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Travel Behaviour Change- Single Stage Business Case

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Supporting documents:

- **Critical Review Report** (LGWM, 2020a): Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) TBCh Critical Review Report provides an initial desktop review of current travel behaviour change activity, existing and future travel conditions. It then considers (at a high level) what has been achieved elsewhere in the world and what this means for the ability to influence travel behaviour in Wellington. This report has informed the development of this business case.
- **Wellington Commuter Parking Levy** (LGWM, 2021): This is an Evidence Base Review Report that provides a critical review of the Parking Levy assumptions and impacts that have been made by LGWM and its partners in developing the initial demand scenarios which underpins the other LGWM packages.
- **Strategic Case** (LGWM, 2020c): Let's Get Wellington Moving TBCh Strategic Case outlines the strategic context and the contribution that a TBCh package can make to the LGWM travel choice and mode shift goals. The objectives for TBCh set out in this report have guided the development of the indicative package.

Glossary

- **Travel behaviour change:** for the purposes of this business case, travel behaviour change refers to reducing travel by car (reducing car kms travelled)
- **Travel behaviour change programme:** usual term given to a group of travel behaviour change measures implemented as a bundle, region, city or organisation wide
- **Travel behaviour change package:** recommended travel behaviour change programme for Wellington (abbreviated as recommended package)
- **Interventions:** channels through which measures are delivered (e.g. workplace, schools, events)
- **Initiatives:** measures that enables people or organisations to change (e.g. Guaranteed ride home scheme, wayfinding, cycle to work-day, travel plan)
- **Enabler:** these are modifications to people's environments that make new behaviours easier, safer, more enjoyable, or reduce the perceived risk of new behaviours
- **Travel Plan:** is a package of actions designed to encourage safe, healthy and sustainable travel options by reducing private car travel
- **Parking levy:** is a charge placed upon parking places to encourage car park occupiers/operators to reduce the number of parking places provided
- **Travel Demand Management:** an application of strategies, policies and initiatives to reduce travel demand or redistribute demand across multiple modes of transport
- **Transport Management Association:** A TMA is a not-for-profit organisation that represents an area's businesses and residents, with local government support. TMAs are member-controlled and take on roles ranging from advocacy and promotion of sustainable transport, through to running services such as vanpooling, shuttles or parking brokerage (OIC&KMC 2015). Generally speaking, they are focused on workplaces. The Wynyard Quarter TMA in Auckland is a New Zealand example of a TMA: <https://www.wqtma.co.nz/>
- **Soft measures:** refer to methods of reducing car use through promotion, marketing, personalised travel planning, training etc.
- **Voluntary behaviour change:** change that occurs when individuals make choices for personal reward without a top-down mechanism, regulation of any sort, or a feeling of external compulsion

- **Creating a ripple effect:** encouraging people to use public transport and active modes for many trip types (without a focus on commute and school trips)
- **Creating a culture change:** changing the way people think about things that impact on their travel choices such as where to live; whether to buy a car; how they travel for recreation, leisure, exercise, and holidays; as well as alternative ways to carry out activities, e.g. where they are done, who does them

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	
BCR	Benefit-Cost Ratio
GWRC	Greater Wellington Regional Council
JTW	Journey to work
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LGWM	Let's Get Wellington Moving
LOS	Level of Service
MRT	Mass Rapid Transit
NLTP	National Land Transport Programme
NZ	New Zealand
PBC	Programme Business Case
PT	Public Transport
SSBC	Single Stage Business Case
SOV	Single occupancy vehicles
TBC	Travel Behaviour Change
TDM	Travel Demand Management
TMA	Transport Management Association
VKT	Vehicle kilometres travelled
Waka Kotahi	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
WCC	Wellington City Council
WTSM	Wellington Transport Strategy Model

Executive Summary

The Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) vision for Wellington City is a great harbour city, accessible to all, with attractive places, shared streets, and efficient local and regional journeys through moving more people with fewer vehicles. LGWM has set the following targets for the city:

What is LGWM's target? (LGWM, 2019)



Reduction in private vehicles entering CBD per day by approximately **6,000**



Increase in person/vehicle ratio into CBD from **2.6 in 2016** (82,000 people: 31,000 vehicles) to just under 4 **by 2036** (100,000 people: approx. 26,000 vehicles)*

*3.82 recommended and 3.86 is reported as the indicative package performance according to the LGWM recommended and indicative package modelling report (LGWM, 2019b)

LGWM will achieve these targets primarily by increasing the capacity of the public transport network and reallocating road space to more efficient transport modes through improvements planned under the LGWM programme.

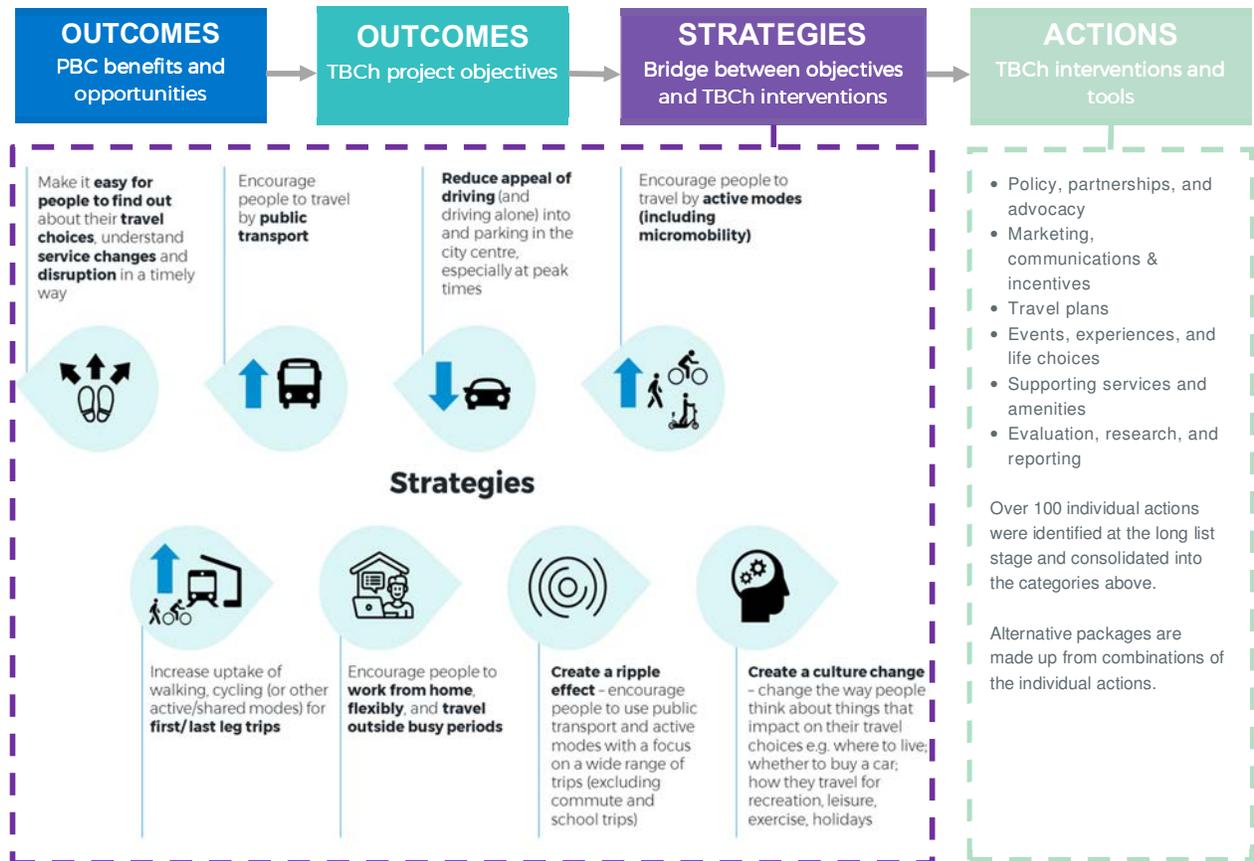
This Single Stage Business Case (SSBC) makes the case for a Travel Behaviour Change (TBCh) package that will “wrap around” the service and network changes helping to achieve Wellington’s mode shift targets. It builds the case by highlighting the key pressures on Wellington’s transport system, and the planned improvements. The SSBC documents current travel behaviour trends and the performance of existing travel behaviour change initiatives. The SSBC then describes the TBCh strategies and options that were considered when developing a recommended package for Wellington.

The TBCh package is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- a Improve access to and through the central city ensuring people know that the available travel choices will work for them (15%)
- b Minimise disruption to people and businesses by making sure they are aware of upcoming changes, how changes will affect their journeys, and that they understand their travel options during delivery of work to improve and renew the city (15%)
- c Make best use of the transport network by encouraging people to travel less often and at less busy times (20%)
- d Make best use of the available transport options by reducing the proportion of people that drive alone during busy times or for short trips (25%)
- e Improve the health, safety and wellbeing of communities by increasing the number of trips that involve active modes and public transport (25%)

The SSBC highlights eight strategies to achieve these objectives. The recommended package was developed by considering the circumstances in which each strategy would be most effective, and

considering the best timing for each part of the package. Each strategy contributes to achieving the project objectives and varying combinations of these strategies form the basis for the alternative packages that have been considered. There are synergies between some of the strategies. For example, making 'it easy for people to find out about their travel choices, understand service disruption and changes in a timely way' is relatively low-impact on its own, but combined with initiatives to 'encourage people to work flexibly or to use alternative modes' will have a greater impact. Several TBCh interventions and tools are available to deliver each strategy.



Strategies that guided the development of alternative travel behaviour change packages

Developing alternative packages

Travel behaviour change can be induced using three key mechanisms:

- **voluntary travel behaviour change** – “change that occurs when individuals make choices for personal reward without a top-down mechanism, regulation of any sort, or a feeling of external compulsion” (Ampt 2003);
- **supply measures**, e.g. providing infrastructure; and
- **demand measures**, e.g. regulation, pricing, technological changes, education/marketing.

All the packages considered during the development of the SSBC focus on travel behaviour change using demand measures including:

- Policy, partnerships, and advocacy;

- Marketing, communications & incentives;
- Travel plans;
- Events, experiences, and life choices;
- Supporting services and amenities; and
- Evaluation, research, and reporting.

While the TBCh package can deliver benefits on its own, it will be more effective when co-ordinated with the delivery of wider transport system improvements. For example, encouraging people to take public transport at peak times is only effective if there is available capacity on the public transport network. Similarly, encouraging people to walk or cycle is best achieved when conditions and the street environment are appropriate.

The process of developing alternative packages involved understanding which strategies best meet the objectives in which locations and when. To do this, four key dimensions of choice were used:

- which strategies best achieve the objectives during periods of disruption;
- where in Wellington will these strategies have most impact;
- when, relative to other system changes, will the strategies have most impact; and
- who would be the target audience.

Five alternative packages (A-E) were developed:

- **Package A** focuses on scaling up the current travel behaviour change effort in response to the planned transport network improvements and construction related disruption;
- **Package B** builds on Package A and adds a focus on the 'first-last leg' travel - connecting people with active and shared modes to rail stations removing barriers to travel by train to Central Wellington;
- **Package C** builds on Package B expanding the package to wrap around a commuter parking levy; and
- **Packages D and E** add a focus on achieving long-term culture change within Wellington and the Wider region.

Recommended package

The packages were evaluated to assess their performance under different circumstances based on which, the SSBC recommended a staged approach with an incremental delivery of Package A, building up to Package E over time. An overview of the recommended package is shown in Figure 1-1, below. The immediate focus will be on the delivery of Package A and Package B (removing barriers to first-last leg) retaining the flexibility to respond to the introduction of a parking levy (i.e. Package C).

Packages focused on achieving a cultural change (Packages D & E) are not related to specific triggers and could be implemented now or at some point in future. Given that these are relatively new concepts for New Zealand it is recommended that a 'pilot, test and grow' approach is adopted following establishment of Packages A and B.

Adopting a flexible, learning approach alongside co-design and engaging partners early, will build support and readiness for change. It will allow new initiatives to be tested before being implemented on a broader scale.

The recommended TBCh package is designed to expand and evolve as the LGWM programme matures. The implementation philosophy recommends starting with a manageable package and growing it through time, responding to the community and environmental context of a city or suburb. Triggers for expanding the scope or resourcing for the TBCh Package include the:

- introduction of a parking levy or congestion charge for Wellington central city;
- introduction of metro rail network capacity improvements;
- introduction of new rolling stock for long distance rail services (i.e. Wairarapa line and Manawatu Line);
- construction and completion of a Mass Rapid Transit in Wellington City; and
- greater recognition of the regional impacts of LGWM.

Recommended Package

Staged delivery of travel behaviour change initiatives in response to triggers/opportunities, with an incremental approach to delivering culture change and ripple effect

Stages of delivery

Scaling up current TBC, responding to disruption (Package A)

Get more people in central Wellington and inner areas using shared and active modes

Responding to first-last leg improvements (Package B)

Connecting people with active and shared modes to rail stations in the outer areas so that people use public transport to travel to the central Wellington

Responding to commuter parking levy (Package C)

Flanking and boosting effectiveness of parking levy to reduce company car use and commuter parking in central Wellington



Average FTE per year
14



Total estimated cost over 10 years
\$52M
(excl PT fare incentives)

Figure 1-1 - Overview of the recommended package for travel behaviour change.

The cost of delivering the recommended package over a 10-year period is estimated at \$52 million (excluding public transport fare incentives and including the cost of 14 Full Time Equivalent staff). This estimate assumes that all the triggers are reached and that packages A to E are implemented within the 10-year timeframe. If the LGWM TBCh package is expanded at a slower rate or if some elements are not included, the 10-year cost would be less than this. Initiatives that influence changes in non-commute trips to support a shift in the travel culture of the community will be gradually phased in and expanded using a trial, test and grow approach.

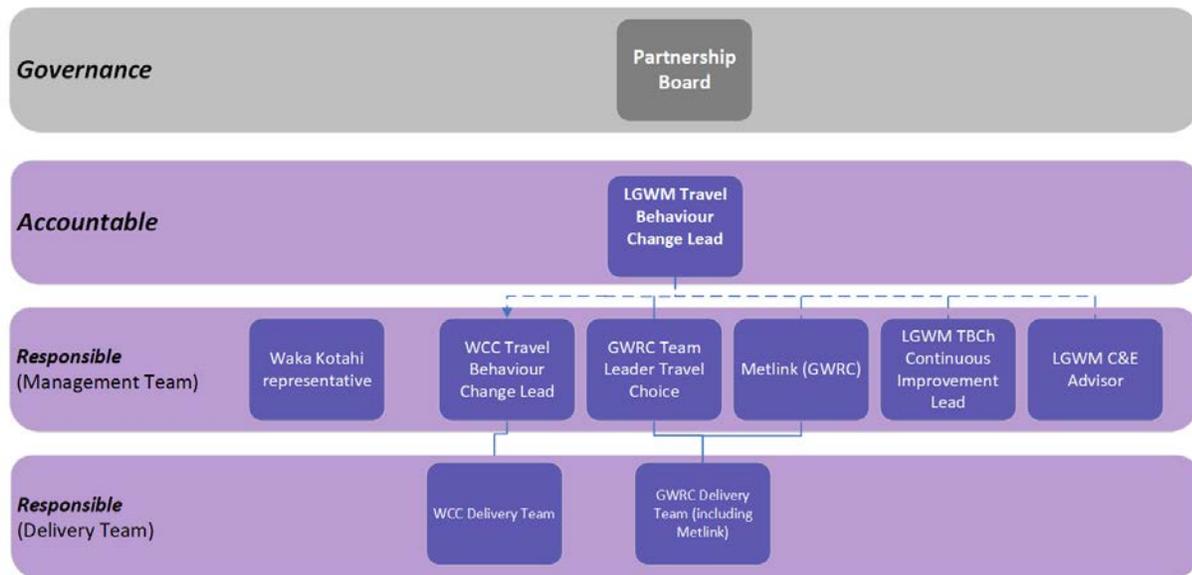
An economic evaluation found that the benefit to cost ratio for Package A could be expected to be between 1.5 and 4.1. The BCR for Package B (which builds from and incorporates Package A) is expected to be between 2.1 and 5.0. Sensitivity tests that explored assumptions about the reach and effectiveness of travel behaviour change initiatives found that it was reasonable to conclude that the BCRs for the recommended package would sit between 2.0 and 4.8.

Delivering the TBCh package

The LGWM TBCh package will be delivered as a continuous improvement programme with a ten-year outline of the activities.

LGWM will be accountable for delivery of the package and supported by a management team made up from a TBCh lead from Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council. The proposed management structure is shown in Figure 1-2, below.

Figure 1-2 - Proposed Management Structure



The Management Team will develop Implementation Plans for each three-year period in advance of each NLTP. This will provide the flexibility needed to ensure initiatives continue to be fully integrated within the LGWM programme as it evolves and changes through time. Delivery of the TBCh package will be supported by rigorous monitoring and evaluation to ensure the value of travel behaviour change in Wellington is maximised and initiatives respond to the needs and environmental context of individual communities.

Collectively the Management Team will support the LGWM TBCh Manager and be responsible for:

- integrating TBCh delivery with LGWM and the work of the partner organisations;
- co-ordinating the delivery of other initiatives by the partner organisations;
- regularly evaluating the performance of the TBCh package and working to agree refinements or enhancement to maximise impact;
- supporting the TBCh Manager to develop and agree three-year plans and funding applications in advance of each NLTP;
- leverage from existing workstreams and relationships
- building on and learning from TBCh work that is already underway within the city and wider region;
- sharing lessons learned and supporting partners to plan-deliver-monitor-improve
- sharing lessons learned with others for the benefit of other cities in NZ

To be successful, Travel Behaviour Change initiatives need to respond to the communities and environmental context of a city or suburb. Continuous improvement is vital for ensuring the value of travel behaviour change in Wellington is maximised. Rigorous application of continuous improvement will also allow the team to apply innovative approaches, retaining what works and discarding or improving other initiatives. The team will apply an Agile management approach. Monitoring and evaluation will be an essential element because it will:

- allow LGWM to understand the extent to which benefits are being realised
- capture lessons learnt and pave the way for continuous improvement (pilot, test, grow)
- allow the LGWM partners to demonstrate the value being delivered and support applications for funding from in advance of each three-year NLTP period
- share experiences and learning thereby contributing to the body of evidence for TBCh in New Zealand.

Next steps

Implementation of TBCh over the coming decade will be sequenced to respond to the triggers and opportunities as they emerge. A flexible approach will be adopted whereby the package can respond to changes within the wider LGWM programme and wider city.

In the first year, much of the effort will need to focus on establishing the building blocks from which to deliver the package with confidence. This will include:

- establishing management arrangements;
- establishing partnerships with private and public sector organisations¹;
- establishing workplace / educator communications channels;
- confirming the appetite for a central city private sector Transport Management Association (agreeing its remit); and
- planning activities and initiatives to “wrap-around” implementation of the LGWM three-year programme.

During this time work can be completed on branding and identity for LGWM travel behaviour change.

As the LGWM infrastructure delivery plans become clearer it will also be possible to identify the cohorts expected to be affected by disruption. Work will begin to co-design travel behaviour change initiatives and campaigns, tailoring to these groups in year 1-2. This will serve to ‘warm the pot’, readying them for change.

By year two, the focus will be on setting up the TMA, supporting organisations to implement travel plans and designing or enhancing programmes e.g. for schools and workplaces.

In year three, disruption is expected to occur, TBCh efforts will need to be integrated with communications relating to construction or service changes. The TBCh team will also seek opportunities

¹ i.e. academic institutions, major employers and regional destinations, the Public Service Commission responsible for staffing Government departments.

to leverage from disruption related to the renewal or repair of utilities and services (e.g. water pipes/ infrastructure).

A new, updated three-year implementation will need to be developed and agreed before the start of the 2024/25 – 2026/27 NLTP period. This will need to make account of the updated LGWM Programme including any moves to implement a Congestion Charge or Parking Levy.

Part B: Package development and evaluation

1 Introduction

Wellington frequently ranks highly as a liveable city¹ in comparison to major centres throughout Australasia. Its population is growing. One of the consequences of this growth is increasing pressure on the transport system which is already at capacity during peak times. Traffic congestion is a regular occurrence, indicating that the transport network is unable to support current or expected growth in travel demand. Bus service efficiency and reliability is significantly affected by this congestion, especially during peak periods. In addition, there will be localised disruption during the Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM)² programme construction phase.

Growth in numbers of people entering the CBD by car will negatively impact the region's liveability. This risks undermining the LGWM vision for a great harbour city, accessible to all, with attractive places, shared streets, and efficient local and regional journeys through moving more people with fewer vehicles. Ultimately the LGWM programme is seeking to support a changed urban form by changing the transport system so that it can "move more people using fewer vehicles". LGWM is focused on trips entering or passing through the central city, many of which start or end in the wider region outside Wellington City.

1.1 Outlining the purpose and scope

The purpose of this report (Part B of the SSBC) is to outline the recommended TBCh package, describe the expected impact and explain the arrangements that need to be in place to deliver the package. The report builds on the Critical Review Report (LGWM, 2020a) and the Strategic Case (Part A of the Single Stage Business Case (SSBC): LGWM, 2020c).

Travel behaviour change can be induced using three key mechanisms:

1. **voluntary travel behaviour change** – "change that occurs when individuals make choices for personal reward without a top-down mechanism, regulation of any sort, or a feeling of external compulsion" (Ampt 2003)
2. **supply measures**, e.g. providing infrastructure
3. **demand measures**, e.g. regulation, pricing, technological changes, education/marketing.

The package is focused on travel behaviour change using demand measures including the provision of information, marketing and communication, advocacy for regulation and policy change, technology, and demand management measures (specifically, a parking levy) to complement the delivery of other projects by partner organisations as demonstrated in Figure 1-1. The next steps following this Business Case will be an action plan for implementation that will build detail into a TBCh package and identify specific targeted initiatives.

² LGWM is an alliance between Wellington City Council (WCC), Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), and the New Zealand Transport Agency (the Transport Agency). LGWM seeks to deliver an integrated transport system that supports the community's aspirations for how Wellington City will look, feel and function.

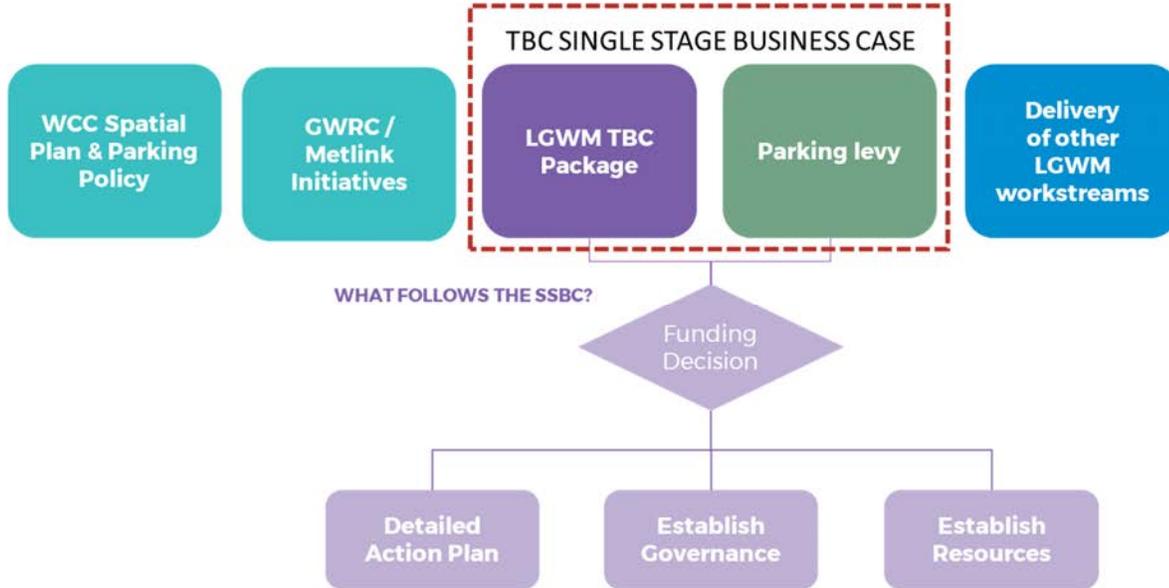


Figure 1-1 Scope of the TBCh Single Stage Business Case

1.2 Understanding why people travel and how people can change

This section considers why people travel and how they can change because several important principles underlie travel behaviour change. These include:

- People do not travel for travel’s sake, but to carry out activities – it is a ‘derived demand’ (see Figure 1-2)
- This means that we are not simply looking at people choosing modes – they are choosing activities and locations, and the people they want to do things with, and the times of day they want to do them - and they need to get there in some way if it is not taking place where they are. So travel behaviour change is really much bigger (and has a lot more potential than just travel behaviour change) it is behaviour change.
- Experience in travel behaviour change programmes elsewhere (e.g. Households in West Adelaide, Stopher et al, 2007) where there was an 18% reduction in car use by participants at the same time as a 6% increase by non-participants) suggests that the package/programme needs to have a strategic framework that includes opportunities for changes in mode shift as well as in the following non-mode shift areas:
 - locations of activities
 - the time of day of activities
 - the way activities are planned
 - the linking of activities on a given trip to reduce individual trips (trip chaining)
 - the allocation of activities to different people.

These observations show how the goals of many packages of LGWM (to encourage mode shift) can be enhanced by the travel behaviour change package which achieves a reduction of car use (kms and trips) by both mode shift and other vital strategies of making choices without necessarily changing mode.

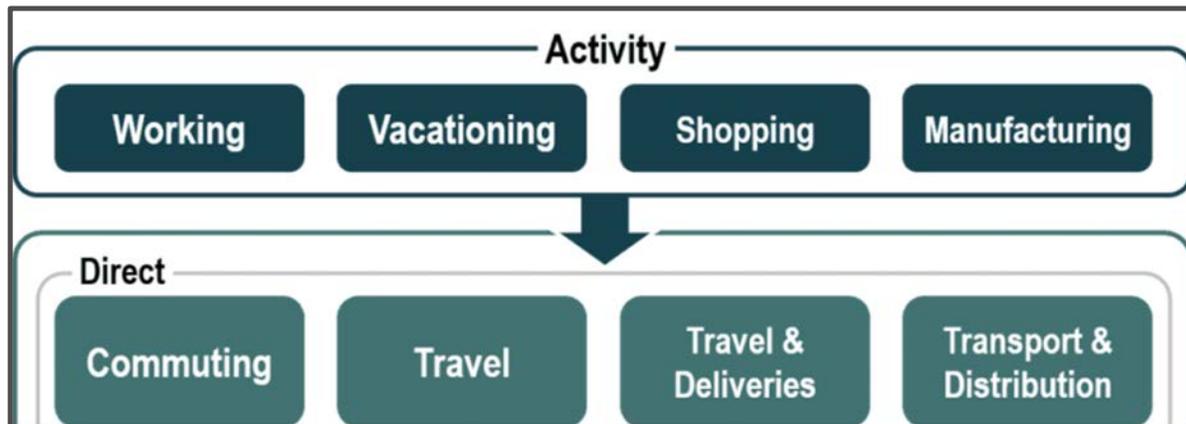


Figure 1-2 Travel behaviour is a derived demand Source: Rodrigue, J-P (2020)

1.3 How does the behaviour change package fit within LGWM?

The Travel Behaviour Change (TBCh) package is one of five workstreams which aims to remove real and perceived barriers to reducing the use of private vehicles. The Strategic Case highlights relevant projects and how they are linked or dependent with TBC. Work undertaken during the development of the LGWM Programme Business Case found that:

- increasing traffic capacity, without also influencing travel behaviour, undermined the benefits of investment in public transport and non-motorised travel.
- there are synergies between the Transformational Package (Mass Rapid Transit, Strategic Highways) and Travel Behaviour Change packages³.

The recommended TBCh package is designed to:

- be implemented alongside the wider LGWM programme and support the (existing and future) transport system, enable growth and help maximise benefits of the other packages within the LGWM programme
- take advantage of the opportunity presented by construction-related disruption and encourage sustained behaviour change
- focus on both latent and new demand for travel using public transport and active modes, and reduce demand for travel in single occupancy vehicles
- be integrated with a parking levy to enhance mode shift by acting as a catalyst to stimulate organisations to review fleet or parking benefits, provision and policies alongside voluntary travel behaviour change initiatives.

³ These conclusions are being revisited by LGWM now that each package has been further developed and refined.

1.4 Overall objectives

The overall objective of the TBCh Package is to achieve a reduction in private vehicle trips and kms travelled into and within in the CBD in the morning peak (7am-9am).

A secondary objective stems from the fact that public transport in Wellington is already heavily used. This means that there is also an objective to encourage people to travel at less busy times when they use public transport.

These objectives can be achieved by encouraging people to:

- carry out activities at different destinations (closer – or at home in the case of work)
- travel less often (i.e. rethink the need to travel)
- combine several activities into one trip (trip chaining)
- change their mode of travel to shared or active forms of transport at any time
- alter times of travel for public transport where possible (away from the peak).

We also propose eight strategies (see section 3.2) to achieve these objectives. The overall targets (level of change) are described in Section 3.

2 The Current Situation

This section provides a summary of the key pressures on the transport system in Wellington, key travel behaviour trends and existing travel behaviour initiatives. It also frames the opportunities for TBCh in Wellington. The Critical Review Report and Strategic Case provide a more comprehensive description.

2.1 Key pressures on the transport system

The Strategic Case (LGWM 2020c) identifies the following key pressures on the transport system impacting travel to and through central Wellington:

- Central city intensification, as well as job growth, is increasing travel within, to and from the central city area.
- The population of the Wellington Region continues to grow and expand outwards. This growth in population and employment will continue to increase travel demand to and through Central Wellington. Section 3 of the Strategic Case (LGWM 2020c) provides a detailed discussion on population and employment growth.
- Regional growth is increasing demand for travel to the airport, hospital and port requiring trips to or through the central city area.
- Traffic congestion is occurring at peak times and peak spreading due to the road network operating at capacity.
- Bus service efficiency and reliability are significantly affected by congestion. Metlink’s performance monitoring of their bus network (2017–2020) shows that service reliability and punctuality vary substantially and frequently underperform by Metlink’s own measures. Metlink’s performance monitoring also indicates a reliability and punctuality variation in the train network.
- Heavy traffic impacts the amenity and safety of those walking, cycling and using micro-mobility (e.g. e-scooters).
- Much of the Wellington road and bus network operates at, or close to, capacity during peak travel times and cannot accommodate additional demand. Until public transport improvements are delivered there is a limited opportunity to convert peak time drive alone trips to public transport. See section 2.3 of the Strategic Case for further details (LGWM 2020c).
- Data indicates that recent growth in travel demand has been accommodated by public transport and active modes, due a variety of factors, including increasing preferences for walking and cycling, capacity constraints on the road network, peak spreading and a growing inner-city population.
- Availability of travel options (i.e. active modes, public transport and alternatives to private car travel) varies across the region.
- Passenger rail terminates at the northern end of Wellington central city, requiring journeys to or from other parts of Wellington City to be completed by other modes, primarily foot or bus. Bus services passing through the central city to southern and eastern suburbs (and the regional airport and hospital) stop frequently, making car-based travel to these locations relatively quick compared to the bus despite traffic congestion.
- Covid-19 is impacting travel patterns. See section 3.2 of the Strategic Case (LGWM 2020c). There will be a period of disruption before an increase in capacity is delivered by LGWM packages.

One opportunity for TBCh in Wellington is that increasing vehicle congestion associated with growth of the population and employment is likely to make people receptive to a programme of change.

2.2 Planned improvements to the Transport System

Improvements to the transport system (infrastructure changes and service enhancements) will be delivered by the LGWM programme and other parallel workstreams progressed independently by LGWM partners. Appendix D identifies critical projects being delivered over the next 15 years and the impact they will have on the TBCh package being delivered as part of this workstream.

Metlink plans capacity improvements to both the bus and the rail network. Subject to successful trials other system improvements such as enabling the use of Snapper cards on rail are also planned. Figure 2-1 shows the current draft aspirational activity plan for Metlink between 2020-2030. The timeline is a draft and indicative only at the time of writing this report. This aspirational plan may be subject to revision depending on funding and policy. These system changes will increase the effectiveness of a TBCh package, however, the timing of is uncertain.

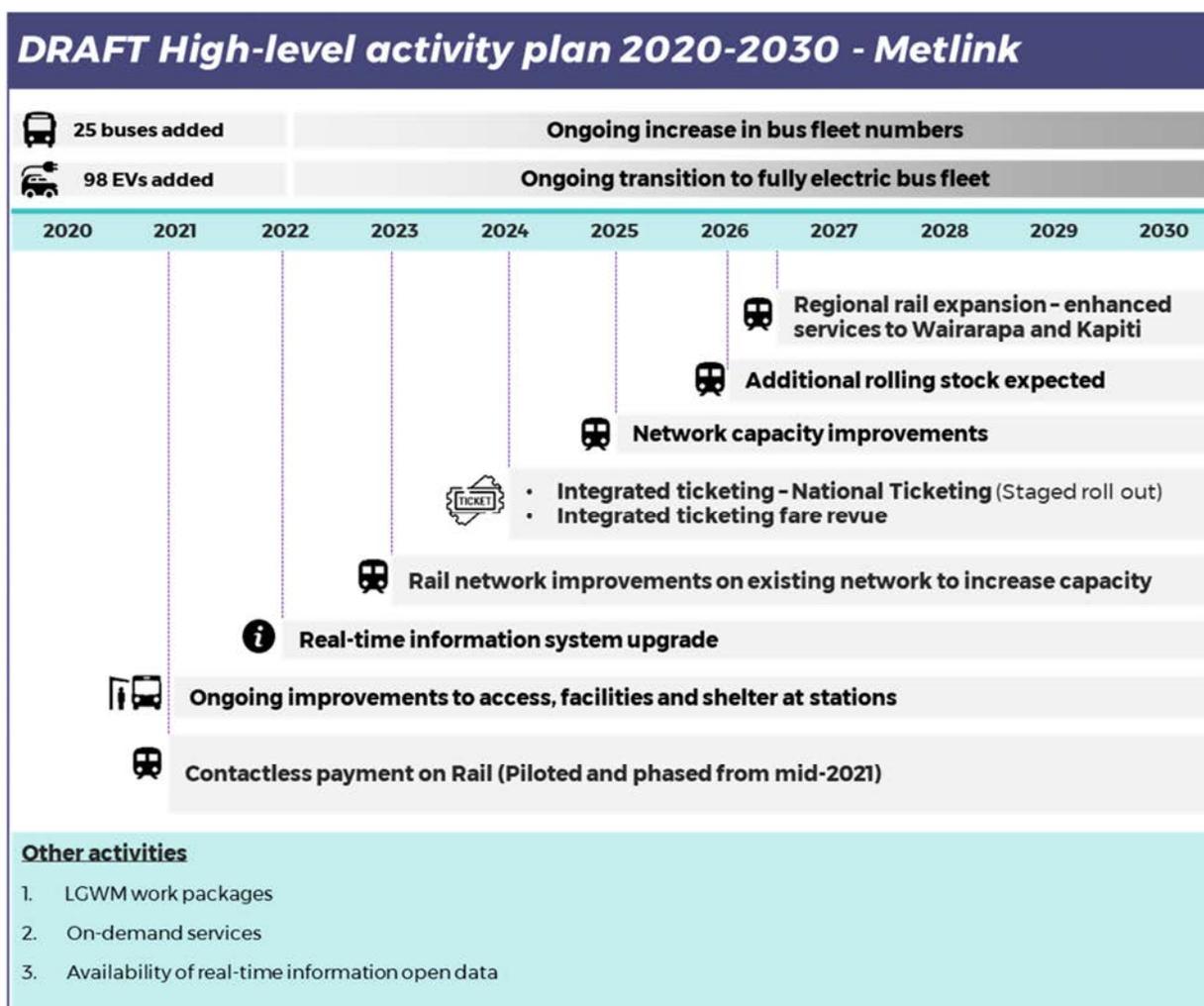


Figure 2-1 Indicative timeline for Metlink activities between 2020 and 2030 (this aspirational plan may be subject to revision depending on funding and policy)

2.3 Travel behaviour data and trends

A vital step in developing a TBCh package for Wellington is understanding how people currently travel, for what purpose, which modes they use and how the transport system is performing so that changes

over time can be measured. This section begins with a note on data quality and then provides a summary of key travel behaviour trends. The main sources are listed in Appendix E.

2.3.1 Data Quality

The data to describe the current situation and trends is from many sources (see Appendix E). There are four main types of data. While all data sources have strengths and weaknesses, some of these are listed below to assist considerations of evaluation and measurement over time.

1. Household Travel Survey (HTS) data

This ongoing survey (a sample, but rigorously selected) and data base gives very granular data and would allow the following types of data to be used without variation in survey questions and methodology over time:

- Detail on mode split for all trips to and from the CBD in peaks
- Detail on time of day or day of week of travel
- Socio-demographic data associated with trips
- Knowledge of which trips to the CBD are linked with other trip purposes (e.g. dropping children at school, shopping, personal business). This data would make it possible to pinpoint where change is more possible (e.g. single occupancy car trip without passengers)
- Information on working from home.

Only publicly available HTS data was able to be used for this project. It is recommended that during the implementation phase this data is used as part of the base case and ongoing.

2. Census data

This is valuable as it collects data for all people. It is ideal for weighting HTS data. It also provides data on one specific type of trip (the journey to work). The question asks for 'usual mode of travel' meaning that it will underestimate some modes and overestimate others. It can be used to find broad data on where people work and attend education relative to where they live.

3. Traffic counts and TomTom data

The counts obtained in cordon surveys give data on modes used to enter the CBD. Care needs to be taken when comparing person and vehicle trips to ensure no double counting. They will provide a valuable check on HTS data if done at the same time each year using the same method. TomTom data provides interesting background data on travel times – it would need to be collected at the same time of day, day of week and season.

4. Specific surveys

These provide valuable insights, often of attitudes. They are often non-random samples with different method and need to be carefully understood and repeated exactly if they are to be used to measure change over time.

2.3.2 Base case data

The key base data is discussed in detail in the Strategic Case, but a summary is provided below. First, we summarise base data for the entire Wellington Region (Table 2-1) and then data for the CBD (Table 2-2) since that is the focus of the initial packages. While the data informing this business case was

collected prior to the Covid19 pandemic, the recommended agile management approach will enable implementation to flex and respond to the changes in travel behaviour and travel demand as appropriate.

Table 2-1 Region wide base case data and trends

Characteristics of trips regionwide - to give context	
Mode share for the region	Around 71% of travel (all trips) across all Wellington regions is by car driver, compared to 80% nationwide (MoT 2020). Higher mode share of people traveling by public transport (3 in 10 people), walking and cycling (1 in 10 people) compared to the national average (Nexus 2019b).
Mode share to destinations outside the central city	Driving is the most common mode of travel to work in destinations outside the central city, e.g. hospital (65%), airport (82%), and areas like Miramar (75%); Vehicle use is higher than for work trips by vehicle driver? to CBD (35%) (GWRC analysis, 2018 Census data).
How people get to train stations	Train stations are accessed on weekdays in the am peak by foot (46%); motor vehicle (46%); bus (6%) and cycle (2%). Of those who travel by motor vehicle to train stations, 66% of trips originate within 3km, and 23% from within 1km. Only 13% of trips are from more than 5km (Macbeth 2019).
Frequency of commute	74% of respondents commute at least 3 days per week; 54% commute at least 4 days per week; and 41% commute every day. Only 3% of respondents drove because there were no other options (LGWM 2020a).
Train patronage	21% increase in train patronage over the last decade 2001-2021; 5.7% increase in the year 2018/19 (Waka Kotahi 2020a).
Flexible working	There is appetite amongst Wellingtonians for working flexibly (changing work hours and working from home) (WKNZTA 2019).
Bus passenger trips	Almost 25 million per year regionally; 5% increase in 2018/19 with off-peak bus patronage 47% of regional patronage (WKNZTA 2020a).
Light vehicle ownership rates	Wellington has one of the lowest average light vehicle ownership rates at about 67%, compared to the national average of 80% in 2018 (WKNZTA 2020a).

Table 2-2 CBD data and trends

Characteristics of trips to the city centre	
People travelling to CBD	Over 82,000 people travel into the CBD on typical weekday morning between 7am and 9am. Of these, approximately 50% are motor vehicle occupants and the other half are walking, cycling or using public transport (WKNZTA 2020a).

Characteristics of trips to the city centre	
	18% are rail passengers which mostly come from the north, 16% are bus passengers with the greatest share of these coming from the east, 14% are pedestrians with the greatest share of these coming in from the west and 2% are cyclists (WKNZTA 2020a).
Mode share to work in the CBD	Work trips by car to CBD (35%) (GWRC analysis, 2018 Census data).
Mode share	Around 71% of travel across all of the region is by car, compared to 80% nationwide (MoT 2020).
Trips for education	For trips to education, half are by walking, cycling or public transport; 42% by car (drivers and passengers); and 6% of people study mostly from home (WKNZTA 2020a). Three percent of these trips are reported to be for school drop offs. A subsequent survey in November 2020 that sought to understand travel behaviour of people that drive to work in Wellington central city at least once a week, confirms some of the findings of the earlier survey but reports a higher percentage (15%) of people driving for school pick-up/drop-offs (LGWM 2020b).
Journey to work trips	Wellington's CBD is the dominant destination for journey to work trips within Wellington city, with over 66,000 journeys for work from around the region. South Wellington is the second largest destination with 9,500 trips (WKNZTA 2020a).
Weekend congestion	In Wellington City there is at least 20% weekend congestion between 11am and 5pm, adding 6 minutes to every half hour trip (Waka Kotahi 2020a).
Travel trends over time	Between 2000 and 2017, 45% increase in city centre population, 13% decrease in motor vehicles entering the city during morning peak, 44% increase in public transport patronage, 150% increase in cyclists; 22% increase in pedestrians (GWRC 2019); Micro-mobility use has also increased in recent times but information about the extent of its impact was not available at the time of writing this business case.
Parking	71% of car users do not pay for parking. Those travelling to the Central City or North Central are more likely to pay for parking (Nexus 2019b).
Travel purpose	66% of morning peak car driver trips in Wellington are for work, usually for a sole purpose. The remaining breakdown of trip purpose comprises recreation (8%), shopping (6%), social (6%), education (5%), drop-off at school/childcare (3%), and other (7%). Half are single occupancy trips (Nexus, 2019a).
Time lost in rush hour in CBD (per trip)	
Through traffic	Through traffic makes up approximately 20% of the traffic in the central city (LGWM 2017).

Characteristics of trips to the city centre	
Socio-economic characteristics	At least half of those who drove to Wellington’s central city for work had a total household income of more than \$100,000. Those with a high household income (100k and over) are significantly more likely to drive than use another mode of travel (LGWM 2020b).
Parking	<div style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <p>32% park in off street public car parks</p> <p>29% park on street</p> <p>19% park in employer provided car parks</p> <p>9% park in private parks</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Parking on street is correlated to income with 49% of bottom quartile households, 19% of top quartile households parking on street, and only 19% of top quartile households</p> <hr style="border: 1px dashed white;"/> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">How do people pay for parking</p> <p>60% Of respondents who park at their employer’s business have free parking</p> <p>20% have the cost as part of their salary package</p> <p>12% get charged by the employer</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Low-income households less likely to have their employer pay for parking.</p> </div> <p>Source: LGWM (2020a)</p>

2.3.3 Journey to work

A large proportion of people’s trips to the city centre during peak times are for work and made by car drivers. This section explores journeys to work in more detail using 2018 Census data. Figure 2-2 shows how the mode share for journeys to the central city vary according to the trip origin. Trips closer to the central city are most commonly on foot or by bus. Trips from the Hutt Valley areas are dominated by train travel, followed by car driver. Trips from the Porirua area are slightly more likely to be made by vehicle drivers, followed by rail. It is probable that these trends largely reflect the relative utility of the travel options available in those locations.

Figure 2-3 highlights the locations in the Wellington Region that have larger populations and higher proportions of people commuting to Wellington central city as demonstrated by dark purple. These areas represent a significant opportunity for mode shift, however that is dependent upon access to travel options. This type of analysis should inform the detailed design of the initiatives within the recommended TBCh package and to tailor initiatives to specific locations. Note that the aim of LGWM TBCh is to achieve a reduction in vehicle trips into the city in the morning peak, some of this will be achieved with mode shift, but as the population of Wellington grows, mode shift alone may not achieve this.

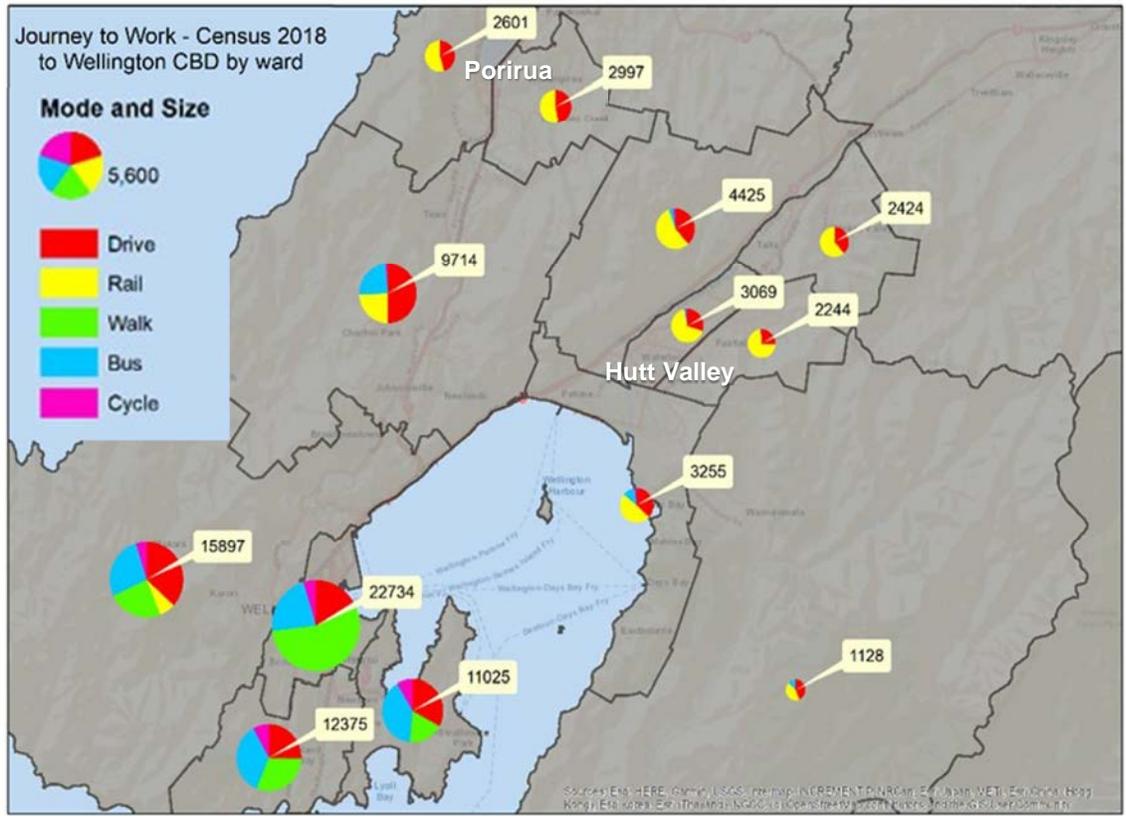


Figure 2-2 The origin and travel mode of journey to work trips ending in Wellington central city (GWRC, 2018)

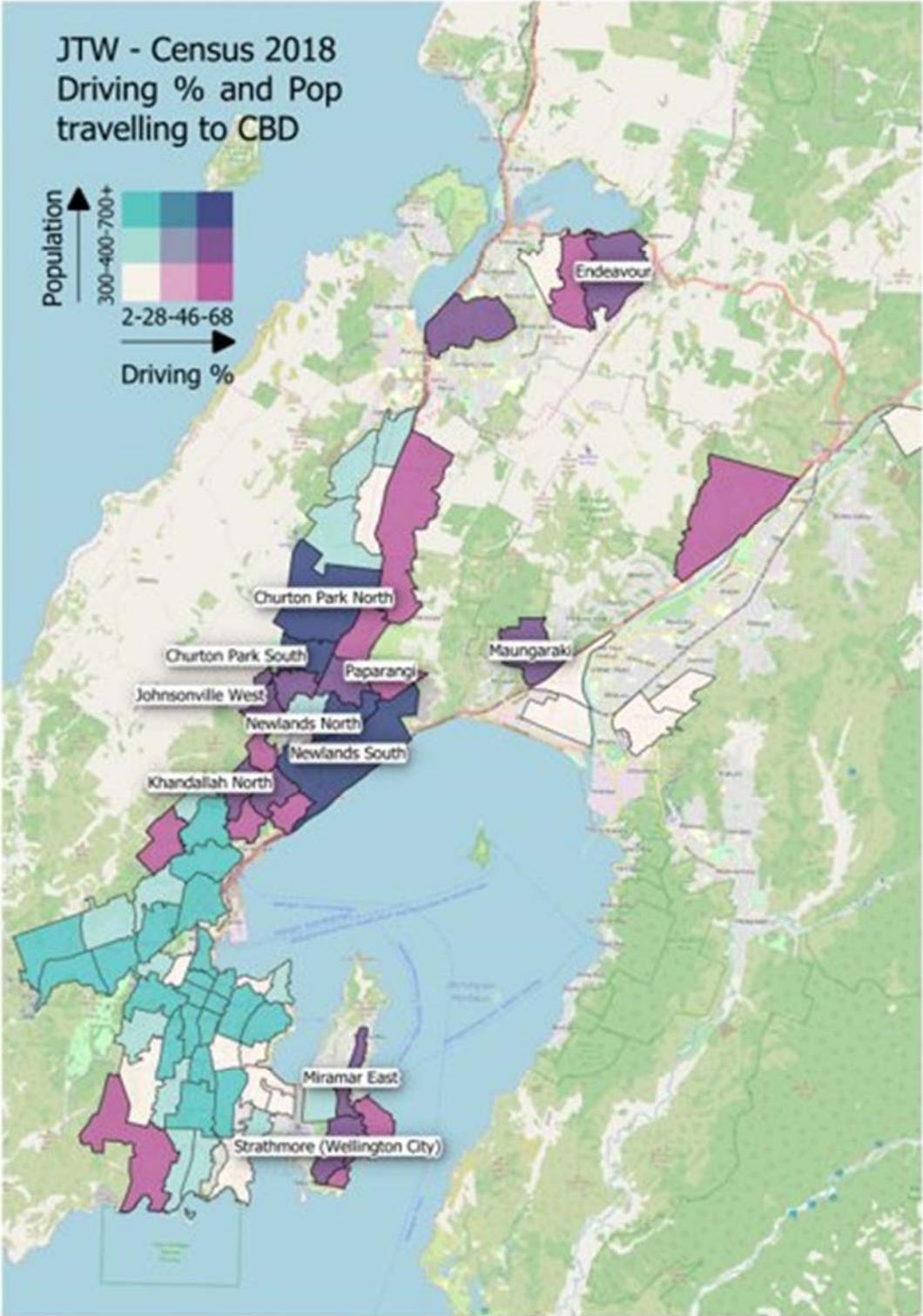


Figure 2-3 Trips to work in Wellington central city by population size and proportion of trips driven (GWRC analysis, 2018 Census data)

2.3.4 Journey to education

2018 Census data shows that 21.5 percent of people within the Wellington region are in full-time study, and 3.6 percent are in part-time study (this includes school students and tertiary students). Of these, 42 percent reported usually travelling to education travel by car (either driving or being driven), 26 percent walk, 15 percent travel by bus or train, and 3 percent cycle, as shown in Figure 2-4 (GWRC 2020).

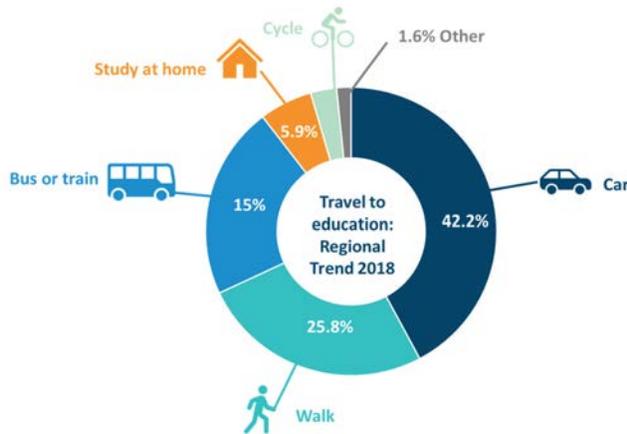


Figure 2-4 Mode share, travel for education in the Wellington Region (2018 Census)

Across the region, access to tertiary institutes within 30 minutes by public transport or bicycle is limited when compared to driving access, as shown in Figure 2-5. As the cost of renting rises, some students may find it more viable to live further away and commute by car (WRGF 2020) instead of living closer to their place of study. There is a need to further investigate and understand the spatial distribution of travel mode for journeys to tertiary institute trips to better inform the design of the behaviour change package.

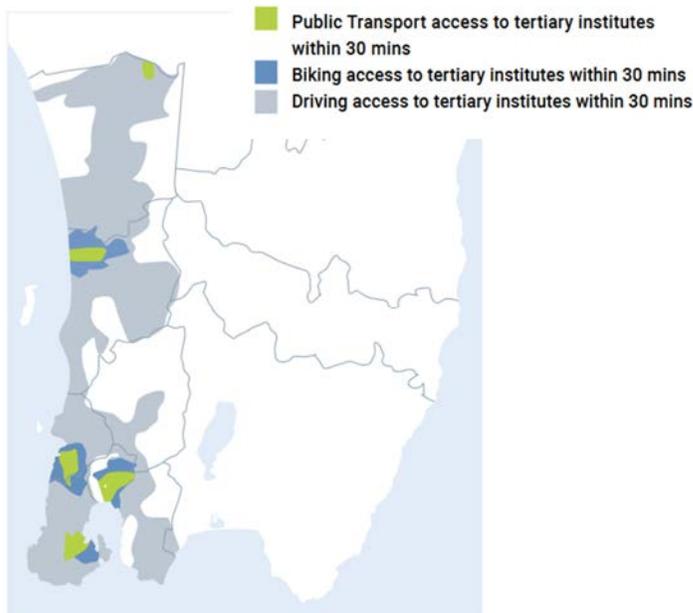


Figure 2-5 Tertiary institute access by mode (GWRC 2020)

Analysis of 2018 Census Journey to Education data was completed by the GWRC Analytics Unit (2020). This showed that for trips to all education locations within Wellington City, the predominant mode of travel is by foot, bus (school or public) or train, while travel to locations in the Hutt City and Porirua areas had higher levels of driving (see Figure 2-6). Further analysis of education trips made by car to places in and around central Wellington revealed that the trip origin points are spatially dispersed. It also appears that most trips within a walkable distance are walked.

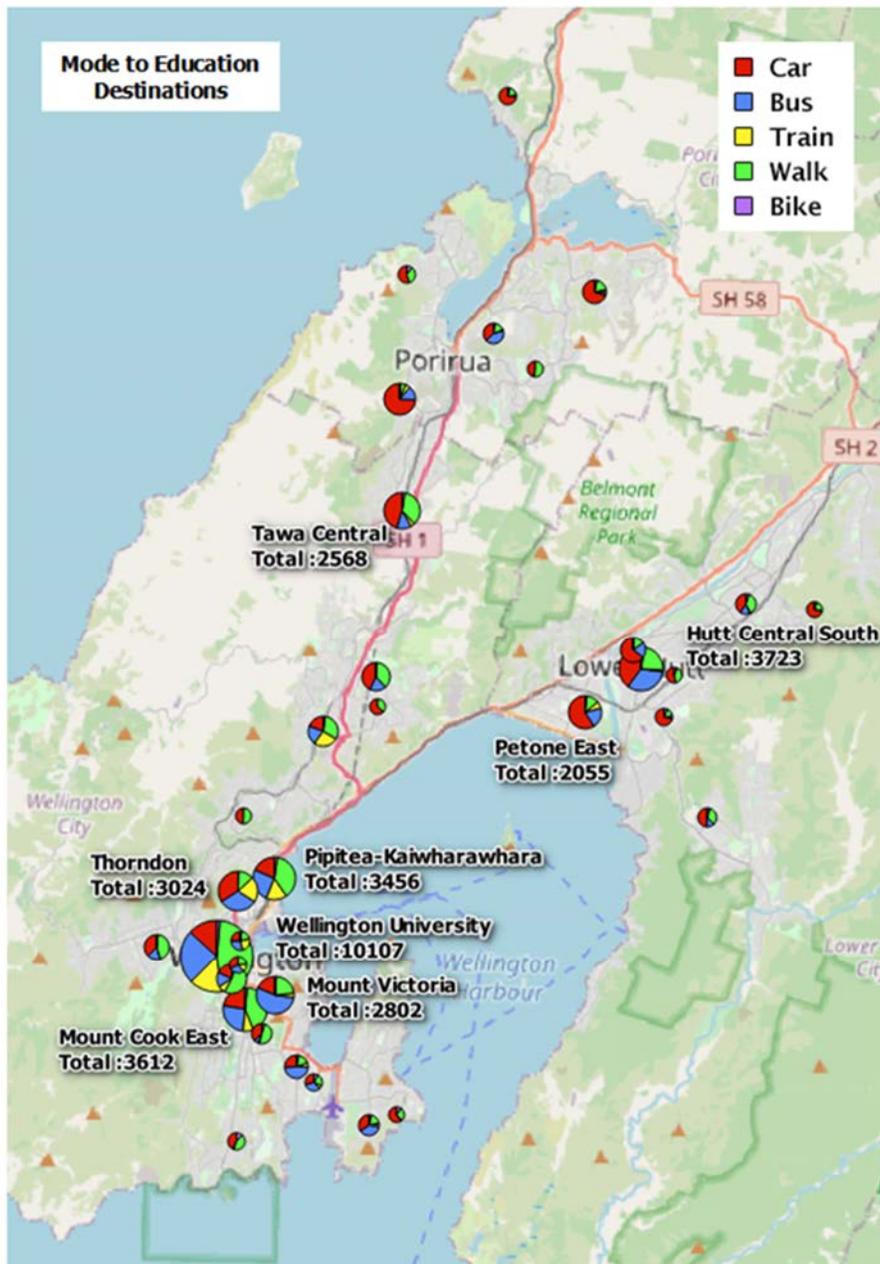


Figure 2-6 Mode of travel to education destinations in Wellington (GWRC, 2020)

2.4 Potential for change

The 2018 Census Journey to Work data showed that about 15 percent of the 22,734 trips to central Wellington from within central Wellington were made by car drivers. Are these the hard to shift trips that are made, for example, by someone who has complex trip chaining requirements, needs a car for work, or who has limited personal mobility? Or are they made by someone who could reasonably travel using other modes but simply prefers not to?

A recent survey (LGWM, 2020a) indicated that for people driving to work at peak times:

- 61 percent have no intention of changing their behaviour,
- 72 percent of people in this group do not directly pay for car parking

This perhaps indicates that some of the remaining portion of car-based travel (up to 39% of commuters) could potentially be made less often, by other modes, at other times or with increased vehicle occupancy.

The appeal of free parking will be difficult to address through voluntary behaviour change initiatives alone. This will need to be addressed through demand management measures (such as a parking levy) that change the appeal of driving.

2.5 Performance of existing travel behaviour change initiatives

The Greater Wellington Regional Council has a well-established TBCh programme⁴. It is targeted in its approach, with a focus on encouraging workplace⁵ and school travel planning with the aim of 'increasing numbers of people travelling to work by low carbon modes'. Greater Wellington Regional Council in recent years has also improved its rail network, and bus network, enabled e-scooter sharing in Wellington City and Hutt City, encouraged workplace travel plans, seen employers move towards supporting more flexible working and home working, and conducted travel promotion initiatives that have encouraged cycling and scooting to school. Further information on the existing initiatives is available in section 6.1.1.

In its Mode Shift Plan for Wellington, Waka Kotahi reports that the combined effect of these initiatives has been:

- an increase in rail patronage of 21 percent over the last decade due to improvements in infrastructure, service quality, frequency and reliability
- a steady increase in bus patronage: one percent p/a from 2003-2018, and a five percent increase in 2019. The bus network was redesigned in 2018 to better align with international best-practice and increase service frequencies. Other initiatives like integrated ticketing, bike racks on buses and bike parking have helped with the increase in patronage.
- the number of cyclists entering the Wellington CBD each day increased from 700 to 1,600 between 2000 and 2017. Recent investments include progress on the city's cycle network facilities to develop a network by gradually improving and adding connections to the north, east and south of the city. Recent projects include cycling connections in the city centre, Newtown, Mt Cook, Berhampore, Island Bay, Kilbirnie and Miramar as well as the use of sharrow road markings. Improved central city connections are expected to be developed as part of the wider LGWM programme.
- increased perceived safety: due to improvements such as 30km/hr zones, painted cycle lanes, separation, and off-road paths (WKNZTA 2020).

⁴ Key personnel at the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), the five districts and four city councils were contacted and asked for information to inform this Critical Review.

⁵ Workplace schemes are typically aimed at large workplaces, or amalgamations of similar workplaces (eg Capital and Coast District Health Board).

These achievements are all likely to have contributed to the target for LGWM of reducing car trips and vehicle kilometres travelled.

One main observation about the existing Travel Behaviour Change programme was that within the five district councils, most related initiatives tended to be led by the Road Safety teams and any travel behaviour change activities largely leveraged off the GWRC programme.

Road safety education and promotion initiatives are generally tied to the GWRC programme and included initiatives such as Movin' March (active travel to schools) and Pedal Ready (cycling skills for Wellington Region). Local initiatives delivered by local authorities were limited by budget restrictions, priorities (safety was prioritised over behaviour change) and staffing constraints. Initiatives that sit within the minor works budget are determined at a local level. Kāpiti Coast District Council runs a database for prioritising minor works in response to issues raised through school travel plans (e.g. needs for a road pedestrian crossing, cycle access).

The councils regularly meet with GWRC at a quarterly forum to discuss plans and progress. Each district tailors its focus to the circumstances in its area. Kāpiti Coast for example runs mobility scooter courses and courses for e-bike users in response to the high proportion of retirees in its area. Monitoring and evaluation are not always undertaken.

The most readily available information was for initiatives being undertaken by the GWRC which has had a regional TBCh programme in place since 2006 to coordinate and deliver travel behaviour change programmes.

There are presently 9.25 FTEs employed at GWRC and WCC. GWRC employees are responsible for delivering TBCh focused activities throughout the region. WCC employees are focused on the city. Some of these employees also have responsibilities for road safety and active/sustainable transport and are not solely focused on TDM. The impact of the current programme is discussed further in the Critical Review Report (LGWM 2020a).

The infographic in Figure 2-7 shows the various workplace and business travel programmes implemented in the Wellington Region before 2014. According to the Workplace and Business Travel Programme 2006-2014 report (GWRC 2014), an evaluation of the workplace travel plans component of the GWRC's Workplace and Business Travel Programme in 2012 indicated a benefit-cost ratio (BCR) of 18.3 (based on the Waka Kotahi Economic Evaluation Manual). The review was also able to evaluate the impact of programmes such as evaluation of the Active a2b 2014 programme that ran over 13 weeks had a BCR of 11.6. The objectives of these programmes were to:

- Reduce congestion
- Increase public transport user
- Improve health of the region and
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The existing programmes run by GWRC and WCC remain similar to those evaluated in 2014, and they provide a good foundation from which to build the LGWM TBCh package. There is some evaluation information available, however, the region's TBCh programmes would benefit from a more robust evaluation approach which includes measurement of the key objectives of the LGWM packages. A larger programme may be able to justify this.

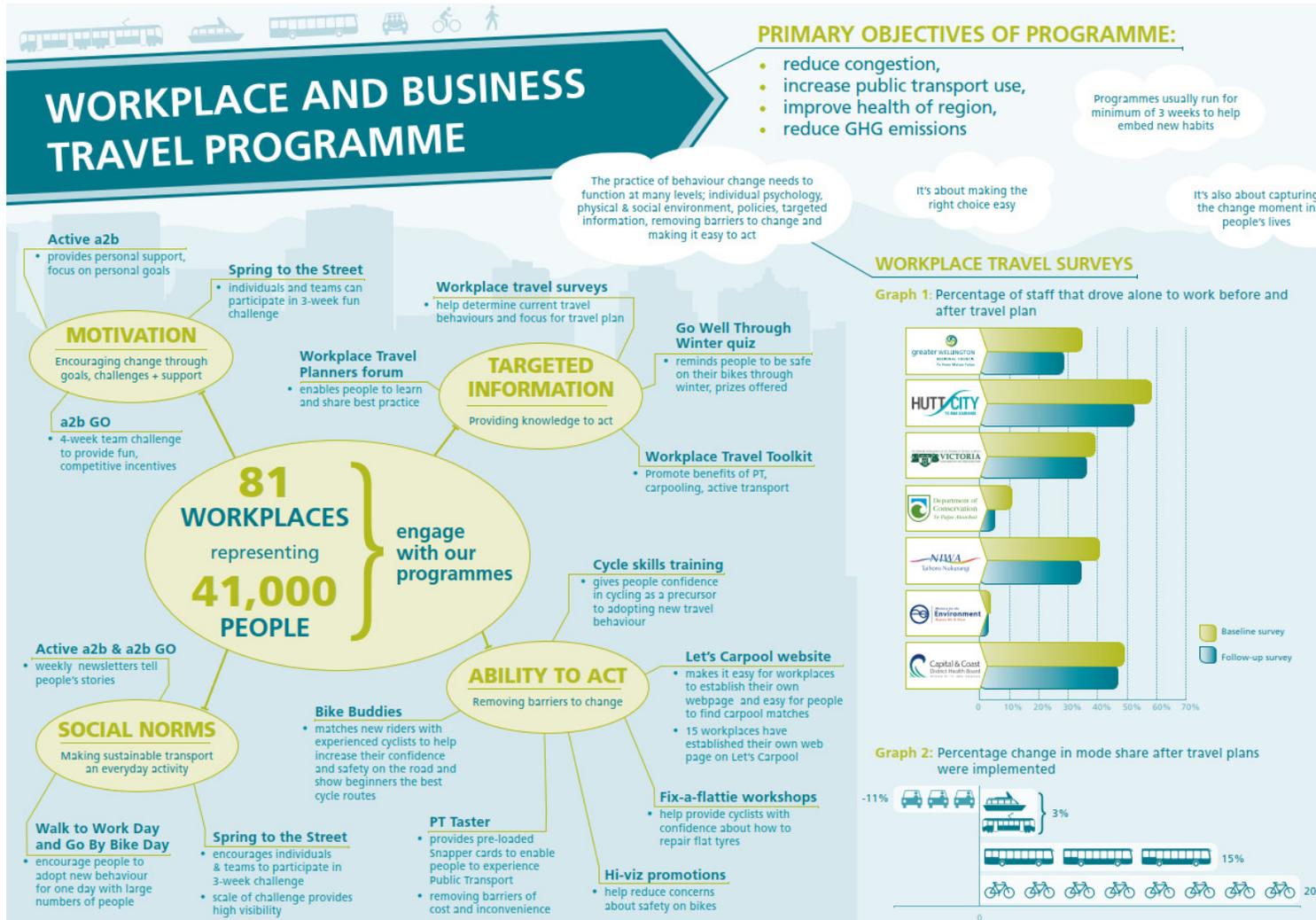


Figure 2-7 An overview of the initiatives aimed at a broad approach to behaviour change (GWRC 2014)

3 Developing a TBCh programme

This section outlines what the SSBC is intended to achieve and the strategies for realising these goals.

3.1 Setting targets

The transport principles and the opportunities identified within the LGWM PBC were used as the basis for developing the investment objectives for the TBCh package. The investment objectives and their associated key performance indicators (KPIs) are shown in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1 Project Objectives

TBCh package objectives	Weighting	KPIs
A. Improve access to and through the central city ensuring people know that the available travel choices will work for them	15%	Awareness of travel choice Perception of active mode convenience Perception of active mode safety
B. Minimise disruption to people and businesses by making sure they are aware of upcoming changes, how changes will affect their journeys, and that they understand their travel options during delivery of work to improve and renew the city⁶	15%	Awareness of when and how the transport system is changing Awareness of how travel will be affected
C. Make best use of the transport network by encouraging people to travel less often and at less busy times⁷	20%	Weekday traffic peak intensity as proportion of demand Weekday bus peak intensity as proportion of demand Weekday rail peak intensity as proportion of demand Numbers working from home
D. Make best use of the available transport options by reducing the proportion of people that drive alone during busy times or for short trips	25%	Travel to work mode share (incl. work from home) Travel to school mode share vehicle occupancy Walking, cycling and public transport cordon counts Weekend traffic peak intensity
E. Improve the health, safety and wellbeing of communities by increasing the number of trips that involve active modes and public transport	25%	Number and length of walking trips Number and length of cycling trips Number walking and cycling leisure trips Number people who know their neighbours Number personal connections within communities Reduction in tonnes of CO2 equivalents emitted

The investment objectives are designed to work together as a group. The weighting indicates the relative importance of each objective. In response to the challenges of attributing benefits within the programme, the first two objectives (A & B) are focused on outputs (rather than outcomes). Delivery of these two objectives can only be attributed to the TBCh package. These last three objectives are the ultimate objectives or ‘end game’ but will be influenced by other packages within the LGWM programme.

A benefits map summarising proposed measures and baseline for the TBCh package is attached as Appendix A. Appendix B shows the relationship between the investment benefits and objectives. The proposed approach to monitoring and evaluation is discussed later in this report within the Management Case.

While the TBCh package can deliver many improvements on its own, it will be most effective when co-ordinated with the delivery of wider transport system improvements. For example, encouraging people to take public transport at peak times is only effective if there is available capacity on the public transport network. Similarly, encouraging people to walk or cycle is best achieved when

⁶ Disruption may be created by delivery of Let’s Get Wellington Moving, three waters renewals, building construction, major events

⁷ Busy times include weekends

conditions and the street environment are appropriate. This is in line with the Ministry of Transport (MoT) guidelines for travel demand management attached as Appendix C.

3.2 Strategies to achieve the targets

Growing the travel behaviour change offering will provide the Wellington community with the opportunity to re-think how they get around, and contribute to a transport system that supports liveability, access, reduced car reliance, improved safety and resilience. LGWM’s vehicle reduction strategies are outlined below, and they are expanded further in Figure 3-1 which links the project objectives, with these strategies and travel behaviour change initiatives.

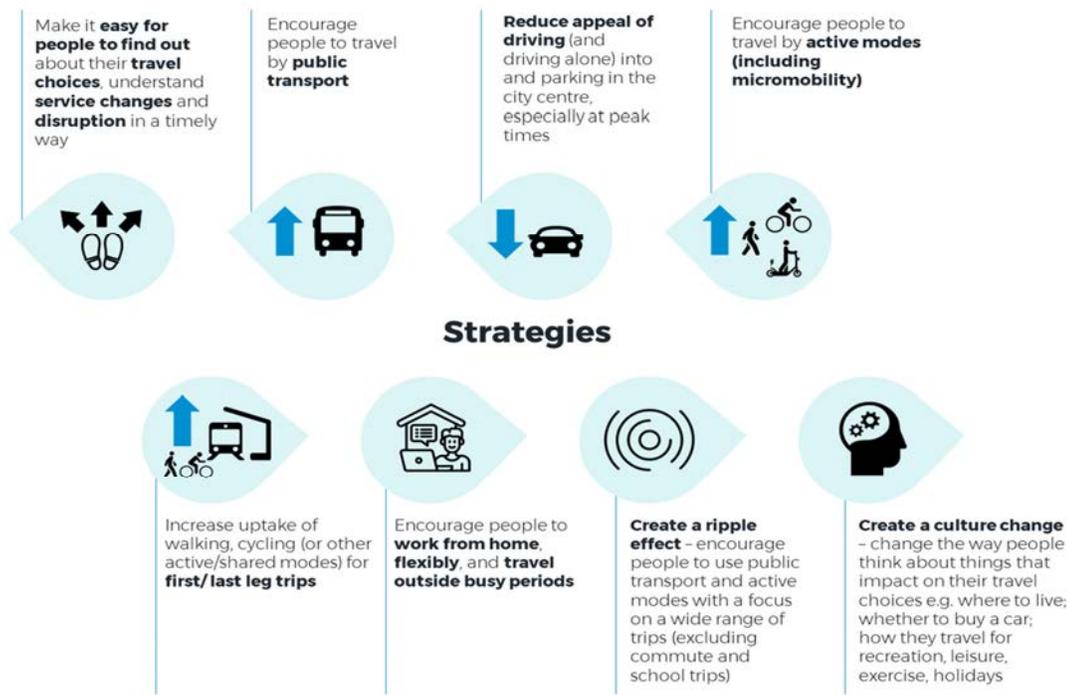


Figure 3-1 Strategies to achieve the LGWM TBCh targets

3.3 Travel behaviour change within the context of travel demand management (TDM)

Travel behaviour change programmes are one component of a broader approach termed ‘travel demand management’ (TDM). Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) define TDM as “an application of strategies, policies and initiatives to reduce travel demand or redistribute demand across multiple modes of transport” (Thomas et al 2020).

Figure 3-2, below, shows how “soft” travel behaviour change sits within a TDM spectrum

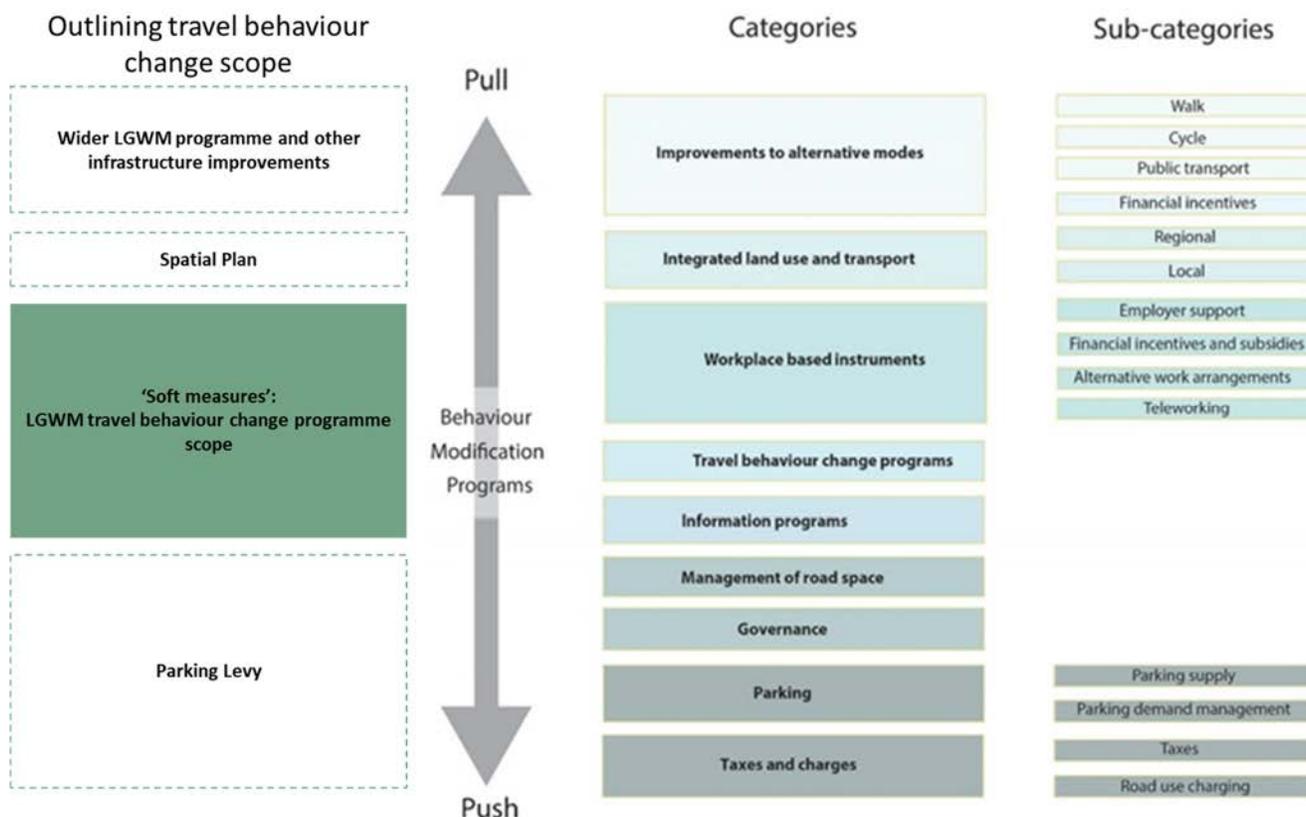


Figure 3-2 Outlining the travel behaviour change scope within the push and pull factor spectrum adapted from Babb et al (2016) in Bierman et al (2016).

TDM instruments can be identified as either providing incentives for travel by modes other than car alone (shown in the diagram as ‘pull’ factors) or providing disincentives for travel by car alone (‘push’ factors).

‘Push’ initiatives (e.g. parking levy) discourage people from driving alone and parking in the city centre. ‘Pull’ initiatives (e.g. improvements to alternative modes, first last leg infrastructure and service improvements) increase the attractiveness of and encourage a shift toward other modes. “Pull” initiatives will only be effective when conditions are appropriate. For example, encouraging people to use public transport at peak times is only effective if there is available capacity.

Another example of a ‘pull’ initiative is ‘supportive land use’ that make it easier to change behaviour. These include areas with higher density, mix of land uses, access to local amenities, and near reliable and frequent public transport that will create attractive places where people can live and work while also reducing their dependence on their private vehicles. The Wellington Spatial Plan is starting to pave the way towards addressing the underlying systemic socio-economic factors that impact travel choices, e.g. lack of affordable housing near the city centre or land use that requires a car.

Working as the ‘glue’ between ‘push’ and ‘pull’ initiatives are travel behaviour change programmes, often referred to as the ‘soft’ measures (e.g. social marketing campaigns, travel plans, programmes that ‘help people to help themselves’ overcome things they do not like about travelling by car, and information platforms) that provide a nudge to change people’s perception of or willingness to use different modes, alter the time of travel or even reconsider the need to travel.

TDM can also include increases in transport capacity or level of service and ‘hard’ measures such as road pricing. This business case highlights the impact of a Commuter Parking Levy for Wellington. Other packages in the LGWM programme and initiatives being progressed by partner organisations are focused on changes to infrastructure that to encourage more efficient use of the transport system.

The right mix and timing of push and pull factors combined with behaviour change measures increase the effectiveness and public acceptance and support of the programme. If ‘push’ measures are implemented in advance of having alternatives in place, it can be harder for people in the community to reduce their car use - meaning the measures can be negatively perceived. An imbalance of ‘push’ and ‘pull’ measures can also reduce the potential mode shift by not pushing people enough to change their current mode of travel.

These assertions are supported by the findings of the Critical Review report which highlights an increased uptake of active and shared modes when infrastructure / amenity improvements are combined with travel behaviour change initiatives, e.g. bikeshare programmes in the US, travel plans, guaranteed ride home etc (LGWM, 2020b). See Box 1 demonstrating impact of behaviour change measures being delivered alongside transport system improvements.

Box 1: Case studies demonstrating the impact of a combination of infrastructure improvements and soft travel behaviour change measures

Sustainable Travel Towns, UK (DoT, 2010)

Impact: Over five years, reduction of 7-10% in the number of car driver trips per resident. Soft measures were more effective when they were delivered alongside public transport improvements.

Model Communities project, New Zealand (NPDC, 2020)

Over two years, the initiatives observed a 44% decrease in cars at schools, 12% decrease in cars at workplaces. 30% increase in active travel compared to control sites.

3.4 Considerations for developing a TBCh package

The previous section introduced the concept of travel behaviour change and described how it fits within the wider context of LGWM and TDM. This section explores travel behaviour change from a theoretical point of view.

One way to explain behaviour change is through a widely used psychological theory of the ‘transtheoretical model of change’ which helps develop an understanding of people’s psychological readiness to change (Hutchinson et al 2010). It theorises that people fall within one of five stages of the following stages (this is illustrated in Figure 3-3):

- pre-contemplation – no intention to change
- contemplation –considering a change, but not yet making it
- preparation – intention to make a change
- action – trying new behaviour
- maintenance – habit

Based on this understanding, we developed a willingness and opportunity for mode shift framework shown in Figure 3-4. It represents the potential for behaviour change based on a matrix of people's level of willingness (characteristics of the person) and level of opportunity (contextual factors). Use of models like these can help with developing an understanding of the audience, setting realistic goals and developing programmes based on people's readiness to change. This is because initiatives and interventions that are appropriate for someone in one stage are not effective for someone in another stage.



Figure 3-3 Propensity to change behaviour for individuals (image adopted from Lester 2016)

Detailed design of individual initiatives within the TBCh package will need to include evidence-based strategies that seek to advance people's state of mind culminating in desired behaviour change.

Driving despite a preference not to. Behaviour is shaped by the context. Focus on understanding what contextual factors need to and can change to enable preferences to be expressed (e.g. transport system & urban form improvements, flexible working, etc)

Driving, no preference to change and context not supportive of change. Focus on working from home and peak-spreading where possible.



Likely already driving less. Support maintaining less driving. Prevent regression into driving when contextual factors change (e.g. stage of life change, moving house or job etc).

Driving despite supportive context. Not amenable to change. Focus on increasing amenability (e.g. breaking habits, changing perceptions and attitude, shifting norms)

Figure 3-4 Market segmentation conceptual framework

3.5 What type of trips and behaviours can be targeted by a TBCh package for Wellington?

As noted earlier, travel is a 'derived demand' as people travel to carry out activities or access goods and services. Travel behaviour change therefore is much bigger than a change in mode and requires a multi-pronged approach. People can (and do) travel to carry out many different activities, including to go to work or make a work-related trip; to go to a place of education or study; to shop; to access services and for appointments; to socialise and for entertainments; to accompany, drop-off or pick-up someone else; for, or to get to, sport, exercise and recreation; or to return home.

Of all the reasons to travel, travel to work and education are made during peak times on a routine and frequent basis, and thus are more likely to have very established daily patterns of travel time and mode choice. Given that the main focus of this travel behaviour change programme is to target trips that occur at peak time, trips to work and education have been the focus of our attention. They are also the trips we know the most about, as they tend to attract the most data collection and analysis.

A successful travel behaviour change programme must also focus on trips for other purposes (e.g. recreational, social and personal business). Firstly, these trips still account for a quarter of Wellington Region's peak time travel (Nexus, 2019a), and secondly, because how people travel when they are not going to work or education can have a 'ripple effect' i.e. it influences how they choose to travel to work or education.

Research indicates that in Wellington people who cycle for recreation are more prepared and willing to cycle to work than those who do not cycle at all (Randal 2013). The implication is that promoting recreational cycling in Wellington may be a gateway to increasing commuter cycling – particularly if combined with safe and comfortable cycling infrastructure.

Encouraging people to think about how they travel to the shops or for leisure will help to shift mindsets, build preparedness and start to remove mental barriers that prevent people from considering alternative modes or ways of doing

Box 2: Defining ripple effect and culture change

Creating a ripple effect: encouraging people to use public transport and active modes for all trips, region wide. Creating a ripple effect is about choosing not to drive for a trip to the grocery store, to a social event, to the gym or the soccer game. Evidence indicates:

- People who *sometimes* use non-driving modes have more receptive attitudes to using non-SOV modes, and/or are more likely to shift their behaviour in response to TBC, than those who *always* drive (Sadat 2018, Molin et al 2016, Diana and Mokhtarian 2009)
- People who are exposed to transit and bicycling as children and young adults are more likely to use these modes as adults (Smart 2017, Dill and Voros 2007)
- Recreational and/or non-commute mode shift can have a knock-on effect for commute mode choice (Gardner 1998, Stinson 2004, TFL 2011, Kroesen and Handy 2014, Park et al 2011, Boyer 2018)

Creating a culture change: changing the way people make decisions that have a flow on effect to their travel choices such as where to live; whether to buy a car as well as alternative ways to carry out activities (eg where they are done, who does them). Evidence indicates:

- TBCh initiatives aimed exclusively at individuals are less effective than those that target/acknowledge the larger societal context in which people make transport choices (Spotswood et al 2015)
- Cultural shift and societal-level interventions can be particularly effective ways to change behaviour; it is possible to intentionally change culture (Andersen 2016)
- Helping employees select the work site closest to their home can dramatically reduce vehicle kilometres travelled for the work commute (Mullins and Mullins 1995)
- Research on car sharing schemes show they reduce vehicle ownership (Cervero 2007, Giesel and Nobis 2016, Namazu and Dowlatabadi 2018, Martin et al 2010)

things. These types of trips will be targeted with initiatives to create a ‘ripple effect’ (Box 2) while experience in TBCh programmes elsewhere also suggests that a successful behaviour change programme needs to have a strategic framework that includes opportunities for changes in mode shift as well as in the following non-mode shift areas to induce a long term, sustained ‘culture change’ away from generating car driver trips and vkt towards:

- changing locations of activities to places that are nearer home or other activities
- changing the time of day of activities to reduce peak kms and trips
- planning activities so that less are needed (e.g. creating a shopping list to reduce the number of trips for missed shopping items)
- the linking of activities on a given trip to reduce individual trips and kms (trip chaining)
- the allocation of activities to different people as part of their existing travel and activities

Some of the evidence for a culture change achieving mode shift is from projects co-funded by the health sector, e.g. Blue Zones and other programmes such as “goDCgo” from Washington DC and UK Sustainable Towns which resulted in a mode shift away from car driving (see Appendix F for a list of case studies and the LGWM, 2020a: Critical Review Report for details on results). These programmes highlight the importance of a more holistic approach that seeks to build healthier neighbourhoods/ communities and works to change the way people think. They also raise the importance of working with partners in health, community and with other social change agents. This is reaffirmed by MoT’s guidance on travel demand management attached in Appendix C.

The concepts of ‘ripple effect’ and ‘culture change’ are explained in Box 2, above. The concepts of ‘ripple effect’ and ‘culture change’ are explained in Box 2, above.

3.6 What are the characteristics of a successful TBCh package?

Delivering a behaviour change package requires an understanding of what people think, how they feel, their readiness to change, what their travel choices are and what is going to trigger a change. A TBCh package for Wellington will therefore need to respond to the city’s unique characteristics, challenges and needs of the people. To be effective it must:

- **Be effective and deliver value for money:** Wellington will need a bold TBCh package to achieve the ambitious LGWM targets for the city; a bold package however does not necessarily mean large scale and costly, but staged, targeted, and effective, as affordability will be an important consideration in the current economic conditions
- **Be easy to assess its impact, report, and make continuous improvements**
- **Be aligned and coordinated with other projects and organisations:** A successful TBCh package will be aligned with the wider LGWM programme of works to maximise the behaviour change away from car driving to and through the city centre, both during construction-related disruption and to maximise uptake once improvements have been delivered. It will also be aligned to, for example, future improvements to public transport services
- **Be flexible and responsive to changing conditions:** Wellington is changing in terms of its land use and transport offerings. COVID-19 has also altered travel patterns. Other changes such as the introduction of Mobility as a Service (MaaS)⁸, integrated ticketing and first-last leg improvements are also planned but timeframes and scale are yet to be determined. This means a travel behaviour

⁸ “Mobility as a Service (MaaS) is a business model that is enabled by smartphone technology and the aggregation of data onto a single digital platform. The app allows a person to plan, book and pay for an end- to-end journey whether it involves one or several forms of transport” (Waka Kotahi 2020b).

change package for Wellington will need to remain flexible, agile and respond to transport system changes as they are made

- Use a variety of messages and offerings that will speak to different audiences, different situations, and different moments in time: Life changes are a prime opportunity for people to rethink their travel choices and can provide an opportunity for a targeted nudge
- **Speak to a variety of motivators:** People will respond to different motivators, e.g. environmental sustainability, improved health outcomes, or increased safety and liveability. Using a variety of motivators will reach people who might not otherwise be responsive
- **Be embedded with the principle of equity:** The TBCh package should be grounded in an understanding that not all people have equal access to social and economic opportunities. Communities where housing is more affordable are often underinvested in, lacking shared paths, cycle lanes and public transport linkages. A successful TBCh package in Wellington should ensure that those who live further away from the city centre, who need to work multiple jobs or are shift workers and suffer from transport inequity are not disproportionately impacted.
- **Enable innovation:** Taking a ‘pilot test and grow’ approach will enable innovation and manage the risk around uncertainties.

3.7 What are the components of a successful TBCh package?

Changing behaviour is complex as our choices are influenced by a wide range of external and internal influences. In policy terms, travel behaviour change programmes are ‘complex systems’ i.e. they require a blend of initiatives all working towards the same goal to be successful. Implementing initiatives on their own would not have the same impact when compared to a system approach (FP 2016). Any successful TBCh package for Wellington should include the following components:

- **Clear goals and objectives:** to enable a common understanding of what the programme is trying to achieve and what the measures of success are.
- **Policy, Partnerships and Advocacy:** working with partners e.g. employers/ employees/ travellers to induce mode shift and advocate for change. Example activities include establishing a Transport Management Association (TMA)⁹; guidance around parking and company car cash out (linked to the proposed commuter parking levy); and personalised journey planning and outreach (targeting individuals/households).
- **Marketing, communication and incentives:** provide consistent information, persuasive messaging, and convenient assistance to travellers. Example activities include branding; communication platforms; targeted social marketing campaigns; ongoing marketing and communications integrated in all transport communication, particularly that from LGWM; and wayfinding. Evidence indicates:
 - **Gamification/challenges:** can increase the use of non-driving modes (Weber et al 2018)
 - **Incentives – financial and non- financial:** can change commute mode choice (Halvorsen et al 2016, Hamre & Buehler 2014, Herzog et al 2016, Zhu et al 2015, Bueno et al 2017).
- **Travel Plans:** packages of measures, initiatives and promotions aimed at encouraging a shift away from single use car trips towards walking, cycling, using public transport or other sustainable modes by those making trips to or from a destination such as a workplace, place of education, construction site or an event. They can also be used to target trips at the origins by targeting communities or new developments as well as personalised journey planning which provides personalised travel advice

⁹ A TMA is a not-for-profit organisation that represents an area’s businesses and residents, with local government support. TMAs are member-controlled and take on roles ranging from advocacy and promotion of sustainable transport, through to running services such as vanpooling, shuttles or parking brokerage (OIC&KMC 2015). The Wynyard Quarter TMA in Auckland is a New Zealand example of a TMA: <https://www.wqtma.co.nz/>

and outreach. Effective travel plans provide people with options to do things differently and empower them to make their own decisions, which is important in creating long term, sustained behaviour change e.g. mode choice post-disruption. Evidence indicates:

- Workplace and school travel plans are effective in reducing car use (Chatterjee 2009, Moser and Bamberg 2008, Fujii 2006, Meloni et al 2016)
 - People who are exposed to transit and bicycling as children and young adults are more likely to use these modes as adults (Smart 2017, Dill and Voros 2007)
 - That changing the behaviour of secondary school and tertiary education students will have lasting benefits when students transition into the workforce (Smart and Klein, 2017). Any TBCh package targeting travel behaviour change in schools located further from the central city (i.e. not listed above), may therefore, in the longer term, contribute to reduced car-based journeys to work.
- **Events, experiences and life choices:** to help people overcome barriers and form new habits through experiential and social learning. Evidence indicates that:
 - Cultural and social norms can affect commuting choices (Kormos et al 2015, Riggs 2017, Biggar 2019)
 - Recreational or non-commute mode shift can have a knock-on effect for commuter mode choice (Gardner 1998, Stinson 2004, TFL 2011, Kroesen and Handy 2014, Park et al 2011, Boyer 2018)
 - Habit plays a major role in mode choice (Verplanken et al 1994); events & experiences can disrupt that habit
 - Events can create lasting mode shift among participants (Rose and Marfurt 2007).
- **Supporting services and amenities:** to remove barriers to choosing shared and active modes e.g. insurance, training and skills, end of trip facilities etc. Example activities include bicycle Maintenance/Repair stations; e-bike/e-scooter charging stations; planning, incentivising and funding network-wide end of trip facilities; tactical local changes that respond to feedback (e.g. through citizen science); and pocket park & rides. Evidence indicates:
 - Shared mobility schemes result in significant mode shift away from drive-alone trips (Xu 2020, Cervero et al 2007) and reduced vehicle ownership (Martin et al 2010)
 - Inadequate first/last-mile connections to transit limit job access (Boarnet 2017)
 - Trip-end facilities (parking and showers) make cycle commuting much more appealing (Hamre & Buehler 2014, Abraham et al 2002, Hunt and Abraham 2007)
 - Lack of access to bicycle maintenance and storage is a reason people do not cycle (Community Cycling Centre 2012).
- **Measuring, monitoring and evaluation:** Building an evaluation plan (including detailed measurement) alongside the travel behaviour change programme is critical to understanding:
 - to what extent and how the management of travel behaviour change can be improved
 - the extent to which LGWM travel behaviour change vision and objectives are being achieved
 - to what extent and how programmes or initiatives can be improved; this is particularly important in a 'pilot, test and grow' approach where new ideas can be trialled and depending on their success, can either end, change or grow
 - how to build knowledge about effective strategies
 - provide transparency for the public and decision makers.

An evaluation plan should be designed to enable an evaluation of the:

- effectiveness of individual initiatives
- effectiveness of the package as a whole
- the root cause underpinning the level of success (e.g. capacity or funding, faulty theory of change, and/or external factors, such as transport system changes).

Each of the components described above are needed to complement each other. Components cannot be removed without damaging the effectiveness of the TBCh package. The costs and resource requirements for each component can, however, be scaled up or down depending on the emphasis and focus of the TBCh package.

It is important to note that the following components are already being considered by GWRC and Metlink:

- **Incentives and disincentives:** Nearly all of the research on travel behaviour change programmes indicated the effectiveness of incentives, disincentives and pricing strategies. Subsidised or incentivised public transport encouraged mode shift and parking measures implemented as part of a broader suite of initiatives increased the effectiveness of the travel behaviour change programme.
- **Supporting services:** provide flexible services that can solve gaps and first-last leg problems and provide a safety net. Example activities include journey planning tools/ MaaS; bike breakdown & maintenance service; car share; first-last leg schemes; guaranteed ride home scheme; micro-mobility share partnerships; and new movers journey planning.

4 Tying in the commuter parking levy

This section describes the proposed parking levy. Further information about how the scheme design was optimised is provided in Appendix G, which is the Wellington Commuter Parking Levy Final Report (LGWM, 2021).

4.1 Background

The LGWM PBC Recommended Improvement Package suggested the introduction of a “road pricing mechanism to manage private vehicle demand and promote alternative modes”. It included a statement that ‘the recommended package includes congestion pricing. This will include one or several tools that charge motorists to drive into the central city, such as a central city cordon charge or parking levies’ (LGWM, 2019a).

Much of the work informing the development of the recommended improvement package was progressed on the assumption that that pricing would take the form of a cordon charge for vehicles entering and exiting the central city.

Preliminary modelling of a cordon charge, by the LGWM team, adopted an outcome-based approach. The aim was to reduce car trips to the CBD by 20 percent at peak times. Modelling was used to determine the necessary level of charge. It was concluded that a \$5 inbound charge for the AM peak; \$2.50 for the interpeak and \$5 outbound charge for the PM peak was needed to achieve a 20% traffic reduction. Implicit in this forecast was the assumption that commuters would be directly charged thereby bearing the full cost.

Following consideration of the LGWM Programme Recommended Package, the Government directed that a parking levy is the only demand management tool which should be considered for Wellington.

As part of work to refine the LGWM Indicative Package, tests were undertaken to explore the effect of a parking levy. This change was made late in the development of the indicative package when there was limited time to develop and adopt a sophisticated modelling approach. The parking levy modelling work was based on a levy of:

- Scenario 1: \$4 - \$6 per space/per day
- Scenario 2: \$9 - \$14 per space/per day.

These prices are at 2002 levels and would be the equivalent to \$6 - \$9 per space/per day and \$13.5 - \$21 per space/per day in 2020 levels.

These price increases are the equivalent of about \$2,250 - \$3,500 p/a per space per annum (assuming 250 working days per year). Compared with existing international parking levy projects, these levies would be by far the highest levy charge in the world, even before it is inflated to today’s prices. The forecasts are also founded on the assumption that the levy would be fully passed through to commuters which evidence from other jurisdictions, would suggest is unlikely.

Scenario 1 was forecast to reduce car trips to the central city in the AM peak in 2036 by around 10 percent (relative to the Indicative Package (IP)) and Scenario 2 was found to reduce car trips to the CBD by around 20 percent (relative to the IP).

4.2 What can a parking levy deliver for Wellington and the LGWM programme?

When considering the design of a parking levy for Wellington, it was assumed that any scheme would need to:

- encourage a reduction in single occupancy trips using private vehicles to or through the central city

- improve the efficiency of the transport system
- provide a potential revenue source for LGWM partners.

A parking levy may also contribute to the wider LGWM vision. By reducing the numbers of cars in the central city, a parking levy may help to improve the liveability of Wellington city centre and reduce per person carbon emissions.

4.3 Which parts of the central city should the commuter parking levy apply?

The parking levy has been designed to focus on commuters who drive to work in Wellington central city. The design of the levy has not sought to influence the use or management of residential parking, any non-employment related short stay parking nor on-street parking.

The geographic area in which Wellington City Council’s targeted rate applies (the ‘WCC Downtown Targeted Rate’ area) has been selected, refer to Figure 4-1. It is a definition that is well known to the Wellington City business community. It is also seen to be the most useful and closest approximation of individual and business understanding of ‘Wellington city centre’.

The proposed area in which the parking levy would apply excludes some (but not all) of the areas covered by on-street coupon-parking zones. If the parking levy is implemented, it is recommended that Wellington City Council considers the relative pricing and placement of coupon parking zones that operate within the ‘Downtown Targeted Rate’ boundary area. Consideration should be given to increasing the price of (long-term) coupon parking or reducing the number and amount of on-street, long-stay coupon parking spaces, either by transitioning these parking spaces to on-street resident only, short-stay car parks or by removing the carparks entirely.

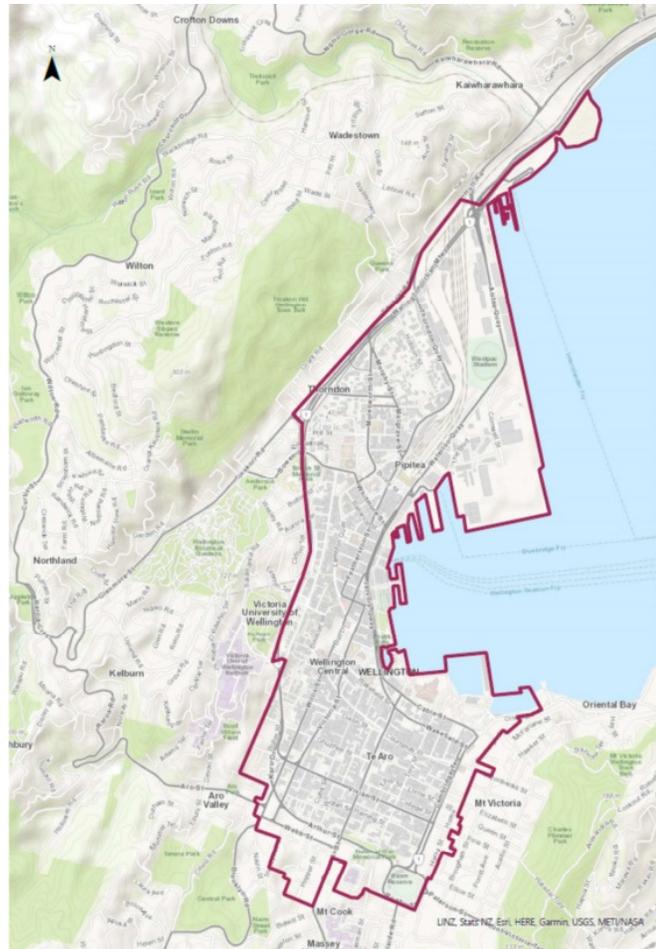


Figure 4-1: Proposed Boundary for the Commuter Parking Levy

4.3.1 Opportunity for future expansion

The parking levy has been designed to focus on commuters who drive to work in the Wellington central city. There are however several large employers that generate commuter traffic, some of which passes through the central city. These are:

- Wellington Regional Hospital¹⁰, located on Adelaide Road, in Newtown, south of the CBD boundary
- Massey University, primarily located on Wallace Street, in Mount Cook, south of the CBD boundary
- Te Herenga Waka / Victoria University of Wellington¹¹, primarily located along Kelburn Parade, in Kelburn, northwest of the CBD boundary area.

While the travel behaviour change ‘softer measures’ will target these organisations, future consideration should be given to extending the parking levy to these sites.

4.4 Where can people park in Wellington?

Information on the supply of carparks is based on Wellington City Council’s Rating Information Database (RID) and RCG Realty’s commercial car park inventory analysis. There are approximately 27,660 car parks in total in the CBD. Excluding retail and residential parks, which will not be captured by the levy, there are 22,050 commuter or casual (short-stay) parks. It is estimated that currently about 19,527 of these are used as long-stay parks available for commuters.

The car parks can be categorised as shown in Table 4-1. The starting assumption is that all publicly available off-street commuter parks and all private car parks with 11 or more parks are levied. There are approximately 17,052 car parks in the ‘11 and over’ category and 2,475 car parks that would be exempt from the levy being part of a group of 10 or fewer parks.

Table 4-1 - Off Street Parking Inventory

Category	Type of car park	Number of car parks, 2020			
		Core CBD zone	Te Aro + Stadium	Total	
Off-street available to public: Operator run	Commuter	4,190	2,802	6,992	
	Casual (short-stay)	1,397	934	2,331	
	Total	5,587	3,736	9,323	
Off-street available to public: Council-operated	Commuter	424	155	578	
	Casual (short-stay)	141	52	193	
	Total	565	206	771	
Off-street private not available to public	Commercial offices	11+ parks	5,194	3,062	8,256
		10 or fewer parks	1,487	877	2,364
		Total	6,681	3,939	10,620
Government entities	Government entities	11+ parks	200	50	250
		10 or fewer parks	0	0	0
		Total	200	50	250
Foreign embassies	Foreign embassies	11+ parks	128	0	128
		10 or fewer parks	19	0	19
		Total	147	0	147
Educational	Educational	11+ parks	35	0	35
		10 or fewer parks	15	13	28
		Total	50	13	63
Not for profit organisations	Not for profit organisations	11+ parks	441	341	782
		10 or fewer parks	10	36	46
		Total	451	377	828
Health services	Health services	11+ parks	30	0	30
		10 or fewer parks	10	8	18
		Total	40	8	48
Total commuter parks	11+ parks	11+ parks	10,642	6,410	17,052
		10 or fewer parks	1,541	934	2,475
		TOTAL	12,183	7,344	19,527
Total casual (short-stay) parks			1,538	986	2,524
Commuter + Casual CBD car parks				22,050	
Retail			516	765	1,281
Residential			2,213	2,116	4,329
Total CBD car parks				27,660	

¹⁰ WCC are reviewing on-street parking controls in streets surrounding the hospital. GWRC are working with the hospital to develop a travel plan.

¹¹ Te Herenga Waka / Victoria University of Wellington has a well-established travel plan that includes parking management to influence travel behaviour.

4.4.1 Parking prices

Parking charges vary according to location and car park provider. Current average parking prices in different parts of the central city are shown in Table 4-2. These prices were calculated as a weighted average based on early-bird parking prices in public car parks, then multiplied by 250 business days per year to calculate the annual average price. Early-bird prices were used as a proxy for average prices as there is little difference between daily early-bird prices and monthly unreserved prices. Commuters that pay for reserved parks on a monthly or annual basis are only a small proportion of total commuters and therefore have only impact on the weighted average.

Table 4-2 Current Weighted Average Parking Prices

Core CBD (high price zone)	\$20.64	\$5,160
Te Aro + Stadium (low price zone)	\$14.04	\$3,510

Source: Calculations based on RCG car park inventory

4.5 Factors influencing impact of a commuter parking levy

The main factors that can influence the impact of a parking levy are:

- car park suppliers' response to a levy
- commuter response to a levy.

Work to develop the recommended design for the parking levy involved research into motorists' response to parking levies elsewhere in the world; response to increases in the cost of parking and interviews with representatives of commercial car park operators. Information gathered was used to develop a model to understand the potential impact of the parking levy, to test options and refine the scheme design. Full details of the options considered, and model development are included in Appendix G.

4.6 What are the choices when designing a parking levy?

The main choices when designing a parking levy relate to:

- the types of parking spaces to which the levy is applied
- how exemptions are managed
- who is responsible for paying the levy
- how the numbers of parking spaces to which the levy is applied is calculated
- whether to apply a different level of levy in different parts of the central city
- the size of the levy.

Appendix G presents the alternatives considered for each of these choices and explains the rationale for the recommended scheme. The following section describes the design of the parking levy proposed for Wellington.

4.7 Recommended parking levy

To influence the behaviour of commuters that drive to work in Wellington, the levy should be applied to all long-stay (commuter) parking spaces in the central city. There are two types:

- Type 1 – Private (employer) off-street car parks
- Type 2 – Public off-street car parks (both publicly and privately operated).

4.7.1.1 Type 1 – Private (employer) off-street car parks

There are two alternatives for determining the private (employer) off-street car parks to which the levy is applicable. They differ in terms of their simplicity and ease of administration. The recommended scheme starts with the assumption that none of the private parking spaces are leviable unless they fit within a definition explicitly identified. In this case, the levy would only apply to spaces that are occupied by a motor vehicle used by:

- an employee
- a regular business visitor, and / or
- a student.

An alternative way of determining the Private (Employer) off-street car parks takes a top-down approach in which every space is included unless specifically exempted. This approach is likely to lead to an exemption list that is overly long, complicated, open to interpretation and difficult to manage. This alternative is not well aligned to the description of a commuter parking levy since, at the outset, it infers all private parking spaces are leviable.

Regardless of whether option A or B is adopted for the definition of Private (Employer) off-street car parks, it is recommended that the following types of car parks are exempt:

- locations where there are 10 or less parking spaces in total
- emergency services vehicles
- parking spaces allocated for Mobility Parking permits
- embassies and high commissions
- parking spaces provided by registered charities (the exemption does not apply if the person providing the parking space charges a fee for parking in the space)
- parking spaces allocated for customers (the exemption does not apply if the person providing the parking space charges customers a fee for parking in the space)
- parking spaces allocated for loading/unloading
- parking spaces allocated for cycles and motorcycles.

4.7.1.2 Type 2 – public off-street car parks (both publicly and privately operated)

The recommended approach would see the levy applied to all public off-street car parks except casual car park spaces that are unused at 10:00AM on a working day. Records would need to be maintained by the owner/operator daily detailing both the number of spaces available (both casual and reserved) and the number of unused casual car park spaces on a weekday at 10:00. This approach is preferred because it provides car park operators more flexibility. They can lower prices to fill more parks but pay more levy. Alternatively, operators can raise prices, fill fewer parks but pay less levy. This flexibility creates more opportunity for the levy to encourage behaviour change. The following types of car parks would be exempt:

- parking spaces allocated for Mobility Parking permits
- parking spaces allocated for cycles or motorcycles.

4.7.2 Changing the levy for different parts of the central city

Applying a uniform parking levy to the central city was rejected for equity reasons. The average cost of parking in Te Aro is lower than in the Lambton ward of the city. More importantly driving mode share is

higher, even though workers there are on lower incomes. Te Aro is further from the train station and, therefore, has less public transport access than the northern part of the central city.

Table 4-3 shows the extent to which possible parking levies would increase median annual parking charges for different parts of the city. It highlights the inequity if the parking levy is not varied in different parts of the city. It shows that prices are lower in Te Aro than in the rest of the CBD, due to different land-use and commuter patterns that present themselves in this area.

Prices for parking are also lower in the northern portion of Pipitea. This is driven by the outsized presence that the Stadium car park holds in driving prices and the walking distance from the rest of the central city.

Parking prices in 'lower-priced' portions of the CBD tend to be about 70 percent of the prices charged in to the 'core' Thorndon and Lambton quarter area.

Table 4-3 - Median Annual Parking Costs in Wellington Central City

Zone	Median annual parking costs, calculated on the basis of early-bird parking rates	\$2,250 Parking Levy Increase	\$3,500 Parking Levy Increase
Pipitea – Stadium Area	\$3,510	\$5,760 (+64%)	\$7,010 (+100%)
Thorndon / Lambton Quarter	\$5,160	\$7,410 (+43%)	\$8,660 (+67%)
Te Aro	\$3,510	\$5,760 (+64%)	\$7,010 (+100%)

4.7.3 Size of a levy: the amount that could be charged to carpark owners and operators

Research into the appropriate level of parking levy for Wellington found that a levy set at \$3,500 per annum (the higher charge modelled during the development of the LGWM Indicative Package) would make the Wellington parking levy the most expensive parking levy in the world. A levy set at \$2,250 per annum would make it slightly less expensive than the most expensive levy in Sydney. Setting a parking levy in Wellington at more than \$2,500 per annum is likely to be publicly unacceptable even if introduced incrementally. It would represent an increase of parking prices of close to 100%.

The team also explored the cost, revenue and demand implications for four possible levy levels. Based on this review, it is recommended that the parking levy amount is set at \$2,500 per annum in the Thorndon/Lambton Quarter sector and \$1,750 per annum in Te Aro and Pipitea (equivalent to 70 percent of the higher levy). This is expected to result in a 10% reduction in daily trips to the central city by car.

A three-year phased implementation is proposed such that, in year one of operation, only 33 percent of the full amount of the levy is charged; in year two, 66 percent, and from year three onwards, 100 percent of the proposed levy.

4.8 Expected impacts of a Wellington commuter parking levy

4.8.1 Mode shift impacts

Depending on the size of the levy, it is forecast that there would be between a one percent (\$500 annual levy) and 14 percent (\$5,000 annual levy) reduction in car trips to the CBD compared to an environment where a parking levy was not introduced. This is shown in Figure 4-2 below. Figure 4-3 shows the forecast change in absolute traffic volumes.

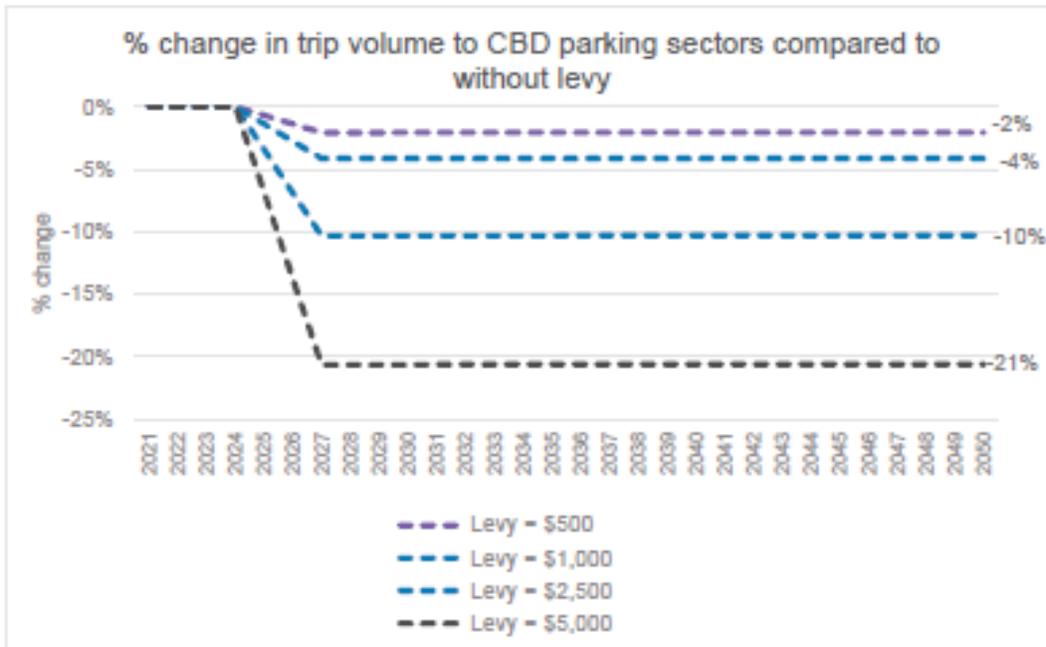


Figure 4-2 Percentage Change in Traffic Volumes to the Central City

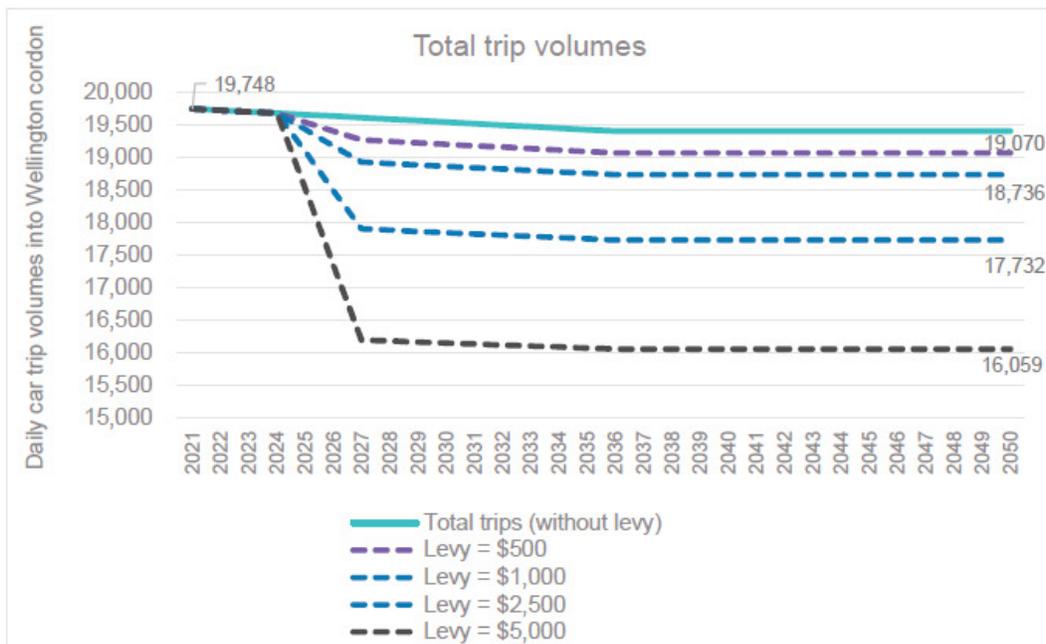


Figure 4-3 Change in Traffic Volumes by Car as a Result of Different Levy Levels

The figures show that, in future, independent of any other factors, the introduction of a parking levy of \$2,500 would be expected to reduce the total volume of car trips from 19,748 to 17,732 - a reduction of 2,016 car trips each weekday. The percentages do not entirely correlate with the absolute traffic reduction because a small proportion of car trips to the central city are expected to instead be diverted to on-street parking areas at the fringes of the central city.

4.8.2 Parking supply impacts

The reduction in parking demand is expected to lead to a reduction in supply of long-stay parking supply over the period that the levy is in force. This would come about as carpark owners' transition long-stay car parks to short-stay commuter carparks or as the car parks are converted to other land use.

4.8.3 Influences affecting forecast impact

The above forecasts are based upon the recommended form of the levy. Any changes to the underlying assumptions will influence the revenue raised and level of demand reduction. The main influences include:

- the amount of the levy
- whether all carparks or only occupied car parks are levied
- the phasing-in rate of the levy, from a period of as little as one to five years
- whether a differential levy is applied in high-priced and low-priced areas of the CBD
- the extent to which the levy is passed from owners and operators to commuters
- the elasticity of demand scenarios
- the displacement of cars from the CBD levy parking zone to areas outside the levy zone (this is estimated as five percent of total demand following the introduction of the levy based on estimated existing capacity of coupon parking)
- whether carparks with ten or fewer carparks are excluded from the levy
- which off-street carpark types are included in the scope of the levy (such as commercial, government entity, foreign embassies, educational, not for profit, and health-service carparks).

4.8.4 Further considerations

There are a range of other potential considerations that would need to be resolved if a parking levy were to be adopted. These include:

- a possibility that residents would seek to lease their carparking spaces to commuters (this happens to some degree today) – these parking spaces would not be liable for the levy as currently proposed
- if the levy amount is high enough, the exclusion of carparks with 10 or fewer spaces could make it more economic for some commuters to consider purchasing carparking spaces outright. These spaces would not be liable for the levy as the 'owner' of the carpark would have 10 or fewer carparking spaces. This scenario would be particularly attractive and a likely market response if the levy was set too high. Car park operators could sell off individual parking spaces to commuters, and these car parks would then not be subject to a levy
- a private business owner who is a commuter would be able to claim back GST on the levy in many instances as a cost of doing business, meaning that the 'actual' cost of the levy was 15 percent less to this commuter compared to others who were not able to claim back GST (i.e. PAYE employees)
- the current interpretation of fringe-benefit tax law and employer-provided carparking spaces is that fringe benefit tax is effectively not charged on employer-provided carparks. This reduces the actual cost of parking for commuters who are provided with an employer-provided carpark, and carparking is advantaged in fringe-benefit tax compared to public transport and active transport mode subsidies (which, somewhat ironically, do attract fringe benefit tax).

5 How did we develop the Travel Behaviour Change packages?

This section explains the process used to develop alternative packages to identify the approach that best meets the project objectives.

5.1 What do we want to achieve?

The overall aim of the LGWM programme is to reduce 6,000 private vehicles from entering the CBD in the morning peak and increasing the person/vehicle ratio from 2.6 in 2006 (82,000 in 31,000 cars) to just under four by 2036 (100,000 in 26,000 cars). The objectives for the travel behaviour change package are:

Travel behaviour package objectives:

- A. improve access to and through the central city ensuring people know that the available travel choices will work for them (15%)
- B. minimise disruption to people and business by making sure they are aware of upcoming changes, how it will affect their journeys and understand their travel options during delivery of work to improve and renew the city¹² (15%)
- C. make best use of the transport network by encouraging people to travel less often and at less busy times¹³ (20%)
- D. make best use of the available transport options by reducing the proportion of people that drive alone during busy times and/or for short trips (25%)
- E. improve the health, safety and wellbeing of communities by increasing the number of trips that involve active modes and public transport (25%)

5.2 Summary of approach

Figure 5-1 shows the approach used for identifying the recommended package with references to where each stage is discussed.

¹² Disruption may be created by delivery of Let's Get Wellington Moving, three waters renewals, building construction, major events

¹³ Busy times include weekends

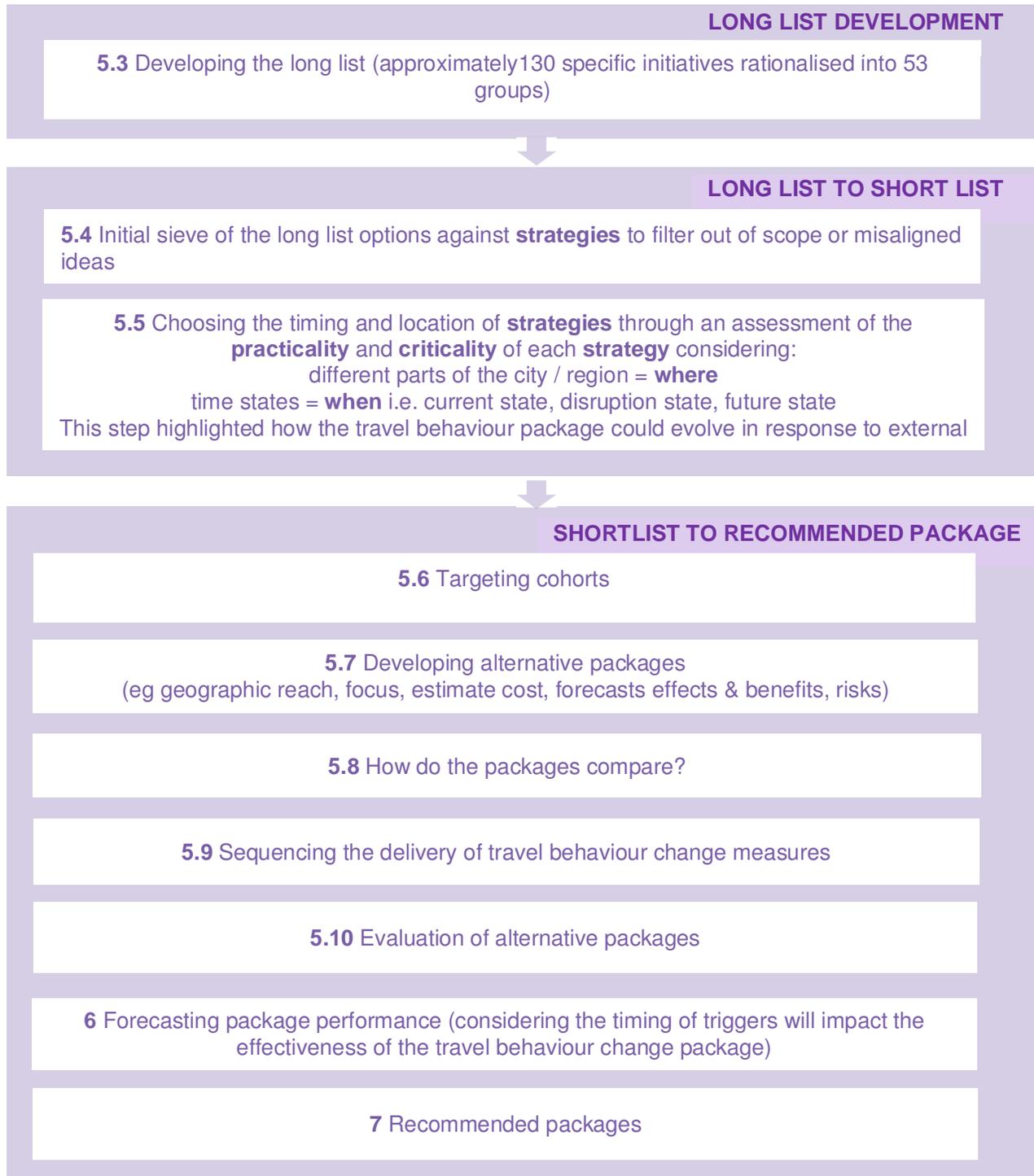


Figure 5-1 Package development process

5.3 Long list development

Long list development included brainstorming within the consultant team and with the representatives of LGWM that are actively involved with delivering travel behaviour change. This resulted in a long list of specific travel behaviour change interventions, initiatives and tools. This drew from previous reports including the Critical Review Case Studies, the Waka Kotahi TDM Research Report (Waka Kotahi 2019) and the group's collective knowledge.

5.4 Developing strategies to provide focus to the development of packages

To enable the development of alternative travel behaviour change packages, the project team developed **strategies** as a bridge between the TBCh package objectives and the granular level of initiatives. This is illustrated in Figure 5-2. These were used to filter the long list and later assess the alternative packages. The strategies were needed to simplify the formation of alternative packages which were complicated by the extent to which the transport system is expected to change through time.

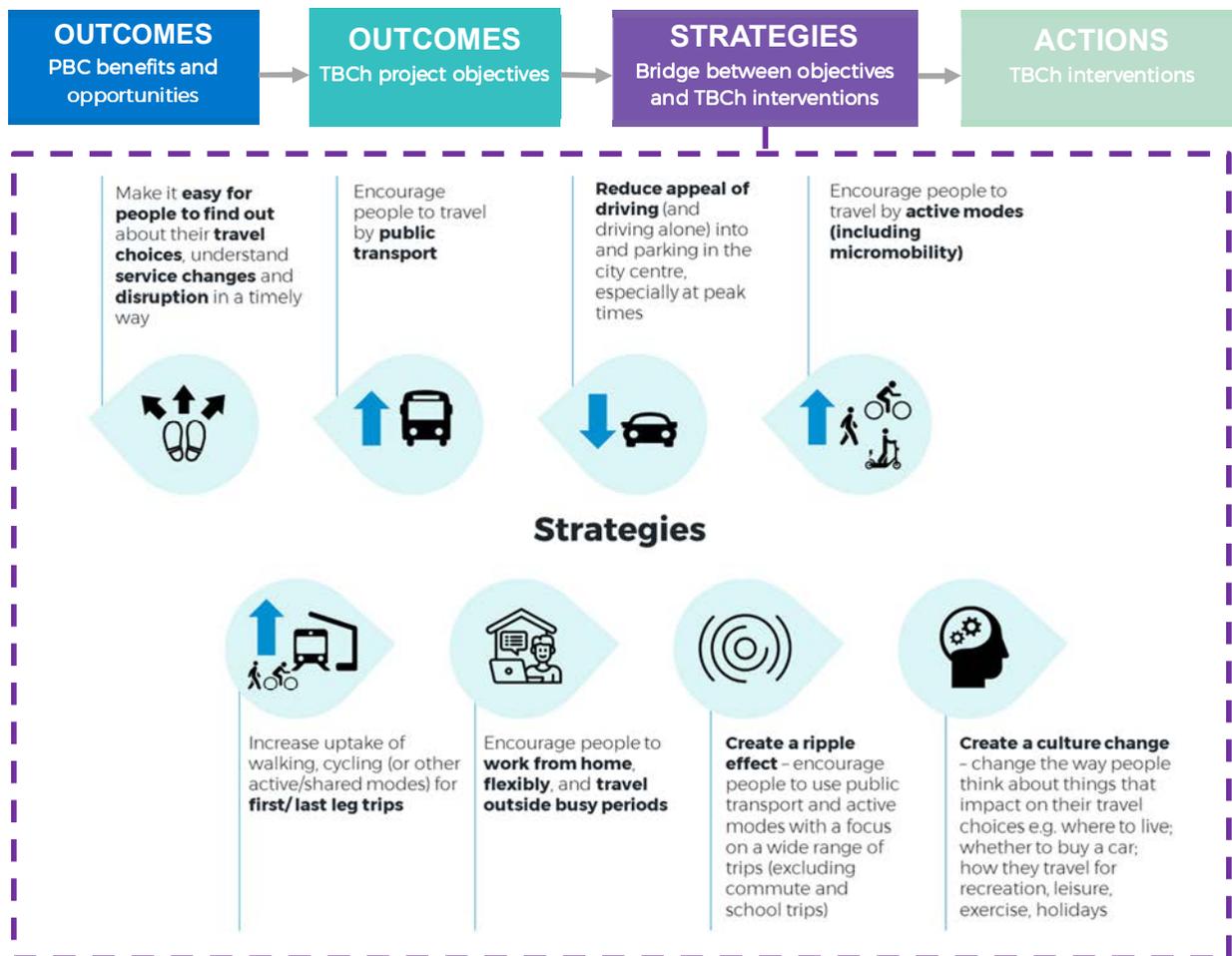


Figure 5-2 Relationship between the project objectives, strategies and travel behaviour change initiatives

The strategies were refined based on feedback from GWRC, WCC and Waka Kotahi TBCh practitioners. Culture change and creating a ripple effect were identified in discussions with these practitioners as being particularly important to achieving long term, sustained travel behaviour change.

Each strategy contributes to achieving the project objectives and varying combinations of these strategies are later used to develop the alternative packages. There are synergies between some of the strategies. For example, making 'it easy for people to find out about their travel choices, understand service disruption and changes in a timely way' is relatively low-impact on its own, but combined with initiatives to 'encourage people to work flexibly or to use alternative modes' will have a greater impact than awareness alone.

5.4.1 Consolidating the long list

The long list was then mapped against the strategies which ultimately helped remove options that did not deliver on the objectives. This exercise also allowed the team to develop an understanding of the initiatives that are aligned with each of the strategies. A key finding here was that many of the initiatives could be tailored to achieve different outcomes. As a simple example, a social media campaign can be tailored to encourage people to shift mode, time of travel or raise awareness of the upcoming disruption.

Following the mapping of the long list to the strategies objectives, which ruled out any interventions or initiatives that were out of scope or not aligned with the objectives, the remaining were then grouped according to the categories below (initially identified in section 3.7).

Policy, partnerships and advocacy	
Purpose	Work with employers and employees/travellers to induce mode shift
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a TMA ▪ Identify partners (including government departments and Crown entities) ▪ Tools, materials and incentives for employers ▪ Policy development (flanking parking levy) to encourage company car cash out and daily parking charges or cash out option ▪ Parking management software (to support daily charges/ cash out) ▪ Flexible working and home working guidance ▪ Cap or reduce parking supply ▪ Advocacy for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ policy changes for urban design and land use ▪ unbundling of parking and improved parking enforcement ▪ new developments to provide facilities, services, and subsidies ▪ for TDM as a requirement for large events and new developments
Marketing, communications and incentives	
Purpose	Provide consistent information, persuasive messaging, and convenient assistance to travellers
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TBCh Branding ▪ Social marketing campaigns targeted to specific TBCh initiatives ▪ Marketing, communications, incentives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Awards and certificates/ recognition e.g. cycle friendly employer/ school etc, or recognition for exceptional TDM program ▪ New movers (Journey Planning for) ▪ Off-peak incentives and peak time disincentives for example discount fares during peak periods as part of specific promotions/ trials or short-term initiatives ▪ Challenges, competitions and recognition ▪ Giveaways ▪ Communication platforms e.g. Websites, Apps, Social Media page

- Ongoing marketing and communications

Travel plans

Purpose	Create and deliver customised packages of TDM initiatives for people travelling to or from the same site to assist in changing mode or doing things differently to reduce vehicle kms and trips
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Programmes for schools to encourage travel by shared and active modes ▪ Workplace travel plans, including encouraging the Public Service Commission to require government departments and Crown entities to develop or revitalise their own travel plans ▪ Community travel plans ▪ Event travel plans ▪ Building a team of champions who understand behaviour change principles to have conversations with employees, students/teacher and residents to help them help themselves to change.

Events, experiences and life choices

Purpose	Help people overcome barriers and form new habits through experiential and social learning
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Change work or home location to reduce commute length (e.g. schemes to change work location include assigning worksite location at multi-site employers based on home location; location-efficient mortgage initiatives and employer-assisted or employer-provided housing) ▪ Promotional events (e.g. Innovating Streets; open streets events; temporary activations like cycleways or playground; Bike/Walk to Work Month; free PT days; Walk to Work day; car-free days; bus/ train taonga hunt; Metlink safari; family cycling events/festivals; #urbanhiking With Walking Access Commission; Events/holiday by PT; Open streets events; temporary activations like cycleways or playground; how to ride a bike for *adults*) ▪ Promotional packages (e.g. e-bike/e-scooters/bikes/cargo-bikes promotion package; guidance on suitability/rental/ trial/financial support; Give-it-a-go programmes)

Supporting services and amenities

Purpose	Remove barriers to choosing shared and active modes, provide flexible services that can solve gaps and first/last-mile problems, and provide a safety net
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enhanced personal journey planning delivered through digital platforms e.g. journey planning tools/ MaaS ▪ Bike breakdown service ▪ Bike maintenance and repair stations ▪ Car share ▪ First/last-leg schemes ▪ Pocket park & rides ▪ Guaranteed ride home scheme ▪ Micro-mobility share partnerships ▪ New movers journey planning ▪ E-bike/e-scooter charging stations ▪ Planning, incentivising and funding network-wide end of trip facilities ▪ Tactical local changes that respond to feedback (e.g. through citizen science programmes that empower citizens and enable community participation in transport projects from crowd-sourcing data collection through to bringing people together to participate in solving challenges)

Evaluation, research and reporting	
Purpose	Before and after measurement, and evaluate on an ongoing basis the impact of TBCh activities; build knowledge about effective strategies; transparency with public and decision makers; provide evidence to enable projects to fail fast or grow if successful
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Academic partnerships ▪ Requirement of clear evaluation frameworks from all initiatives ▪ Annual report on accomplishments and progress towards goals and targeted KPIs - equity, health, liveability ▪ Dashboard providing accountability towards adopted plan goals ▪ Data collection

5.5 Choosing strategies to achieve the objectives

The next step in the option development process involved understanding which strategies best meet the objectives in which locations and when. To do this, we used four key dimensions of choice shown in Figure 5-3 below:

- **what** strategies (presented in section 5.4) were appropriate (achieved the objectives) for different areas and in periods of disruption
- **where** in Wellington were these strategies most appropriate
- **when** would they have most impact in achieving the objectives
- **who** would be the target audience (discussed in section 5.6).

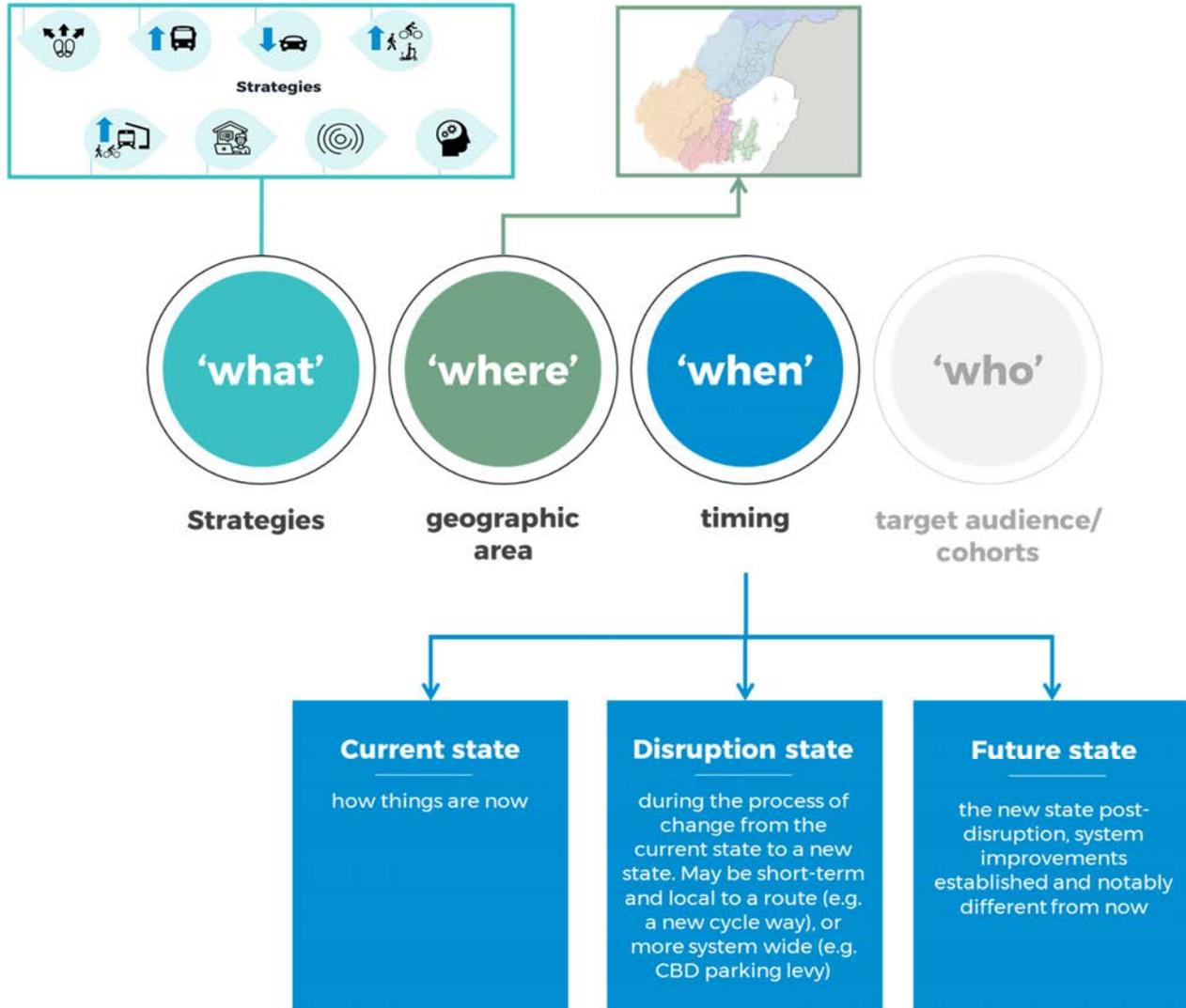


Figure 5-3 Choosing 'when' and 'where' 'strategies' should be deployed

For the purposes of this report the Wellington Region has been divided into the following areas as shown in Figure 5-4:

- **Central Wellington**
- **Inner areas:** Southern suburbs (Island Bay, Newtown, etc); Eastern suburbs (Seatoun, Miramar, Kilbirnie, etc); Western suburbs (Karori, Wadestown, etc); and Northern suburbs (Johnsonville, Ngaio, etc)
- **Outer areas:** Tawa, Kenepuru, Upper Hutt, Porirua, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa; and Porirua and Kāpiti Coast.

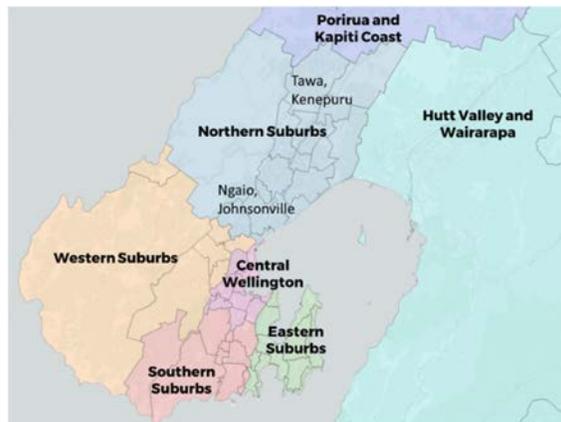


Figure 5-4: Geographic Areas

Guided by the matrix shown in Figure 5-5, the assessment considered:

- criticality (e.g. effectiveness, magnitude, scale of impact); and
- practicality (e.g. political risk, social acceptability, time taken to see impact)
- the strategies ('what') would be for each disruption state ('when') and for different parts of the city/region ('where'). For example, encouraging people to travel by public transport close to the city centre would not always be appropriate as the public transport network is currently operating at capacity during peak times. It would be better to encourage people closer to the city centre to travel by active modes to enable long distance commute by public transport.

Practicality

<i>High</i>	useful / nice to have	rockstars
<i>Low</i>	no-go / discard	challenging
	<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>

Criticality

Figure 5-5 Criticality and practicality assessment scale

Key findings from this assessment were:

- Long distance travel by public transport (rail) from the outer areas should be prioritised over people travelling shorter distances to get to central Wellington given the network capacity constraints. Encouraging the uptake of active modes for short trips to and from central Wellington will be critical to ensuring capacity is preserved for longer trips from the outer areas.
- Encouraging the uptake of walking, cycling (or other active/shared modes) for first-last leg trips in the outer areas is critical but not practical until first-last leg improvements are delivered
- Reducing the appeal of driving (and driving alone) into and parking in the city centre will be challenging until 'pull factors' are in place
- Encouraging people to work from home, flexibly, and traveling outside busy periods could be included in every package and is highly critical and practical during and after disruption, noting that COVID is disruption and there is a need to leverage this.
- Creating a ripple effect, i.e. encouraging people to use public transport and active modes for a range of trips (without a focus on commute and school trips) can be delivered at any time to build

preparedness for when opportunities arise for people to change their commute travel behaviour e.g. a new cycleway or a new bus route in the locality, but efforts will be most effective when ‘pull factors’ are in place.

- Creating a culture change, changing the way people think about things that impact on their travel choices such as where to live; whether to buy a car; how they travel for recreation, leisure, exercise and holidays, can also be delivered at any time, again, to build preparedness and change hearts and minds early and in all walks of life.
- Making it easy for people to find out about their travel choices, and understand service changes and disruption in a timely way, should be included in every package. It performs well now and in every future state. On its own may not create much change but is needed to support the other strategies.
- Encouraging people to travel by active modes (including micro-mobility) is highly critical and practical in the central, eastern, southern (except during disruption caused by delivery of MRT) and western suburbs (after delivery of city streets corridor improvements).
- Encouraging people to travel by active modes was considered to have low criticality and practicality in the northern suburbs or outer areas.

The criticality and practicality assessment also identified that the following strategies would be common to all packages but vary by scale and geographic reach depending on the package emphasis and focus:

- Encouraging people to rethink their travel needs, travel outside busy periods, and work flexibly and from home will allow the packages to capitalise on the opportunities presented by COVID-19 and manage the transport network during times of constrained capacity.
- Making it easier for people to find out about their travel choices so they can understand service changes and disruption in a timely way is considered an enabler and an essential component of any TBCh package.
- Initiatives to create a ripple effect and induce a culture change can be delivered before network improvements are delivered to build preparedness.

5.6 Targeting cohorts

A key component of developing a TBCh package for Wellington is understanding ‘who’ to target. Based on the trends discussed in section 2.1, the following cohorts should be targeted for maximum impact:

1. **Employers and people working in the central city:** Travel for work is the most common purpose for travel, especially during the peak when capacity on the transport network is most constrained. For maximum impact and depending on political appetite, travel plans for workplaces can be delivered as a policy measure making them mandatory for workplaces over a certain employee count. As a voluntary measure, workplaces can be encouraged to develop them or part-take in individual travel behaviour change campaigns. Employers can also be targeted through a TMA.

In the 2018 Census, 18.6 percent of all employees in Wellington City are in the Government sector. This means that in 2018 there were nearly 20,000 people working in the public sector in Wellington. This means that the **government sector** sub-group presents an opportunity to lead by example and build the evidence base needed to encourage other employers. Comprehensive travel plans for large trip generators like Wellington Hospital Travel Plan (underway) and the airport could also lead the way.

2. Students: according to Mackie (2010), “there is tangible evidence of a relationship between school travel and overall traffic congestion, so ineffective school travel places an economic burden on communities and on the nation”. Although section 2.3 indicates a small proportion of trips for education (including those associated with the ‘school-run’) make up peak time travel demand in Wellington, that may be because caregivers who are driving to work are dropping off or picking up children on their commute. Reducing the need to be driven to school would reduce the number of car trips to schools, improving road safety and achieving second-tier benefits of improved health and wellbeing while reducing the need to drive to work. Additionally, targeting schools is key in embedding appetite for sustainable travel modes, forming habits early and in creating preparedness for travel behaviour change when they enter adulthood.

3. Communities: most initiatives and interventions catch people at their destination (e.g. through a workplace travel plan) but targeting people at the beginning of their trip can help manage demand at the origin. This can be achieved through community travel plans, first and last-leg schemes, or community initiatives that build willingness to change travel behaviour so that people are ready when opportunities present themselves (e.g. a new cycling facility, new bus route, increased capacity on rail, etc), because they have tried that mode already for a trip in their neighbourhood.

Personas within cohorts will be identified as the recommended package is readied for implementation so that accompanying campaigns/ messages encourage those targeted to engage with them because they recognise themselves in the messaging. It is not possible to provide much more granularity about every location and cohort that can be targeted in Wellington at this stage due to the uncertainty around the sequencing of the LGWM programme and other improvements.

Possible cohorts identified during the long list development stage are mentioned below. These represent sub-groups within the larger cohorts (above) that the design of specific initiatives should consider, noting that targeting will vary depending on where initiatives are implemented and when.

- peak time commuters
- off-peak users
- weekend travellers
- people driving a trade vehicle
- people starting late or early
- people with high income
- immigrants, refugees, new arrivals
- employers
- employees
- job-seekers
- company car drivers and people with access to free/ cheap parking
- seniors and elderly
- mobility and visually impaired
- people with low-incomes / low socio-economic status
- people who are transport disadvantaged or challenged
- people living in underserved areas (lacking access/ opportunities)
- people running or supporting events and festivals
- people attending events, churches etc
- construction workers
- tradespeople
- neighbourhoods
- people encouraging or generating travel to major destinations
- families
- schools
- children
- people who work nights or are shift workers
- tourists

6 Alternative Packages

Five alternative packages of travel behaviour change measures were developed as follows:

- Package A: Scaling up travel behaviour change initiatives already being delivered (section 6.1.1 describes the current approach)
- Package B: Package A + respond to first-last leg improvements in the outer areas
- Package C: Package B + reduce the appeal of driving
- Package C – B: Respond to the parking levy but excludes initiatives corresponding to first-last leg improvements
- Package D: Package C + encourages the use of public transport everywhere + ripple effect and culture change in the inner suburbs
- Package E: Package D + encourages the use of public transport and active modes regionwide + ripple effect and culture change regionwide.

Figure 6-1 presents a summary of the alternative packages and illustrates the necessary conditions for the implementation of each package. Information provision, peak spreading, encouraging / enabling flexible working are common to all packages. The differences between the packages are the:

- strategic focus
- locations to which the travel behaviour change strategies are targeted.

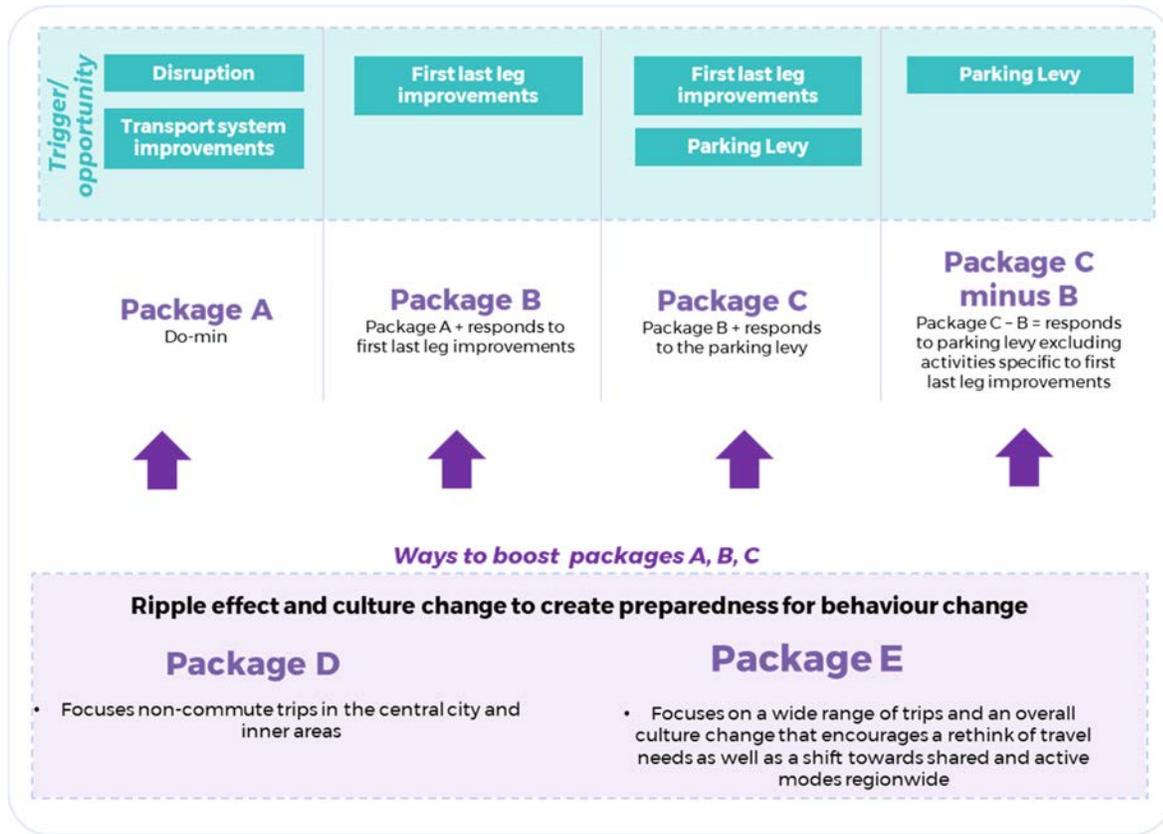


Figure 6-1: Summary of packages

6.1.1 Understanding the status quo

Table 6-1 below describes the existing TBCh effort in the Wellington Region (based on information gathered from GWRC and local council staff at the time of writing this business case) to provide context for the alternative packages discussed in the following sections.

Table 6-1 Existing TBCh effort

Existing TBCh programme	Current Situation
Policy, partnership and advocacy	<p>WCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> flexible working as an initiative being undertaken at the Council (largely as a result of Covid-19) supporting the change of use of on-street parking for car sharing (including EV vehicles)- c. 20 spaces had been reallocated 30kph in Wellington CBD to improve safety for vulnerable road users. <p>Porirua City Council reported that it had partnered with Kāinga Ora to intensify state housing stock and link developments to public transport. The council was also exploring ways to connect the currently segregated east/west divide through greenways.</p>
Number of Workplace travel plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 81 workplaces; targeting 41,000 people workplace initiatives including Sustainable Transport Friendly Workplace.
Schools participating in active travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GWRC provides an Active Travel School's Toolkit which can be used by the city and district councils. Over 30 schools in Wellington have engaged in active school travel planning (14 schools in Kāpiti Coast).
Events, experiences and life choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> active modes in schools, including Movin' March and Scooter training. Half of Wellington's schools are taking part in Movin' March promotion of cycle skills and safety messages to support new cyclists to gain confidence including Pedal Ready cycle skills training and 'Bus and Bike to Improve' workshops.
Marketing, communication, incentives	<p>WCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cycleway promotion through a dedicated website to encourage cycling www.bikethere.org.nz parking Management: Smarter Ways to Manage Parking (video) socialised through the Let's Talk Wellington website Smart Energy Challenge – eBike on waterfront – trialling with Victoria University with 20 bikes between the three campuses bikes free of charge on trains during off-peak <p>Region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Awareness campaign: Aotearoa Bike Challenge a regional cycling map is planned with practical information for cyclists (e.g. location of fix-it stands, school bike tracks, quiet roads)

Existing TBCh programme	Current Situation
Supporting services and amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A bike rack on bus trial was undertaken in Newlands between October 2016 and March 2017. This was for buses between the CBD and Newlands. It was well received and bike racks on buses will be included in the new regional bus operations contracts due mid-2018 (GWRC, 2017a). ▪ GWRC car-pooling resource ▪ Guaranteed Ride Home Scheme ▪ public transport trials for new users ▪ WCC does not provide any staff parking other than for staff vehicles ▪ GWRC is looking at the provision of car parking at Railway Station Park and Rides. It has a programme of extending bike parking facilities at stations. ▪ GWRC is current working on new strategy for 'park and ride' across the region, which includes wider Station Access Planning <p>WCC and GWRC both offer staff pool bikes and ebikes, in some cases these e-bikes were won as prizes in the Aotearoa Bike Challenge run in partnership with WCC and GWRC.</p>
Evaluation, research and reporting	<p>WCC has KPIs in its annual plan for measuring progress e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active modes promotion: number of pedestrians and cyclists entering and leaving the CBD (cordon count) ▪ Network safety: Residents (%) who are satisfied with walking on Wellington's footpaths and cycling on Wellington's cycleways- annual surveys ▪ PT enablement: Bus stops (%) that have a shelter (co-delivered with GWRC) ▪ WCC has an annual cordon count (bike and foot) during March (manual count from 4 locations north, south, east and west). Electronic cycle counters on some key routes (over 20 locations). Data provides year-round 24/7 counts <p>GWRC has KPIs in the annual monitoring report of the Regional Land Transport Strategy e.g.:</p> <p>Public transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased peak period public transport mode share from previous year ▪ Increased off peak period public transport mode share etc. ▪ Improved public transport accessibility for all, including the transport disadvantaged ▪ Reduced public transport journey times compared to travel by private car ▪ Increased public transport reliability <p>Active modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased mode share for pedestrians and cyclists ▪ Improved level of service for pedestrians and cyclists ▪ Increased safety for pedestrians and cyclists <p>Land use and transport integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ improved land use and integration ▪ improved integration between transport modes <p>GWRC hosts the Wellington Analytics Unit which works alongside Metlink and the Regional Transport teams to collate and analyse together on the performance of the transport system.</p>
FTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9.25 FTEs employed: 6 at GWRC and 3.25 WCC
Programme cost	<p>GWRC: approx. \$750K pa excluding personnel/overheads, across Road Safety and TDM (National Land Transport Fund)</p> <p>WCC: historically set total budget for cycleways promotion at \$204K pa</p>

Existing TBCh programme	Current Situation
Framework for prioritising or delivering travel behaviour change	<p>GWRC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on mode shift, road safety and carbon emissions reduction targets (RLTP, Road to Zero, Wellington Regional Mode Shift Plan (draft), GW LTP draft Strategic Framework, MoT Transport Outcomes Framework) Currently reviewing forward work programme, 2021-24. <p>WCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment with physical works where the focus has mainly been on cycling promotion.
Existing partnerships	Wellbeing kura crew (health agencies who work with schools including Heart Foundation, Cancer Society, Regional Public Health, Sport Wellington and others)
Limitation	While councils benefit from the GWRC-run TBCh programme, initiatives delivered by local authorities were limited by budget restrictions, priorities (safety was prioritised over behaviour change) and staffing constraints. Initiatives that sit within the minor works budget are determined at a local level. For example, Kāpiti Coast District Council runs a database for prioritising minor works in response to issues raised through school travel plans (e.g. need for a road pedestrian crossing, cycle access).

The risks of continuing with the status quo are:

- Lack of resources and planning to optimise on the disruption-related opportunities and triggers
- Maintaining current mode share will not meet LGWM programme objectives and without additional measures, the transport network will be under more pressure during and after disruption
- Fragmented approach to delivery
- Success is measured on an initiative level, not as a package
- Limited scope for testing new approaches to encouraging travel behaviour change
- Current workplace TBCh programme works only with large employers individually, missing the opportunity to focus on workplaces collectively and to encourage the government sector to lead by example.

6.1.2 Package A: Scaling up travel behaviour change that is already underway

Package A focuses on building upon travel behaviour change programmes and initiatives that are already in place in the Wellington Region by aligning efforts to match the focus of this package:

- Encouraging people to use public transport in the outer areas first
- Encouraging people from the inner suburbs to travel by active modes in the current state, throughout disruption and into the future, only encouraging public transport use in the inner areas when capacity improvements have been delivered

This package works within the existing constraints in the transport network and expands as improvements to the network are made, taking a reactive approach to disruption and behaviour change. The table below shows ‘where’ and ‘when’ specific strategies will be implemented within package A based on the assessment discussed in Section 0.

Strategy	Geographic area	Time state
1. Encourage people to travel by public transport	Hutt Valley Kāpiti Porirua	Current, Disruption and Future
1. Encourage people to travel by public transport	East, South, West, North	Future
4. Encourage people to work from home, flexibly, and outside busy periods	Entire Region	Current, Disruption and Future
7. Make it easy for people to find out about their travel choices, understand service changes and disruption in a timely way	Entire Region	Current, Disruption and Future
8. Encourage people to travel by active modes (including micro-mobility)	Central, East, South, West	Current, Disruption
8. Encourage people to travel by active modes (including micro-mobility)	Central, East, South, West, North, Hutt Valley	Future

Additional workplace travel plans have been identified in consultation with GWRC. These would be developed for:

- three tertiary institutions
- 18 large workplace trip attractors in central Wellington - buildings that accommodate several organisations (Majestic Centre, 10 Customhouse Quay, State Insurance Building), as well as the government sector (NIWA, Department of Conservation, MPI).
- to get the largest impact workplace travel plans will also take an industry-based approach and expand to include retail and hospitality sector.

Schools will be a key focus for this package targeting six private schools as well as 39 public schools that are expected to be affected by disruption. Schools will be encouraged to participate in programmes, spanning multiple schools, focusing on increasing travel to and from schools by active and shared modes. Wellington College, Wellington East Girls College and St Marks (combined roll of approximately 3,000) will be key as they are located near to the Basin Reserve. The Reserve will undergo a significant transformation causing disruption.

The central, southern, western and eastern suburbs will be targeted for shifting trips to active modes. Marketing and communications will focus on opportunities presented by recent and upcoming cycleway and pedestrian infrastructure improvements e.g. Brooklyn, Island Bay, Miramar and Strathmore Park. Supporting amenities such as bike/e-scooter charging stations, bicycle maintenance/repair stations and micro-mobility share schemes will also be increased in these areas. Figure 6-2 presents the components of Package A and Figure 6-3 provides examples of initiatives that could be delivered as part of Package A.

Package A

Scaling up 'business as usual'

Policy, partnerships and advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish governance group (Y1 informal group (expand), Y2 establish TMA- recruit TMA manager, co-ordinator and funding expert; membership base, Y3 staffed and running, membership grows) - 1.4M over 10 years Working region-wide on policy development to support travel behavior change (e.g. advocating for policy changes for urban design and land use; advocating for new developments to provide facilities, services, and subsidised parking) Building partnerships, working with existing partners eg transport and health/environment campaigns; identifying co-funding opportunities Developing and distributing tools, material, incentives for employers
Travel plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 additional workplace travel plans (government sector; city centre - retail and entertainment sector; universities; large employers) - 2.85M over 10 years 45 additional schools across the region (private schools and schools impacted by disruption) participate in programmes to encourage travel by active and shared modes
Events, experiences and life choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering promotional events (car-free days, bike/walk to work month, free PT days, open streets events) and promotional packages such as 'give-it-a-go' programmes for active modes in central Wellington, eastern and southern suburbs - 110k per year over 10 years
Marketing, communications, incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted social media campaigns - walking & cycling in Brooklyn, Island Bay, Miramar; cycling in Strathmore Park - 200k per year over 10 years Sponsored award and events; challenges; competitions; giveaways in Central Wellington, eastern and southern suburbs and TDM for new routes or services as they launch - 1.8M over 10 years Coordinating regional branding build on Metlink's work on customer segments for PT based social media campaigns - 600k over 10 years Communication platforms (dashboards, brand specific website (like MobilityLab), social media posts) - 285k over 10 years Ongoing marketing and communication - 50k per year over 10 years Off-peak incentives and peak time disincentives for example discount fares during peak periods as part of specific promotions - 16M over 10 years
Supporting services and amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating journey planning App/MaaS - 950k over 10 years Landside luggage service (airport), carpooling, skills workshops, micromobility and peer to peer parking services region-wide (TMA to implement and partners to implement) - 120k over 10 years Ensuring supportive amenities are provided such as micromobility/bike/e-bike share schemes; peer to peer parking apps and marketplace; wayfinding and route maps region-wide; e-bike/e-scooter charging, repair stations focused in central Wellington, eastern, southern and western suburbs - 1.65M over 10 years
Evaluation, research and reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measuring progress towards goals, targeted KPIs, process and impact evaluation for individual interventions and across the programme; annual reporting - 7M over 10 years



10.2.5 Uncertainties

The main uncertainties that could affect the cost estimates and revenue forecasts are

- establishment costs are estimated on the introduction of the levy in Nottingham; if the levy operations were to be paired with 'smarter' travel demand management tools, the cost of implementation and operation may be higher than what is indicated in this model.
- the ease in which commuters can transition to public or active transport modes. If there is not readily available public or active transport modes for a car commuter to substitute to, the only alternative may be to simply pay the increase in levy and drive. Therefore we propose that the levy is not introduced until at least 2025, as this timing aligns with some of the initial planned public transport and active mode improvements as part of the Let's Get Wellington Moving Programme.
- the extent to which certain commuters are driving because of other factors, such as intermediate stops (school or day-care drop offs²⁸, for example), or health and safety considerations (such as a desire to remain away from public transport during the COVID-19 pandemic).
- the pass-through of the levy - where a parking levy is charged to owners and operators of carparks, the full cost of the levy is unlikely to be fully passed through to commuters, judging from evidence in other jurisdictions. Our estimate is that at least 60% for public carparks and 50% for private/business carparks
- the extent to which there are unintended market movements (such as towards individual ownership and purchase of carparks by commuters, rather than use) which could further reduce the supply of leviabile carparks.
- the estimated supply response of carpark operators. The model currently presumes that some carpark operators would transition some long-stay commuter carparks to casual carparks, leading to a reduction in the overall supply of commuter carparks.

²⁸ This will be able to be determined when Household Travel Survey data is available

10.2.6 Hypothecation

Hypothecation, also known as “ring-fencing”, is where a government or council earmarks some or all its tax revenue for clearly identified spending purposes. There are arguments for and against hypothecation of tax revenue, which can be summarised as:

- it reduces the government’s ability to spend on the highest-value items;
- it reduces the government’s flexibility;
- it assures continuity of funding for programmes, helping long-term planning;
- it can make a tax more politically and publicly acceptable; and
- it can make a tax more equitable as there is a degree of ‘user pays’.

Three of the four parking levies overseas (refer Parking Levy Final report in Appendix G) have hypothecated their levy revenue. This was a key factor in establishing political and public buy-in. Hypothecation also creates a notional link between the tax and the positive improvements for which revenue is “ring-fenced”. A large share of New Zealand’s transport system is already built on hypothecated funding, most notably the National Land Transport Fund. Other precedents for hypothecation in New Zealand include Regional Fuel Tax, Road User Charges (notably diesel vehicles such as heavy commercial vehicles) and the waste disposal levy framework.

For a Wellington parking levy, the pros of hypothecation outweigh the cons. LGWM seeks to “move more people using fewer vehicles” so hypothecated funds should be invested in ways that will reinforce this. Given that people who drive are indirectly paying the levy, it could be argued that some levy funds should be directed towards car infrastructure. This would however be contrary to the objective of the levy. Hypothecation closely aligned to the rationale for the levy would see funds only spent on travel behaviour change initiatives, public and active transport services and infrastructure.

10.3 Costs for a travel behaviour change package

This section presents estimated costs for the recommended package as well as the expected cashflow requirements.

10.3.1 Cost Categories

Section 3.7 has explained the elements that need to be included in a successful travel behaviour change package. In summary, these are

- Policy, Partnerships and Advocacy
- Travel Plans
- Events, experiences and life choices
- Marketing, Communications, Incentives
- Supporting Services
- Supporting Amenities
- Evaluation, Research, and Reporting

Delivery of initiatives within each of these cost categories will incur different types of cost including:

- staff costs (both internal and procured)
- operational expenditure such as:
 - A. marketing

- B. communications
- C. trial incentives such as giveaways, prizes or temporary subsidies
- D. competition prizes
- E. seed funding for shared mobility initiatives
- F. development of web and mobile phone applications (apps)
- G. surveys
- H. data collection equipment

No allowance is made for capital costs, which are expected to form a negligible portion of the budget. It is assumed that additional staff will be accommodated by LGWM or one of the partner organisations with only negligible additional accommodation costs.

10.3.2 Estimating approach

The above list of resources will be needed for any successful travel behaviour change initiatives. The costs involved are driven by the planned “dose” which is the combination of effort to achieve the greatest range of change and planned. Packages with a larger reach will have larger costs. Packages that involve more effort will also increase costs.

For this proposal costs estimates have been developed using a combination of:

- information provided by GWRC and WCC about the costs to deliver existing travel behavioural change programmes
- information about costs of travel behavioural change programmes delivered elsewhere in New Zealand and the world (refer to the LGWM, 2020a)
- professional experience of travel behavioural change specialists within the project team and Technical Working Group

Professional judgement was used to interpret this information and estimate the costs for a travel behaviour change programme in Wellington. In developing the estimate consideration has been given to the:

- number and size of third-party organisations (employers) that would be targeted
- number of schools that would be expected to participate
- population that would be targeted
- planned geographical reach
- annual number of programmes, campaigns, competitions and events proposed each year.

Input to the estimates from travel behaviour change specialists within the Technical Working Group helped to ensure there were no gaps or anomalies.

10.3.3 Uncertainties

There are several uncertainties that may affect the package costs. The main uncertainties are the:

- **variation in the efficiency of travel behaviour change programme delivery** - The cost efficiency with which travel behaviour change initiatives are delivered around the world varies. For example, two different teams could deliver the same initiative in the same place. The more effective team could deliver the same results for half the cost of the second team. This inherent variation makes it difficult to develop precise cost estimates. Effective monitoring and systematic continuous improvement processes will help to drive effective and efficient delivery, as with agile approaches of pilot, test and grow.

- **The ability of the programme to evaluate the effectiveness of activities**, and use agile approaches to shift resources to the most effective activities.
- **third-party participation that is achieved** - in developing costs estimates the team have identified major employers and specific schools that should be targeted by a travel behaviour change programme. It is assumed that the disruption anticipated as a result of Let's Get Wellington Moving infrastructure packages will provide an incentive for these organisations to participate. Nonetheless, participation will be voluntary which means not every organisation targeted will necessarily participate. In this instance, different organisations would be approached. This may have some impact on cost.
- **timing for transport system and land-use changes that could trigger a step change in travel behaviour change intensity** - The cost estimate includes a step change in cashflow to reflect the delivery of travel behaviour change and associated resource requirements to correspond with the implementation of a commuter parking levy and/or delivery of first-last leg transport improvements in the 2025/26 financial year. Changes to the delivery of system changes would change the cashflow for the travel behaviour change package.
- **evolution of the travel behaviour change programme as feedback is received from continuous improvement systems** - The travel behaviour change programme will need to be flexible and evolve as the LGWM programme is delivered. This evolution should be based upon regular evaluation and well-established continuous improvement systems

