomorrow's council meeting that is to discuss the Paxter issue.

For what it is worth, here is a little contribution that I offer to be used in any way you see fit. Thanks for the energy you put in. It is much appreciated and admired.

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I use a manual wheelchair for mobility. Our community tolerates me using it and also my electric mobility scooter on public footpaths for which I am grateful and I try to be respectful of other users.

The other day I was tottling along Herbert St on my mobility scooter and a man on crutches was coming from the opposite end. That's ok, I thought, I can move to the grass verge when I get closer.

Still 50 metres away the man moved off the pathway and stood waiting for me on the grass verge. He had beaten me to it. He was so intimidated by my scooter he felt he should stand aside.

This is not uncommon. Mothers pushing prams do it. Old people carrying shopping bags in both hands do it.

Vehicles on footpaths intimidate people

*Tabled at
Engineering Services
meeting 11/4/19*

The Paxter is twice the size of my mobility scooter. It will intimidate me.

I'm not going to encounter a Paxter every day, just occasionally. Othertimes I might be avoiding speedy scooters, pushy cyclists, skateboarders, and cars backing out of driveways.

Footpaths, designed for people to safely walk, increasingly are becoming dangerous and unpleasant scenes of tension and worse.

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cheers

Simon Horrocks