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MIN-4037 Hamilton cycle connections

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Provide further information on Western Connections and Rifle Range Road cycle connections in Hamilton

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Hamilton City Council has submitted an application to the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF) which includes a programme of projects to help deliver significant mode shift in Hamilton.
- While not all projects in the application are being funded, the Western Connections and Rifle Range Road cycle connections are being funded.
- An extract of the application is attached to provide an overview of the Western Connections and Rifle Range Road cycle connections.

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2.0 STRATEGIC CYCLING AND MICROMOBILITY

The projects listed below support Hamilton's aim to reduce carbon emissions and private vehicle kilometres travelled by at least 8.4% in the first decade of the 30-year Biking and Micro-Mobility Connected Neighbourhoods programme, and an estimated 17.3% by 2051.

Delivery timeframes will be influenced by several factors e.g., internal resources, utilities, contractor availability / resourcing, etc.

The connections to the existing network, biking and micromobility plan, and projects outlined in Walkable Neighbourhoods and Public Transport, is shown in **Appendix A**.

2.1 Western Connections

The package of projects that make up Western Connections forms a key part of the overall Biking & Micro-Mobility Network Plan for Hamilton City, including connections from local communities to the successful Western Rail Trail.

The Western Rail Trail provides an off-road safe facility for people walking, biking and other methods of micromobility between the suburbs of Glenview, Dinsdale and the CBD. Connections through to this facility will improve the use of the trail (which already has in high number of people per day using it).

The following plan shows the existing trail route and the proposed improvement projects which will provide safe connections to this facility.

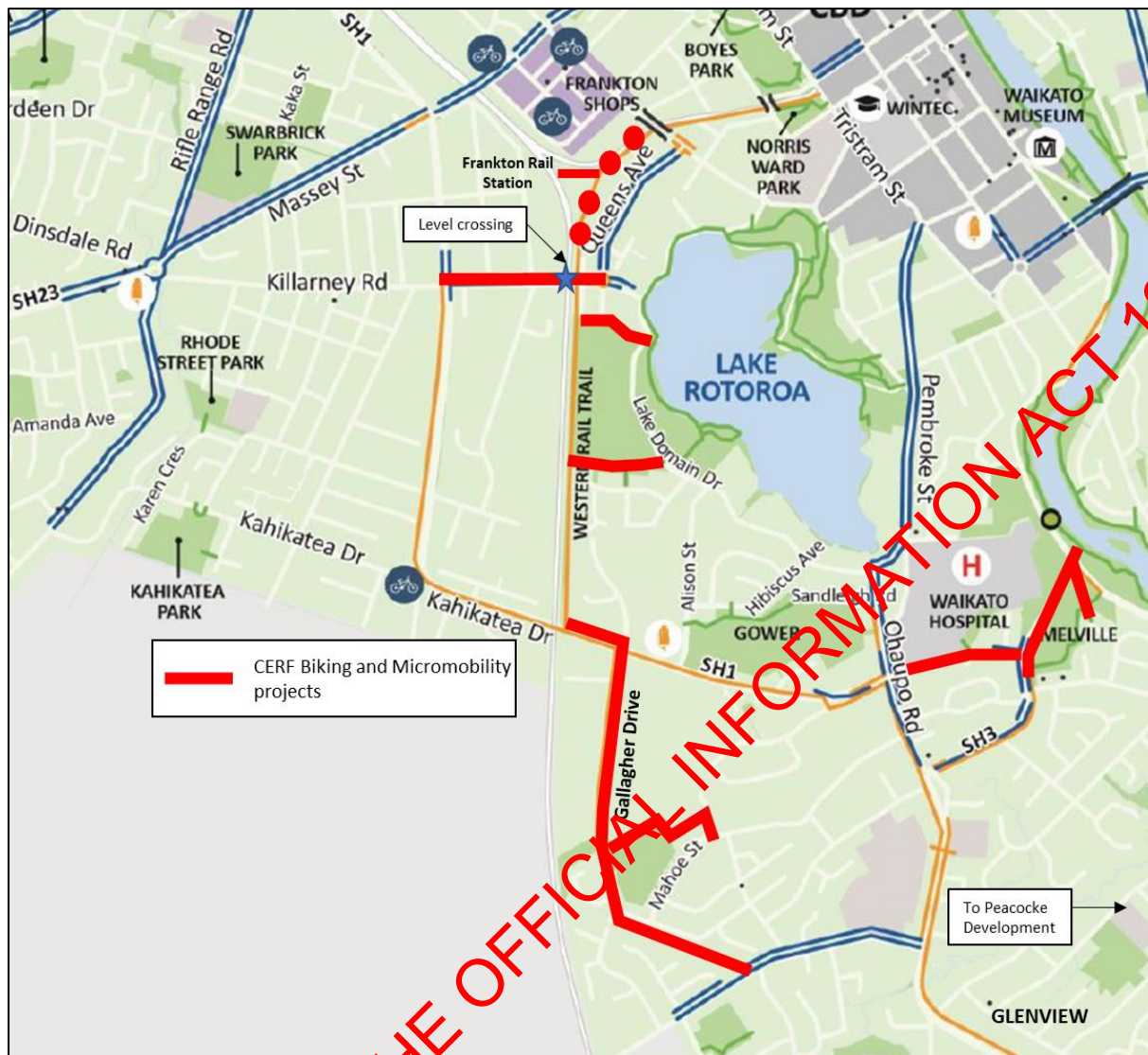


Figure 1: Western Connections projects and linkages to existing network and communities

2.2 Rifle Range Road - SH23 (Massey Street) to Avalon Drive (SH1C)

Provide safe connections for people on bikes to the intersection with SH23 and Avalon Drive underpass, St Columba's and Frankton schools, as well as linkages for Dinsdale and Frankton communities. It compliments Waka Kotahi's *Boost* projects at Norton Road/SH1C roundabout and Massey Street (SH23) roundabout (Dinsdale), and NLTP low cost low risk pedestrian crossing project. There is an opportunity for Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.

Interventions:

- Widen existing cycle lanes
- Install physical separators
- Tighten kerb radii at side roads
- Install green surfacing

Timeframe:

Milestones	Completed by
Concept	Complete
Consultation	October 2022
Preliminary Design	November 2022
Pre-construction Handover	Mid 2023
Implementation	Late 2023

Project cost estimate: Project cost estimate \$1.5M, + \$100k for Project Development

Risk: Low to Medium - Adjustments to parking may result in negative feedback by residents / businesses. This will be mitigated through communication and design.



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