

# Walking and Cycling Investment Summary

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## Walking and cycling

Walking and cycling facilities support vibrant communities which everyone can access, as well as providing travel choices that are good for our health and take care of the planet. Towns and cities thrive when people can move around them easily and have good choices about how they get to work, connect with family and friends, and access shops and services.

In the 2018-21 period a total of \$390 million is being invested in walking and cycling initiatives, an increase of \$96 million on the previous three years.

\$300 million will be invested from the National Land Transport Fund, supported by co-investment from local government of \$65 million and \$25 million of additional Crown funding from the Urban Cycleways Fund.

Investment is being targeted to extending existing walking and cycling networks, providing connections to public transport hubs, improving safety and accessibility, making streets more people-friendly, and helping revitalise regional economies with new tourism opportunities.

Our investment in walking and cycling is also responding to increasing demand due to the growing number of people cycling, including a surge in e-bike riders, on our urban networks.

## The \$390 million package of investment includes:

### Innovating Streets for People pilot fund across New Zealand:

- The projects include neighbourhood-wide interventions designed to reduce traffic and create more appealing environments for adults and children to walk, cycle and play; intersection repairs that improve safety outcomes and make it easier for people to cross, and improvements to make business districts more vibrant. The first projects were approved in April 2020 to help manage responses to COVID-19.

### Northland - \$7 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- the urban cycling routes in Whāngārei, creating a connected network of shared paths for walking and cycling between residential areas, education, recreation and shops
- commencement of Whangarei District Council's Kamo Shared Path Extension. This shared path connects many destinations in the community; schools, supermarkets, the CBD, and thousands of residential homes. It is expected to commence in 2020/2021
- a shared path as part of the SH10 Waipapa corridor improvements, extending the existing Far North District Council pathway connecting Waipapa and Kerikeri.

### Auckland - \$120 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- additions to the city centre network, including K' Road, Tamaki Drive and Victoria St. Completion expected by January 2021
- the 2.9km New Lynn to Avondale shared path that will create a safer environment for pedestrians and people on bikes, and provide improved transport choices and a greener, more attractive environment. Physical works started in July 2020
- the Northcote safe cycle route will be completed by early 2021. The route will make it safer for kids to get to school, encourage more people to walk and cycle, and allow for increased future capacity
- work will continue on the 7km Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path. This connects Auckland's eastern suburbs to the city centre. Sections 1 and 3 of the shared path have been completed and construction on Section 2 started in July 2020.
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- work began to replace the walking and cycling link over the Manukau Harbour between Mangere Bridge and Onehunga communities in November 2019. The Old Mangere Bridge Replacement Project will be complete in 2022
- the first section of the Northern Pathway (NZUP funded) is underway, a critical walking and cycling link over the Waitemata Harbour as part of the Northern Corridor Improvements project. Planning is underway for two further sections with the start of construction between Westhaven and Akoranga expected to start in 2021
- completion in 2020 of the shared walking and cycling path between Takanini and Papakura as part of the SH1 Southern Corridor Improvements project, to connect communities and provide more travel options.
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**Waikato** - \$12 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- expanding urban cycle networks and strategic inter-regional connections in the Hamilton area, including the SH1 to Cambridge Cycle Connection of Te Awa River Ride. Construction of the remaining sections are expected to get underway in late 2020, with the full path completed in 2021.

**Bay of Plenty** - \$43 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- completion of the CyWay network in Rotorua by the end of 2020, connecting suburbs, arterial routes and tourist attractions
- the Domain Road walking and cycling facilities in Papamoa, Tauranga will improve connections for walking and cycling and public transport users. Construction is underway and is expected to be completed early 2022
- new walking and cycling facilities on Ngatai Road, Tauranga will improve safety for children cycling to schools in the Tauranga suburbs of Matua and Otumoetai. Construction is expected to be completed late 2020
- the Maunganui Road Walking and Cycling Improvements project will improve pedestrian and cyclist access to economic and social opportunities in the area (including safer access for children to schools in the area). Completion is estimated for early 2022.

**Taranaki** - \$0.7 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- improvements to the New Plymouth cycleways which were completed in 2019
- completion of the business case for the Coastal Pathway, Bell Block to Waitara, by June 2021.

**Gisborne** - \$4.8 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- stage 2 of the SH35 Gisborne to Wainui Cycleway was completed in 2018. Stage 3 will extend the existing shared path as far as Crawford Road, then continues down to the Esplanade to link up to the Gladstone Bridge widened path. Construction is planned to be completed by June 2021
- walking and cycling intersection and route improvements.

**Hawke's Bay** - \$2 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- the iWay project that was established in 2011, and numerous on and off-road pathways have been developed in Napier and Hastings for walkers and people cycling. Additions as part of the Urban Cycleways Programme were completed in 2018.

**Manawatū–Whanganui** - \$7 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- completion of the business case for the Palmerston North to Feilding shared path (via Bunnythorpe) in 2019, Construction is awaiting funding request from the Council
- He Ara Kotahi, a 7.1km shared path and river bridge across the Manawatū River opened in May 2019 connecting Palmerston North City, Massey University and Linton
- Te Tuawai (The Spine) shared pathway in Whanganui was completed in 2019. Whanganui's walking and cycling network will encourage active travel and provide easy direct connections between various parts of the city, from the river, to the town centre, and the suburbs.

**Wellington** - \$75 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- pre-implementation phase of the Nga Ūranga ki Pito-one (Ngauranga to Petone) section of Te Ara Tupua shared path linking Wellington with the Hutt Valley began in 2019. This section is included within the fast-track consenting process
- the Petone to Melling section of Te Ara Tupua is underway and expected to be completed in 2021
- Wellington City's Urban Cycleways Programme has provided significant additions and enhancements to the city's cycleways. Completion of the final sections is expected by June 2021
- the Eastern Bays shared path in Lower Hutt is in the consenting phase. The project will develop a safe and integrated walking and cycling facility on Marine Drive to connect communities along Lower Hutt's Eastern Bays
- construction on the Beltway cycleway in Lower Hutt is underway
- Te Hikoi Ararewa shared path and bridge between Wainuiomata and Lower Hutt was completed in May 2019
- construction on the Oriental Parade to Evans Bay section of the Tahitai bike path started in April 2019
- Construction of the Cobham Drive section of the Tahitai path is nearing completion
- Construction on the Wi Neera shared path in Porirua is underway, with completion of the CBD section expected in August 2020.

**Nelson/Tasman/Marlborough** - \$4 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- completion of stage 1 of the Tahunanui shared pathway, in conjunction with Nelson City Council. Construction of stage 2 began in early 2020 and is expected to be completed in September 2020
- construction of a shared pathway for walking and cycling along SH60 between Takaka and Paines Ford is underway and expected to be completed late 2020.

**Canterbury** - \$32 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- continued investment in Christchurch's 13 major cycleways routes to provide a safe and accessible network connecting the city's suburbs to the central city
  - Puari ki Otūmatua Quarryman's Trail
  - South Express (Hornby Rail-Templeton to City)
  - Puari ki Kahukura Heathcote Expressway
  - Nor'West Arc
  - Papanui Parallel and Christchurch Northern Corridor shared path

**Otago** - \$50 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- construction of the final 5km section of the SH88 Dunedin to Port Chalmers shared cycling/walking path which began in July 2020
- continued investment in the Dunedin urban and central city cycle networks, including the completion of the One-Way Pair Cycle lanes in February 2019

- further investment in the Wakatipu/Queenstown and SH6 highway corridors. These improvements ensure better connections to other parts of the network and improve walking cycling and public transport links.

**Southland** - \$2.2 million investment in walking and cycling which includes:

- a new walking and cycling connection over the Mataura River in Gore. This track will improve access between the township and East Gore. Work is expected to be completed by June 2021.