

SPOKES Mini-Count Princes and George Street

16 April 2013, 8-9am

Weather warning: Strong winds coming from the West with big gusts and intermittent spitting rain. Wind force due to increase further by the afternoon, according to the forecast, and rain picked up at 11.30 so our proposed same-day lunchtime was count cancelled.

Princes Street (David E and Mies, corner of Princes/Frederick)

Westbound (bicycles only)

8.00-8.15	7
8.15-8.30	7
8.30-8.45	15
8.45-9.00	17
	=46

Eastbound (bicycles only)

8.00-8.15	8
8.15-8.30	10
8.30-8.45	16
8.45-9.00	17
	=51

George Street (Judy C and Martyn E, corner of George/Frederick)

Westbound (bicycles only)

8.00-8.15	1
8.15-8.30	5
8.30-8.45	7
8.45-9.00	9
	=22

Eastbound (bicycles only)

8.00-8.15	5
8.15-8.30	6
8.30-8.45	11
8.45-9.00	18
	=40

TOTAL PRINCES STREET 97

TOTAL GEORGE STREET 62

i.e. there were over 50% more cyclists using Princes Street than George Street

CONCLUSIONS

A. Even in bad cycling weather (strong winds, spitting rain and worse forecast for later) considerable numbers of people are cycling through the city centre.

B. There is a significant demand for cycling in both Princes Street and George Street, but, despite the traffic pressures adjacent to tramlines, 50% more people find Princes Street their most useful alternative of the two.