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ORDINARY MEETING

OF

**PŪRORO ĀMUA | PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Time: 9:30am  
Date: Thursday, 8 September 2022  
Venue: Ngake (16.09)  
Level 16, Tahiwī  
113 The Terrace  
Wellington

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Foster  
Deputy Mayor Free  
Councillor Calvert (via audiovisual link)  
Councillor Condie  
Councillor Day (via audiovisual link)  
Councillor Fitzsimons (via audiovisual link)  
Councillor Foon  
Councillor Matthews (via audiovisual link)  
Councillor O'Neill  
Councillor Pannett (Chair)  
Councillor Paul (Deputy Chair) (via audiovisual link)  
Councillor Rush  
Councillor Woolf  
Councillor Young (via audiovisual link)



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## 1. Meeting Conduct

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### 1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9:30am invited members to stand and read the following karakia to open the meeting.

<b>Whakataka te hau ki te uru,</b>	Cease oh winds of the west
<b>Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.</b>	and of the south
<b>Kia mākinakina ki uta,</b>	Let the bracing breezes flow,
<b>Kia mātaratara ki tai.</b>	over the land and the sea.
<b>E hī ake ana te atākura.</b>	Let the red-tipped dawn come
<b>He tio, he huka, he hauhū.</b>	with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
<b>Tihei Mauri Ora!</b>	a promise of a glorious day

### 1.2 Apologies

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Woolf, the following motion**

Resolved

That the Pūroro Āmua | Planning and Environment Committee:

1. Accept the apologies received from Mayor Foster for lateness and partial absence, from Deputy Mayor Free for lateness, and from Liz Kelly for absence.

Carried

### 1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### 1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Paul, the following motion**

Resolved

That the Pūroro Āmua | Planning and Environment Committee:

1. Approves the minutes of the Pūroro Āmua | Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2022, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

### 1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

### 1.6 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation, as the meeting is for the purpose of oral submissions via hearing.

(Councillor Rush, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Young and Deputy Mayor Free joined the meeting at 9:33am.)

Suspension of standing orders

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Paul, the following motion**

Resolved

That the Pūroro Āmua | Planning and Environment Committee:

1. Agree to suspend the following standing orders to allow the oral forum to take place within the committee meeting:
  - a. 16.4 Chairperson rising
  - b. 16.5 Members to speak in place and address the chairperson
  - c. 16.6 Priority of speakers
  - d. 20.0 Rules of debate – the entire section (20.1 – 20.14)
2. Agree to reinstate all standing orders once the meeting resumes in the plenary.

Carried

(Councillor Foon joined the meeting at 9:35am.)  
(Mayor Foster joined the meeting at 9:46am.)  
(Councillor Rush left the meeting at 10:05am.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:36am and reconvened at 10:45am with the following members present: Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Mayor Foster, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul and Councillor Woolf.

(Councillor Rush returned to the meeting at 11:00am)  
(Councillor Young returned to the meeting at 10:50am.)  
(Deputy Mayor Free left the meeting at 11:08am and returned to the meeting at 11:11am.)  
(Mayor Foster left the meeting at 11:46am.)  
(Councillor Fitzsimons and Councillor Rush left the meeting at 12:45am and returned to the meeting at 12:46pm.)  
(Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 12:37pm.)

The meeting adjourned at 1:02pm and reconvened at 1:31pm with the following members present: Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Mayor Foster, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul and Councillor Rush.

(Councillor Woolf returned to the meeting at 1:33pm.)  
(Councillor O'Neill returned to the meeting at 1:34pm.)  
(Councillor Young returned to the meeting at 1:35pm.)  
(Deputy Mayor Free left the meeting at 2:11pm and returned to the meeting at 2:15pm.)

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(Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Paul and Councillor Rush left the meeting at 2:16pm.)

(Councillor Day, Councillor Paul and Councillor Rush returned to the meeting at 2:24pm.)

(Mayor Foster left the meeting at 2:43pm.)

(Deputy Mayor Free left the meeting at 2:46pm and returned to the meeting at 2:50pm.)

(Councillor Fitzsimons returned to the meeting at 3:35pm.)

Meeting duration

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Paul, the following motion**

Resolved

That the Pūroro Āmua | Planning and Environment Committee:

- 1) Extend the meeting beyond six hours, in accordance with standing order 11.7.

Carried

## 2. General Business

The following speakers spoke to their submissions:

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<b>12:45-1:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
1:30	Andrew Starkey		56
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1:55	Nathaniel Raymond		160
2:00	Paul Abery		



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10:50	Sarah Vidler		25
11:00	Saurabh Doshi, Mike Price	Sojourn Apartment Hotel	10
11:05	Nadine Dodge		127
11:20	Tim Brandon, Felix Rees-More, William Stitt, Angus Arbuthnott	Wellington College Environment Club	405
11:25	Stephen Maslin		15
11:30	Christopher Dudfield	Cancer Society	78
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1:30	Jill Ford		80
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1:45	Peter Steven		
1:55	Bethany Miller		322
2:00	Catherine Whitehead		50
2:05	David Shoemack		99

## 2.1 Newtown to city bike and bus improvements hearings

### **Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Paul**

That the Pūroro Āmua | Planning and Environment Committee:

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Hear the oral submitters and thank them for their submissions.

### **Attachments**

- 1 Steve Cosgrove
- 2 David Tripp - Doctors for Active and Safe Transport
- 3 Jill Ford

The meeting concluded at 3:37pm with the reading of the following karakia:

<b>Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui</b>	Draw on, draw on
<b>Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua</b>	Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind
<b>I te ara takatū</b>	
<b>Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga</b>	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
<b>Kia wātea, kia wātea</b>	Let this all be done in unity
<b>Āe rā, kua wātea!</b>	

Authenticated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

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**Submission to support Newtown to City Bike and Bus Improvements - 8 September 2022**  
Steve Cosgrove

Monday I was watching the weather from work in Petone. Will I ride my bike home before it rains, or leave it here and catch a bus?

We have an ever-increasing number of transport options - I only have to ride to Ngauranga then me and my bike can catch a nbr 1 home to Newtown.

4:30, still dry, so off we go!

Humm... Cold temperature I can cope with (peddle faster). Southerly I can cope with (lower gear). Sleety rain? Not so much. I got to Ngauranga shortly after the rain started, so bus the rest of the way.

That night I see Hedi is burning the (metaphorical) midnight oil to make democracy work - I have a hearing time & can read the submissions.

To begin with, reading submissions is a bit bleak. Seems there are a lot of very angry people.

Many seem to think that after getting (almost) free tertiary education, buying (almost) all the houses, screwing up the climate (OK - we didn't know about that until Jeanette Fitzsimons told us about 20 years ago), we now need all the road space because we can't get anywhere without a car each.

But! The solution is just behind me! Most of us old dudes can get anywhere by riding a bike or a bus (or take a bike on a bus)! From reading their submissions, it is clear that the angry people appreciate narrative over evidence. That's cool. I can show and explain that the only exercise I do is commuter cycling and some walking. That's enough to go a long way, even in dire weather conditions.

In the evidence world, chances of a cycling accident are much less than chances of obesity related debilitation as I get older. In the narrative world, cars are fast, large, sharp and hard. Only a quality bike path can lead to cycling being considered. As a bonus, a quality bike path also increases safety for those of us who will cycle anyway because the evidence says we will benefit.

The choice you make next Thursday could pave the way for a generational shift in attitudes. You have read the reports, you can see the submissions. Evidence is there. Safe and reliable bike and bus infrastructure will encourage more active transport. That will improve all aspects of life in Wellington. I ask you to support the Newtown to City Bike and Bus Improvements.

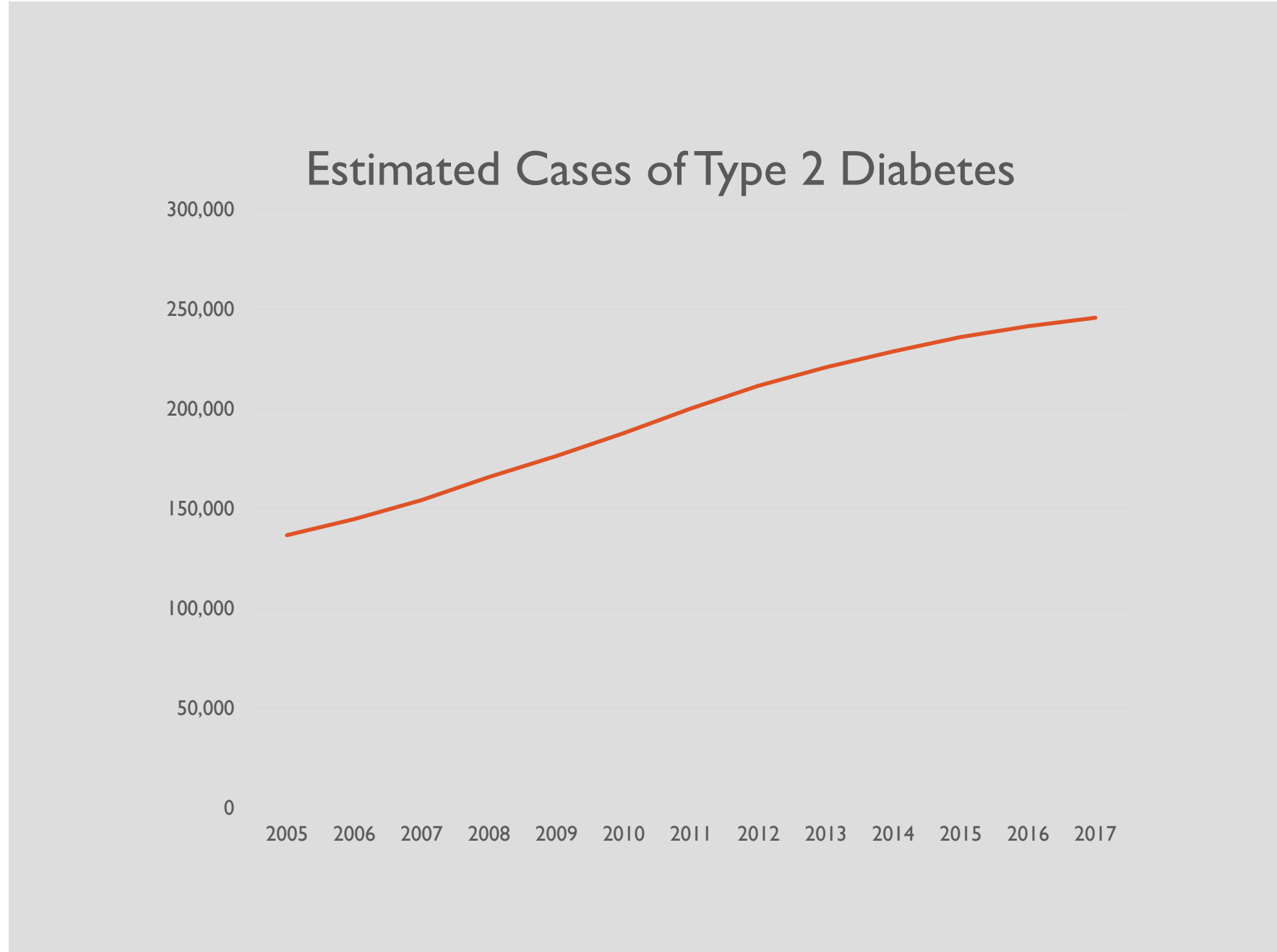
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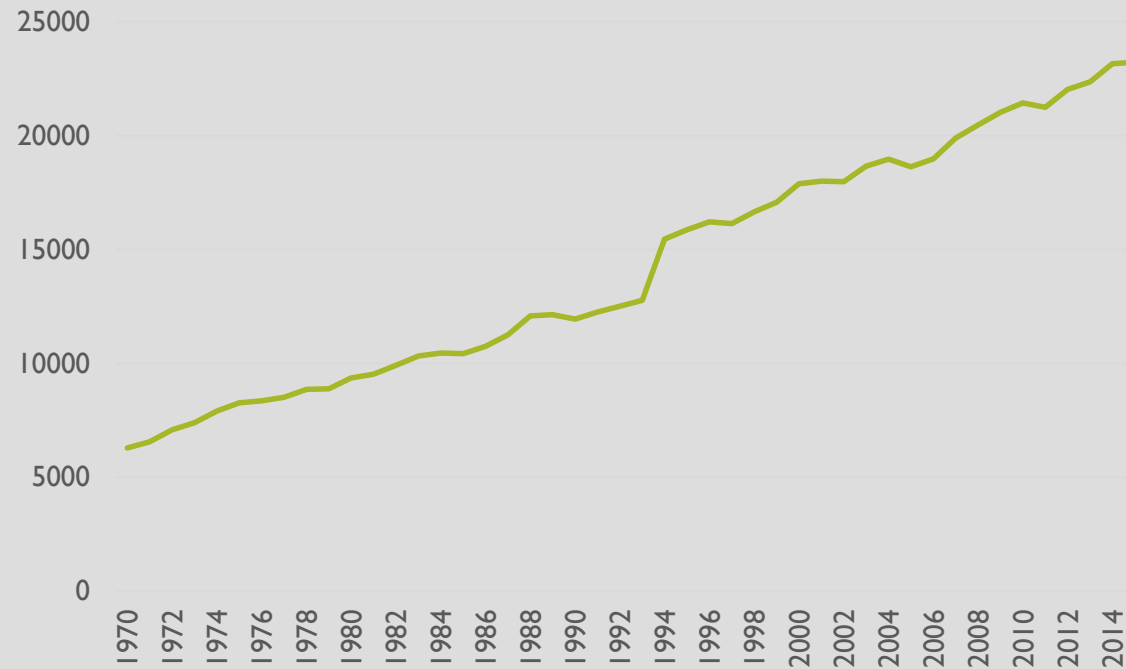
## Newtown to City Bike Improvements

**DOCTORS FOR ACTIVE,  
SAFE TRANSPORT**

## Estimated Cases of Type 2 Diabetes



## New Cases of Cancer in NZ



## Cycling reduces the risk of:

- all-cause mortality by 41%
- any cancer by 45%
- cardiovascular disease by 46%

*A prospective 5 year study of 250,000  
UK citizens, median age 52,  
British Medical Journal 2017*





Our Illness System....



Our Health System....

You have the health budget and we call it transport



- 5,000 people work at this site – not including patients and visitors
- 43% live within 5 km of the hospital
- 63% of staff drive to work
- 700 – 800 staff park on the street every day



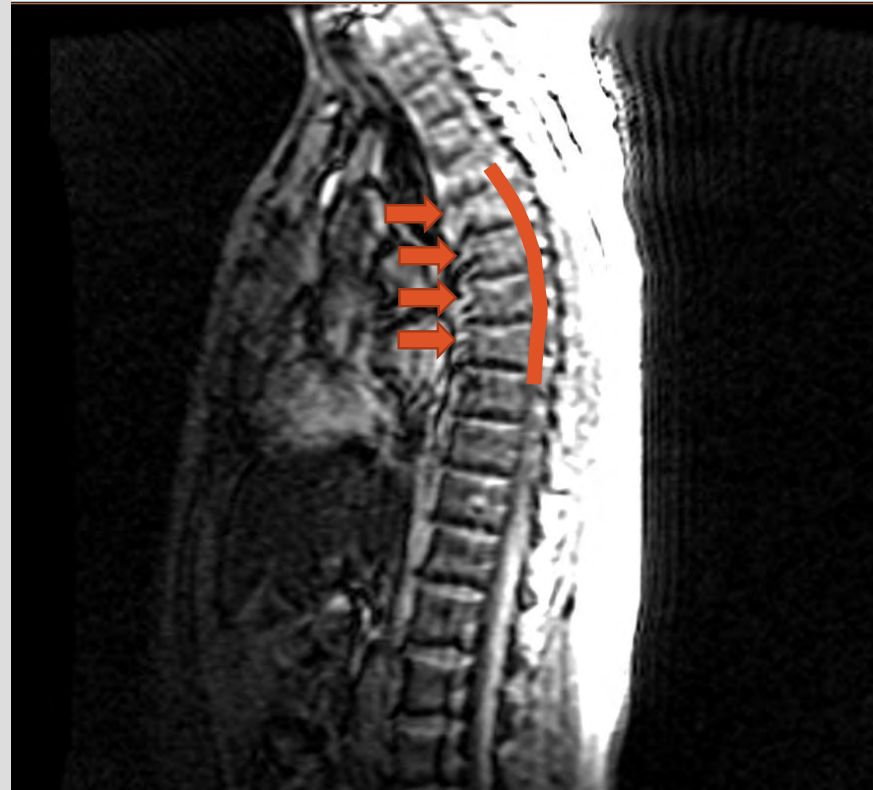
“Reduce vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT) by cars and light vehicles by 20 per cent by 2035 through providing better travel options, *particularly in our largest cities*” [*in **addition** to electrification of the vehicle fleet*]

*Ministry of Environment, Oct 2021*



dramatically  
v  
We must change the  
way we do transport

urgently ^







“There is undoubted benefit in moving travellers away from motorcar use and towards walking, cycling (or other small devices) and public transport...

In our view, there simply can be no doubt that ... ***taking all reasonable steps to increase mode share is an important factor ...***

Reducing of the possibilities of collisions with other users is, in our view, very much part of being attractive..”

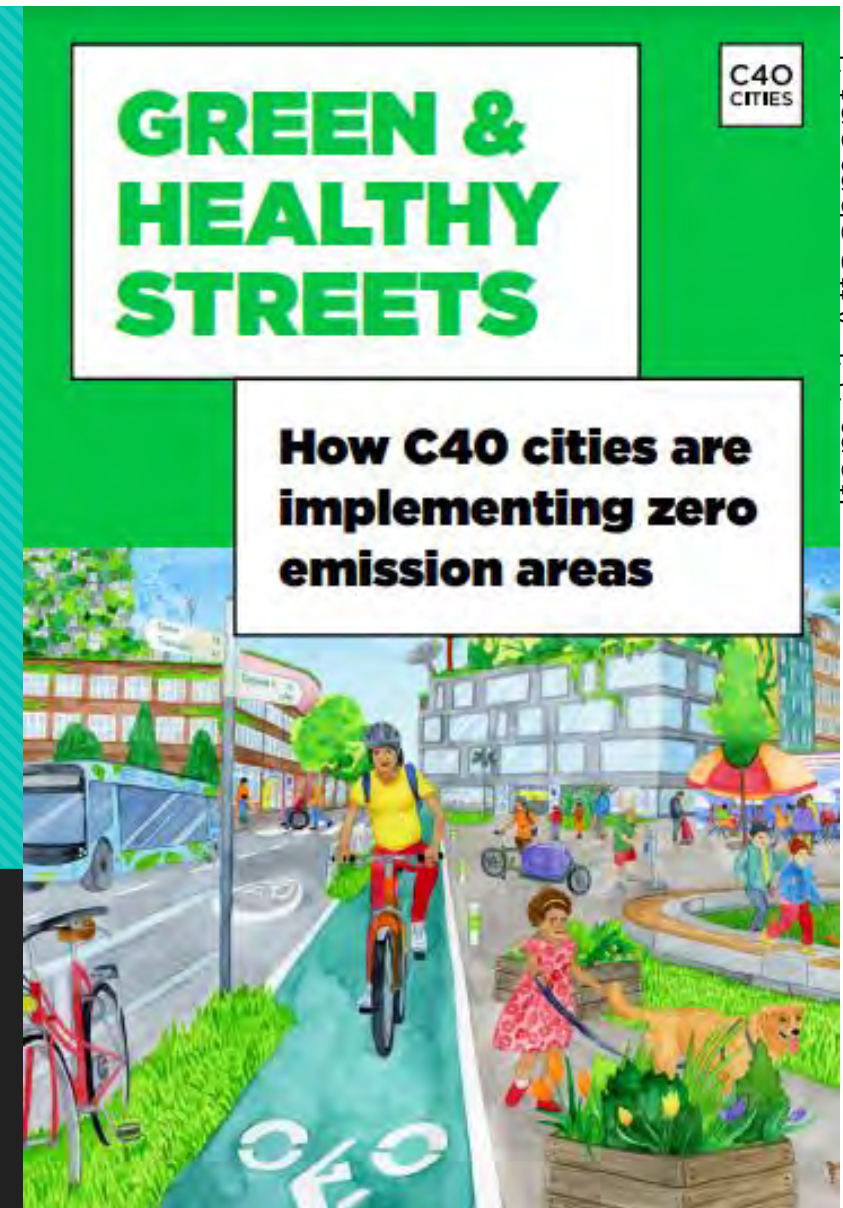
Decision No [2022] NZEnvC 161

SO....

- Do it
- Do it well
- Do it quickly
- Do more
- We can't afford not to



Making the routes  
from Newtown to the  
CBD better for people  
on bikes, on buses  
AND walkers.



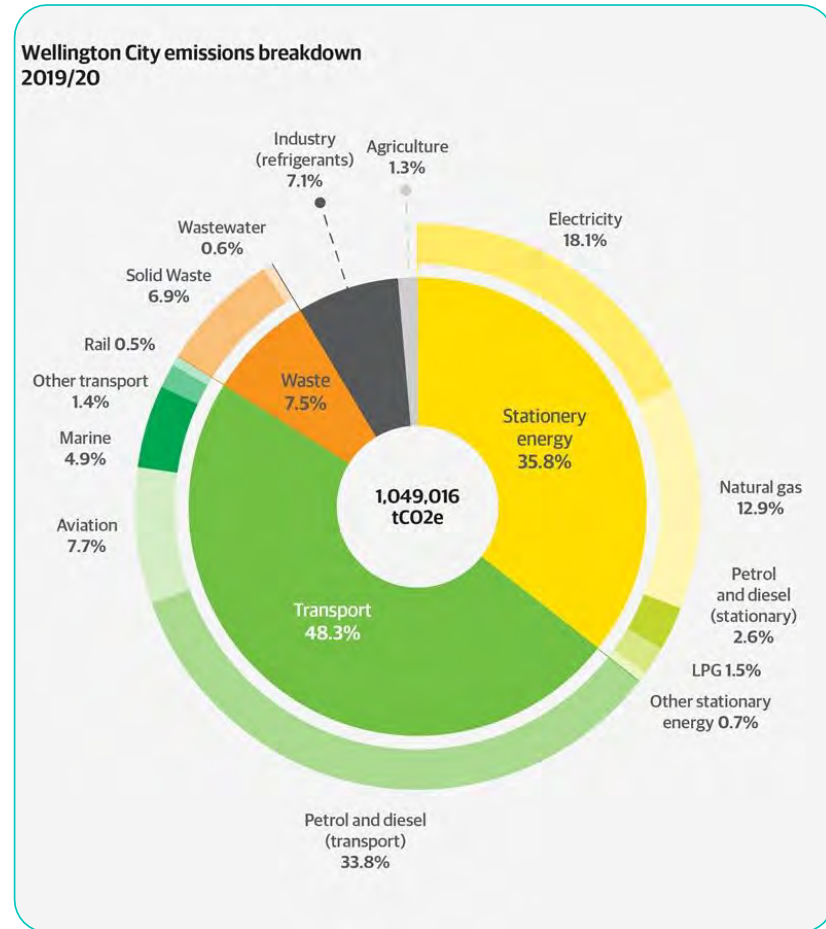
Item 2.1 Attachment 3

# Te Atakura – First to Zero

- As elected representatives I expect you to make evidence-based decisions and ones that are consistent with the council strategy and commitments;

Seeks to achieve three key goals:

- 1. Reduce city emissions by 57% by 2030, and to net zero by 2050.
- The biggest single source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Wellington City is from transport, in particular private vehicles, which are also the main contributor to congestion.





# Key issues

## BUT

- **PT** - To get people to change needs buses to be reliable, convenient, and less expensive than driving. [They do not need to be free –podcast from Freakeconomics is impt to listen to - <https://bit.ly/3KPH1Ev>]
- Currently PT it is less expensive than driving, when parking, petrol and running costs are considered, but for many it is less convenient and less reliable.
- Metlink can only make buses more reliable IF WCC puts in more dedicated bus lanes.
- **Cycle** - More people will only cycle if it is SAFE.
- **Walking** –needs to be safer , easier and more pleasant- road crossings need to be more responsive to pedestrians, eg sheltered, more zebra crossings and we need slower speeds in all residential areas.
- **Substantial evidence from overseas shows that retail businesses benefit from cycle lanes, more people walking and using PT.**



Support the  
plan but  
with tweaks

I believe most of what is proposed  
will ;

Reduce congestion

Make is safer for people using bikes

Improve reliability and  
convenience of buses

Meet WCC goals around reducing  
transport carbon emissions

# Observations

- Minimal 'retail' or residents on Adelaide Rd, Kent, Cambridge, and alternative parking on side streets.
- Ambulances frequently held up on Mein St & Adelaide Rd
- More children scoot, bike, walk to Newtown school than driven.
- Buses held up in congestion
- Crossings are prioritized to cars, meaning pedestrians spend ages waiting and often with no shelter from rain.
- Gazley motors has a very vested interest in people driving!



## Changes needed on current plan

### Mein st

- To reach Riddiford – many cyclists use Mein st, the bottom of Mein St is dangerous to cross, ambulances often get stuck, cyclists cant get to the green box without going on the pavement.
- Drop off / pick up for Newtown school – there is much safer and easier drop off in Daniel st behind St Annes, where children can SAFELY walk from to Newtown School.
- 3 car parks and means parents dropping off or picking up aren't then pulling out into a long line of traffic.



# Changes

- Riddiford st - Mein st to Emmet st—when going south from CBD you get spat out into cars after the traffic lights at Mein st. Need ALL parking removed. Suggest WCC trials NO parking from Mein to Constable st from 7-9am and 4-6pm.

*Hopefully Reshaping Streets legislation will make this a lot easier.*

- John St Intersection – going north - still not safe, as after the bus stop you get spat out in front of cars.
- Green lane to the green box.
- Good signage to alert drivers to the left lane being left turn ONLY. Currently there is nothing.





# Changes needed

- Cambridge Terrace 2 way cycle lane – important that the **turning bays are closed** so cyclists can safely cycle otherwise there will be Bad accidents and possibly deaths. Also make it safer for walkers.
- **Bus lanes on Kent / Cambridge and both sides of Adelaide Rd – 24/ 7 or at least 7am – 7pm.**
- Car delivery trucks often park in car lanes on Kent terrace. **This is ILLEGAL yet never enforced by WCC.**
- Have shelter for people crossing at Basin reserve and cnr of Constable / Riddiford and Mein St / Riddiford.
- Greater prioritisation of people crossing roads, with better shelter – eg Basin reserve, cnr Riddiford / Contsbale and Mein st.
- More zebra crossings

The solution is to make it easier, safer and more convenient to use PT or AT to get around and reduce CO2 and congestion.

- create more 24/7 dedicated bus lanes
- connected safe cycle lanes and
- make walking more pleasant.