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## E-PETITION - SHARED PATH MIRAMAR PENINSULA

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### Summary

Primary Petitioner:	Mary Anderson – Enterprise Miramar Peninsula Inc.
Total Signatures:	268
Presented by:	Mary Anderson

### Recommendation

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Thank the petitioner.

### Background

1. Wellington City Council operates a system of e-petitions whereby people can conveniently and electronically petition the Council on matters related to Council business.
2. Mary Anderson, on behalf of Enterprise Miramar Peninsula Inc., opened an e-petition on the Wellington City Council website on 28 April 2020.
3. The e-petition details are as follows:

*We think a shared path around the coast from North Bay (Shelly Bay) to Scorching Bay could be great for Wellington.*

*The coast includes nesting and breeding areas for little blue penguins and white-fronted terns, as well as rare plant species.*

*The harbour-side lane of Massey Road will become a safe area where people can enjoy a walk or leisurely bike ride along the coast.*

*The 3km road from Shelly Bay to Scorching Bay will be one-lane and one-way only for motorised traffic.*

*Car drivers will be able to cross the shared path at various points to reach swimming, fishing, diving and boating spots, as well as parking for Massey Memorial and Point Halswell.*

4. The e-petition closed on 28 June with 268 authenticated signatures. The list of authenticated signatures is presented as **Attachment 1**.

### Officers' response

5. This initiative was one of seven progressed as a COVID-19 response project to facilitate social distancing. The Council, at its meeting on 7 May, agreed that the seven projects be submitted to Waka Kotahi for funding assistance and to notify traffic resolutions at the earliest opportunity.

6. Waka Kotahi advised funding approval on 13 May. A traffic resolution (TR101-20) was notified on 15 May for a period of two weeks. The proposal was to convert one traffic lane to a two-way 3 km shared pedestrian/cycling path and prohibit vehicles from travelling from Scorching Bay to Shelly Bay.
7. Submissions closed on 28 May. The proposal attracted 561 submissions, with 73 percent in support. The matter was to be reported to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 11 June for a decision on whether to proceed. However, on 8 June, the Prime Minister announced that the country was ending Alert Level 2 at midnight so as a consequence the Chief Executive withdrew the report as there was no current need to facilitate social distancing.
8. Given the community support for this initiative, officers resubmitted the initiative to the second round of Waka Kotahi's Innovating Streets programme. The agency is expected to announce whether or not the proposal will be funded as part of the Innovating Streets programme around 21 August. If the application is successful the project will be developed and implemented by 30 June 2021. If funding support is not approved, then the work will not be undertaken as the Council does not have the resources to progress the project.

## **Attachments**

Attachment 1. Verified Signatures

Author	Joe Hewitt, Team Leader Transport Strategy
Authoriser	Anna Blomquist, Acting Transport Planning Manager Vida Christeller, Manager City Design & Place Planning Moana Mackey, Acting Chief Planning Officer

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **Engagement and Consultation**

If the project is successful in achieving funding through Waka Kotahi's Innovating Streets programme, the design will be developed through a collaborative process with local stakeholders.

### **Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

Officers have informed mana whenua that if the project is successful in achieving funding through Waka Kotahi's Innovating Streets programme, the project team would like mana whenua to be a part of the collaborative design process.

### **Financial implications**

If the project is successful in achieving funding through Waka Kotahi's Innovating Streets programme, WCC will fund 10% of the project costs, which are estimated to be approximately \$370,000 in total.

### **Policy and legislative implications**

N/A

### **Risks / legal**

N/A

### **Climate Change impact and considerations**

N/A

### **Communications Plan**

N/A

### **Health and Safety Impact considered**

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