

MIN-4206 Cycleway proposal from Papamoa Residents and Ratepayers Alliance

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Providing an update on the Eastern Corridor Alliance cycleway proposal, which is supported by the Papamoa Residents and Ratepayers Association.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Waka Kotahi is aware of the proposal from the Eastern Corridor Alliance to provide a cycleway connection from Mount Maunganui through to the SH2 Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road (TELTR) path.
- Waka Kotahi supports the provision of end to end safe, separated cycleways connecting Pāpāmoa East to Mount Maunganui and Tauranga.
- Tauranga City Council (TCC) has a city-wide programme of walking, cycling and public transport connections across the city called Accessible Streets. Tauranga's primary cycle network has been defined through the Urban Form and Transport Initiative (UFTI) and the Transport System Plan (TSP) projects.
- The package of works in the area is made up of:
 - **Accessible Streets for Mount Maunganui:** Mount Maunganui to Bayfair multi modal improvements. This project is currently being scoped and is expected to start in mid-2023. More information about the TCC Accessible Streets project is available at: www.tauranga.govt.nz/exploring/transportation-and-roads/accessible-streets/accessible-streets-programme.
 - **Transport Choices Girven Road to Sandhurst Road:** Funded through the Transport Choices programme, under the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF). This project provides a missing link between Bayfair Shopping Centre and Sandhurst Road in Pāpāmoa. This is a component of Tauranga's primary cycle network and will integrate with onward cycle connections in Mount Maunganui and future cycle connections in Pāpāmoa. s 9(2)(g)(i)
 - **Arataki to Pāpāmoa East Multi-modal:** multi-modal improvements between Bayfair Shopping Centre and Pāpāmoa East, which will integrate with the improvements provided through the Transport Choices project.
- For the Transport Choices Girven Road to Sandhurst Road project, Waka Kotahi has funded pre-implementation activities to enable design work, and subject to approvals, implementation funding will also be provided. The total project cost is expected to be \$7m. The project is on track to be completed by TCC by June 2024.
- Additionally, the Western Bay of Plenty Transport System Plan partners have included the SH Tauranga Eastern Link Shared USE Path as an activity for consideration for funding through the recent refresh of the Transport System Plan prioritised list of projects.