

## MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

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## Minister of Transport

# Streets For People Programme 2021-24 National Announcement

### Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with information about the Streets for People programme 2021-24, prior to the national media announcement event on Tuesday, 6 September 2022 from 10.30am to 11.30am.

### Project funding and costs

2. The funding pool is similar to the Innovating Streets for People programme, with \$30 Million set aside from the National Land Transport Plan (2021-24) and a Funding Assistance Rate of up to 90 percent.

### Programme detail

3. Streets for People programme 2021-24 overview:
  - The Streets for People programme aims to make it easier and faster to create safer, healthier, and more people-friendly streets.
  - The programme creates opportunities for councils to partner with communities to accelerate street change projects. This will help Aotearoa to achieve its emissions reduction goals faster, while creating vibrant, people-friendly places for thriving communities.
4. Streets for People is built on solid learnings and experiences from the Innovating Streets for People programme 2020-21 when councils and community groups across Aotearoa delivered 89km of street changes in 32 towns and cities. These trial changes included cycleways, parklets, low traffic streets, community spaces, and safer school crossings.

### Projects as part of the programme

5. The full list of councils who will receive funding to implement their proposed projects were included in BRI-2555 - Update on the Streets for People programme.
6. The details of projects included as part of the Streets for People programme 2021-24 are attached as Appendix One. These will be announced as part of the announcement event on 6 September 2022.

### Programme benefits

7. Key benefits of the Streets for People programme include:

- Many projects within the previous programme (Innovating Streets for People) saw great results for towns and cities, like safer streets with fewer vehicles; people driving at slower speeds; more people biking, walking, and scootering; and more people enjoying public spaces.
- The Innovating Streets for People programme was the first in New Zealand targeted at building capability in the rapid reallocation of street space. It has enabled councils, with the support of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, to speed up projects that would normally take years to implement.
- The Streets for People programme aims to deliver similar benefits as the Innovating Streets for People programme across Aotearoa New Zealand.

### Key messages

8. Key messages of the Streets for People programme 2021-24 include:

- We need to make it safer, quicker, and more attractive for people to walk, bike, ride devices, and take public transport in our towns and cities. Better transport options will reduce emissions, reduce deaths and injuries on our roads, and improve public health and access to opportunities.
- Streets are public places that need to prioritise people, not just vehicles, to make our towns and cities better places to live, play and work in. People live on streets, they shop on streets, they meet friends and family on streets, and they may even play on the street.
- The Government's Emissions Reduction Plan includes actions to accelerate widespread street changes to support public transport, active travel, and placemaking.
- The purpose of the Streets for People programme is to make it easier and faster to create safer, healthier and more people-friendly streets.
- The Streets for People programme will support councils to partner with communities to create areas that support their needs in a more timely and responsive way.
- The programme is focused on implementing street changes that will encourage people to walk and cycle to get around.

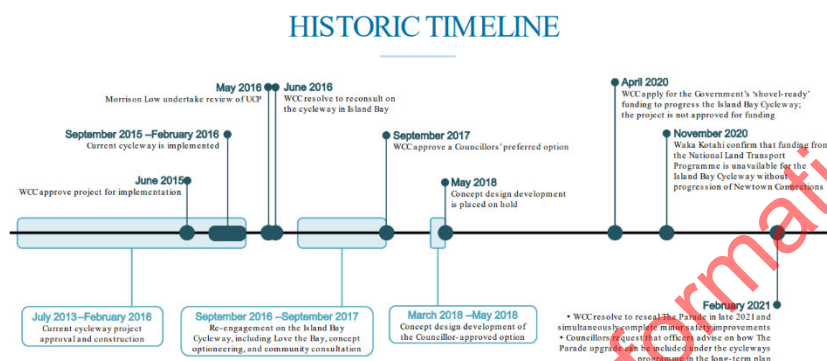
### Other matters

9. History with Newtown:

- Following a Wellington City Council (WCC) decision in 2021 to accelerate the delivery of a bike network in Wellington, WCC planned to install the Newtown to city route for 12 months using adaptable materials and give the community the opportunity to experience the changes in real time, so that changes could be made in response to their feedback and data gathered.
- A small section of the route along Riddiford Street between Mein Street and John Street/Adelaide Road was installed using a Temporary Traffic Management Plan starting in May 2022. However, installation was temporarily stopped in June following a legal challenge brought by six businesses along the route.

- Given the legal uncertainty around the way legislation can be interpreted to make changes along this route, WCC and the businesses agreed to settle out of court and use the traditional traffic resolution process to continue progress along the Newtown to city route.
- Consultation on this route opened on 11 August 2022, with submissions open until 31 August 2022. A decision from Councillors is expected in mid-September.

#### 10. History with Island Bay:



- The current Island Bay Cycleway was completed in February 2016, following a period of community engagement. However, the final design of the current cycleway, frustration over the initial public consultation process, the disruption caused during the construction of the cycleway, and safety concerns raised by local residents meant that the cycleway was poorly received by a large number of Island Bay residents. This, combined with media interest in the tensions over the cycleway, led to division across communities in Island Bay.
- Options for improving the bike lanes and street layout were developed with the community in 2016-2017 (Love the Bay) and a substantial redesign was agreed to by WCC Councillors in 2017. During the design work that followed, detailed topographic information showed that rebuilding the bike paths at footpath level along the length of The Parade, which was a key feature of the 2017 design, was going to be challenging and exceed the available budget.
- The improvements being proposed now will help achieve the Love the Bay objectives, which were developed in collaboration with the community to shape the 2017 design brief for The Parade. These changes will improve safety, make the layout cohesive and intuitive for all users, and contribute to a pleasant and welcoming environment. The Island Bay Residents' Association appealed to the High Court over the redesign of the cycleway, but this was ultimately thrown out by the High Court in 2019.
- The project was put on hold due to the funding shortfall. It did not qualify for Waka Kotahi funding unless it was planned and built as part of the whole southern connection between the city and Island Bay.

## 11. Reshaping Streets Consultation:

- Consultation for the proposed legislative changes needed to make it easier for local authorities (like councils) to make street changes that support public transport, active travel and placemaking is now open until 19 September 2022. Current legislation is outdated and almost 50 years' old, and the proposed changes in the Reshaping Streets package will enable councils to transform streets to reflect people's needs and give communities new ways to be involved in changes that affect them.

### **You have received the following briefings on this subject:**

1. BRI-2555 - Update on the Streets for People programme, 18 August 2022

### **Ministerial media announcement**

12. The event will be located at Newtown School, Mein Street, Newtown, Wellington.
13. Powhiri and Kapa Haka performance 10.30am. Followed by a series of short speeches and media stand up. Concluding with a photo opportunity. The Minister is invited to ride a bicycle on the existing cycleway with Newtown school students.

### **Key attendees to acknowledge**

14. The key attendees invited for the announcement event include the following:
  - Wellington City Council: Chief Executive, Barbara McKerrow
  - Greater Wellington Regional Council, Chief Executive, Barbara McKerrow
  - Newtown School: Principal, Nicki Read
  - Mayor of Wellington, Andy Foster
  - Deputy Mayor, Sarah Free
  - MP for Rongotai and local Mayoral candidate, Paul Eagle
  - Waka Kotahi representatives: Chief Executive, Nicole Rosie; General Manager Transport Services, Brett Gliddon; Director Regional Relationships Greater Wellington and Top of the South, Emma Speight; National Manager Multimodal and Innovation, Deb Hume
  - Local community: Newtown Community Centre, Newtown Residents Association, Berhampore Residents Association, Berhampore Community Centre, Wellington City Hospital
  - Advocacy groups: Cycle Wellington, Alex Dyer; Cycle Action Network, Patrick Morgan; Living Streets Aotearoa, Ellen Blake, and Tim Jones
  - Let's Get Wellington Moving: Programme Manager, Andrew Wright; Programme Director, Sarah Gardner

### **Media**

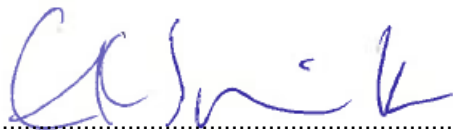
15. Waka Kotahi expects a lot of local and national media interest.

16. There has been a lot of coverage around the Newtown to CBD judicial hearing recently and also coverage around the proposed changes to legislation with the Reshaping Streets consultation:

- Tō Tātou Pōneke Our Wellington - Help shape better bus and bike trips from Newtown to the city
- Stuff NZ: The way's being paved for communities to reshape their streets
- Scoop Independent News - Greater Wellington Welcomes Reshaping Streets
- NZ Herald - Councils could get powers to ban cars on some roads and restrict traffic outside schools

**It is recommended that you:**

1. **Note** the contents of this briefing.



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**Hon Michael Wood, Minister of Transport**

Date: 2022

## Appendix One - Projects included in the Streets for People programme 2021-24

<b>Auckland Transport</b>	<p>Auckland Transport will be funded to deliver two trial projects, that will be co-designed with communities and other Auckland Council Controlled Organisations. The funding will enable activities that make it easier for people to choose low-carbon active trips, trialling these actions at a street level, with learnings from those trials intended to guide implementation in other locations across the Tāmaki Makaurau region.</p>
<b>Central Hawke's Bay District Council</b>	<p><b>Slower speeds in the Town Centre</b></p> <p>Waipawa's main street is a busy and important thoroughfare, connecting Central Hawke's Bay to key Hawke's Bay infrastructure including Napier Port. With traffic often travelling at speed through Waipawa, introducing reduce reduction measures at the Northern and Southern ends of Waipawa the road will remove major barriers. It will allow children, residents, and visitors to move safely between school, shops, and community infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Improved Walking &amp; Cycling intersections across SH2</b></p> <p>Waipawa's main street is home to many businesses and is essential to residents, particularly those with limited mobility. Currently, there are two pedestrian crossings on the entire road, which do not enable people to cross safely. Residents are now opting to drive to access school and businesses which raises concerns for safe crossing, particularly for children. Enhancing safety of crossing points will reduce these challenges, boosting pedestrian and cyclists' safety, and increasing connectivity on the street.</p> <p><b>Improved Walking &amp; Cycling connections at key intersections</b></p> <p>As you travel through Waipawa's main street, there are two complicated intersections intersecting with Ruataniwha Street and Victoria Street. They can be hazardous areas to cross - both are extremely busy, cater mostly for heavy traffic and lack defined crossings for footpath users. We want to make these intersections simpler and safer to navigate by building clearly defined options for crossing and moving through the intersections.</p> <p><b>Improved access to Madge Hunter Park and Centennial Memorial swimming pool</b></p> <p>Madge Hunter Park and the community swimming pool on Harker Street are popular amenities in Waipawa. Due to their location near the State Highway, they are difficult to access – there are no areas to cross the road and traffic is moving quickly entering the 100km zone. Our goal is to make this area people-friendly by introducing safety and speed measures and enhancing accessibility in this southern area of the town.</p> <p><b>Cycling on SH2 – Testing cycling options on SH2</b></p> <p>With plenty of easy-riding cycle trails in Central Hawke's Bay, there are many people out exploring by bike. Waipawa's main street does not currently cater for cyclists but is a midway point and forms a key connection in the Heartland</p>

	<p>cycle trails. It can be a dangerous route as cyclists disembark their bike or cycle their way around moving vehicles and parked cars. Our objective is to install a fit-for-purpose cycleway along the street so cyclists can travel safely and easily link on to cycle trails.</p>
<b>Christchurch City Council</b>	<p><b>Haeata Connections</b></p> <p>Haeata Connections is centred around the Haeata Community Campus and community in Aranui, eastern Christchurch. Currently there are safety issues, both transport and personal, impacting people's ability to travel sustainably and safely. This is especially true for the students of Haeata. This project aims to deliver community lead initiatives that open the streets to people with a focus on local ownership and delivery.</p> <p><b>Gloucester Street Shared Space</b></p> <p>The Gloucester Street Shared Space runs between Colombo Street and Manchester Street. This city cultural and entertainment hub currently doesn't provide a nice environment for people, with wide lanes, ample car parking and a plain street scape. Gloucester Street is a major destination with the Isaac Theatre Royal, Tūranga and New Regent Street already along this street. The importance of Gloucester Street is going to grow with the development of the Performing Arts Precinct and the Cathedral Square Precinct. This project aims to develop on other previous adaptive projects in the area and trial a unique space that provides for people, and supports the performing arts precinct and local businesses.</p>
<b>Gisborne District Council</b>	<p><b>Safer Crossing on SH35 and community meeting space – Uawa</b></p> <p>This project is located in Uawa (Tolaga Bay) on the East Coast north of Gisborne. The Gisborne District Council have committed to installing a cycle trail around the area to enable active journeys for the local community who have championed the project. SH 35 runs through the centre of the community and is a busy road which has a high volume of logging trucks.</p> <p>The Streets for People programme provides an opportunity to trial enhancing the two existing pedestrian crossing areas on the state highway, provide for a separated cycleway to link to the trails as well as updating te whakairo o Hingangaroa raua ko Iranui (underutilised main street community meeting place). The potential problems will be around catering for the large logging trucks which provide a lot of business to local retailers and need places to park – we need to ensure we retain sufficient parking area to encourage drivers to rest and avoid driver fatigue.</p> <p><b>Linear Park, Grey Street</b></p> <p>This project is located in Grey Street in the Gisborne city area. Grey Street connects the Taruheru River to Waikanae Beach through the main CBD. The I-Site is located here and is the arrival and departure point for the intercity</p>



	<p>bus. The commuter bus also travels along here and there are strong links to the active network. A local community group (Tairawhiti Adventure Trust) have championed this project. They have installed a pump track next to the I-Site and are expanding the skate park on Grey Street with future ideas for an indoor climbing wall at the I-Site.</p> <p>Currently the connection from the CBD to the I-site, skate park and pump track is uninspiring and does not encourage active journeys between the CBD and the facilities. We anticipate the linear park being able to be a multi-purpose site for community and cultural events. We expect there may be problems around community perception of the linear park being limited to between Childers Road and Waikanae Stream and therefore not connecting river to sea. This is due to the cost and complexity of addressing CBD parking and SH35 and either end.</p>
<b>Hastings District Council</b>	<p><b>Heretaunga Arakura – Heretaunga Journeys to School</b></p> <p>Many of our tamariki are driven to and from school daily, adding to heavy and fast-moving traffic, creating busy and dangerous roads, with car usage increasing emissions and air pollution. Students deserve safe school journeys, and active transport should be accessible for all, but many parents fear their children could come to serious harm by cycling, walking or scootering to school.</p> <p>We are focused on putting children at the heart of urban street design, creating safer routes to school so every child has the opportunity to be independent and scooter, ride or walk to and from home, lessening traffic on our roads. Calming our streets will increase pedestrian confidence and shift mindsets, making active travel more accessible, resulting in healthier, more connected communities and a cleaner, greener, more sustainable future for our tamariki and whanau.</p>
<b>Hutt City Council</b>	<p><b>Wainuiomata Connection</b></p> <p>Hutt City Council's Wainuiomata Connection project covers the area between Parkway and Wainuiomata Rd near schools. Wainuiomata is a fast-growing suburb with high quality infrastructure for people using bikes for leisure, and an excellent shared path to Lower Hutt.</p> <p>However, the lack of connections between schools and the Wainuiomata shared path is limiting low-carbon travel choices such and biking and walking, and increasing safety concerns for school students.</p> <p>The project aims to deliver a safer and better-connected low-carbon travel network between the town centre and local schools, so Wainuiomata residents feel more confident walking and cycling. Reducing reliance on private vehicles and public transport would also have a positive financial impact for locals.</p>

<b>Napier City Council</b>	<p><b>Carlyle Street</b></p> <p>Carlyle Street is an important connection between the city centre, suburbs and routes out of Napier. Napier City Council is concerned about the safety of cyclists, pedestrians and motorists using this very busy route, and wants to make changes to benefit the whole community, with their help, and visitors to this city.</p> <p>This project also presents an opportunity to recognise the significance of the western end of the street, and its importance to mana whenua. This site was once known as Pukemokimoki Island, home to a sacred fern. The island was completely removed and used in the rebuilding of Napier following the 1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake.</p>
<b>Nelson City Council</b>	<p><b>Railway Reserve to Waimea Road active travel link</b></p> <p>This project builds on the success of the award winning Innovating Streets - Nelson South project, extending a safe corridor for active travel from the Railway reserve in Nelson South to Waimea Road.</p> <p>The project aims to reallocate road space, so that active travel feels safer, and is safer, for people moving by walking or biking through the area to Nelson Hospital (as one of the region's largest employers, and about to undergo a major redevelopment), multiple high schools and primary schools, or towards the city centre.</p> <p>The project will fill a gap identified in how our transport network functions for all modes, showcasing how pop up trials can improve the public space, and will provide a foundation to implement Council's many strategies to build a sustainable transport future, including the Regional Transport Plan, Future Development Strategy (intensification), Speed Management Plans, and the Active Travel Strategy.</p> <p>Delivered by an experienced team, the project will be developed with partners, stakeholders and the general public, so that the wellbeing of all participants is maintained, and the project successfully delivers on the identified objectives.</p> <p>When complete, the Railway Reserve to Waimea Road Travel active travel link will directly contribute to a reduction in vehicle kilometres travelled, reduced transport emissions, and a safer network for people using active modes of travel.</p>
<b>Palmerston North City Council</b>	<p><b>Featherston Street</b></p> <p>Palmerston North's Featherston Street cycleway will provide a safe protected route for school children and commuters to move around our central city. Featherston Street is one of the busiest roads in palmy and home to three</p>

	<p>schools and several major retailers including McDonalds, Countdown and Mitre 10.</p> <p>The Council identified the street as one of its top priorities in its 2019 Urban Cycle Network Masterplan, which aims to provide a network of protected safe cycleways to encourage more people to choose to ride bikes.</p> <p>The project will include the area around Palmerston North Boys' High and Central Normal Schools, from Aroha to North Streets. But the exact extent will be determined with stakeholders, schools and businesses once consultation gets underway. The Council will be working closely with the community to design the cycleway to ensure it works for everyone. They say planter boxes will not feature in the design.</p>
<b>Tasman District Council</b>	<p><b>Richmond and Mapua</b></p> <p>These projects aim to accelerate the delivery of the strategic network of cycle lanes as set out by our Walking and Cycling Strategy within Tasman towns.</p> <p><b>Richmond</b></p> <p>Create the main 13-kilometre North/South cycling corridor along Salisbury and Wensley roads to connect the majority of Richmond's residential areas with the town centre and schools.</p> <p>Establish safe connections to the major schools of Waimea College, Waimea Intermediate, Henley School, Salisbury School, Saint Pauls and Garin College in Richmond.</p> <p><b>Mapua</b></p> <p>Develop a 1.9-kilometre cycling corridor to link the two main commercial areas together along with many of Mapua main recreational and residential areas.</p> <p>Connect Mapua School with residential areas.</p>
<b>Timaru District Council</b>	<p><b>Port Loop Road – Shoreline Greenway Project</b></p> <p>The Port Loop Road Shoreline Greenway project is seeking to re-invigorate a key active transport link between Timaru's City Centre and Caroline Bay. This will transform a currently unappealing and unsafe feeling connection which is dominated by heavy traffic to an attractive green way which will connect our city to its major coastal tourist sites. It will also provide an important new gateway for the increasing number of cruise passengers that our city welcomes each summer.</p>

<b>Wellington City Council</b>	<p><b>Newtown to Island Bay route</b></p> <p>Wellingtonians have asked for better transport options and action on climate change. Making it safer and easier for people to ride, walk, and use public transport for everyday trips is key to rapidly cutting emissions. Paneke Pōneke is Wellington's plan for a citywide network of connected bike/scooter routes that will be combined with improvements for people walking and taking the bus.</p> <p>The Newtown to Island Bay route is the final part of the southern connection between Island Bay and the city, and will make it safer and easier for more people to bike/scoot from the southern suburbs into the city. This full route has been identified for mass rapid transit in the future to support significant growth over the coming years, so this is about providing safe and easy active transport options in the meantime that will be vital to avoid further congestion in this busy area and reduce conflict between people walking, riding, driving, and using public transport.</p> <p>Whether walking, cycling, or using the bus, the changes on this route will give people better options for how they can get to and from work, school or tertiary study, dropping kids at daycare, working at Wellington Hospital and related health services, visiting shops, and taking part in sports and recreation.</p>
<b>Whanganui District Council</b>	<p><b>Guyton Street</b></p> <p>The Guyton Group Trust has been advocating for improvements in Whanganui's Guyton Street for over a decade. There are safety concerns in the area, with cars travelling through quickly and accidents occurring over the years. This project will also give us the opportunity to improve pedestrian connections in and around Guyton St.</p> <p>Whanganui District Council is keen to start the process of working with people who live and work in the area, Iwi and the wider Whanganui community to think about how a safer and revitalised Guyton Street might look.</p> <p>We'd like to see Guyton Street more connected to the rest of Whanganui's central business district, as part of a walkable town centre – this funding will give us the opportunity to make Guyton Street a vibrant destination for our community to enjoy as they move about the central business district.</p> <p><b>Saint Hill Street bus hub</b></p> <p>In February 2023 a new bus route will be rolled out in Whanganui to make catching the bus an easier way to travel across the city. The new bus route will run every 20 minutes, on a route which goes from one end of Whanganui to the other.</p> <p>The Streets for People funding for the Saint Hill St bus hub will allow us to create an attractive streetscape around the existing Saint Hill St bus shelter to bring some fresh energy to the experience of catching the bus, as well as</p>

	<p>improving the area for cyclists and pedestrians. The aim of this project is to support public transport in Whanganui.</p> <p>Whanganui District Council will be talking to people in the community about the two projects soon and letting people know how they can get involved – keep an eye on the Whanganui District Council Facebook page for updates in September/October.</p>
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