

SUBMISSION ON WCC LTP FROM THE GREAT HARBOUR WAY TRUST

REALISING A VISION

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TE ARANUI O PŌNEKE

WHAT IS IT?

THE GREAT HARBOUR WAY/ TE ARANUI O PŌNEKE

- The Great Harbour Way/ Te Aranui o Pōneke is a walking and cycling route around Te Whanganui-a-tara, the harbour of Wellington, from Fitzroy Bay in the east to Sinclair Head in the west (67KM).
- Few, if any, opportunities exist elsewhere in the world to walk or cycle the entire coastline of a major city harbour, continually touching the water's edge.
- The GHW aspires to become part of a wider walking and cycling network connecting communities and other walking/cycling networks e.g. Rimutaka Trail



Pariwhero/Red Rocks

- GHW Route
- - - Current Ferry Routes
- Potential Ferry Routes

Pencarrow



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WE SUPPORT YOUR MASTER CYCLING PLAN AND TRANSPORT DIRECTION

- We support the acceleration of the WCC Master cycling plan—20 years is better than 35 years. It still needs to be faster. Transport - most rapidly rising source of green house gas emissions in NZ. Cycling and walking are emission-free.
- We share common goals, and are keen to work with you on increasing resilience, healthy environmental practice, including commuting, recreation and tourism.
- Climate disruption is upon us and sea level rise will worsen. Already sea-edge flooding occurs in storms now. Tonkin and Taylor—Report to WCC (2013) states-- “Areas that are temporarily affected by coastal storms at present will be permanently inundated”.
- Adaptation to sea level rise will be vital in construction of safe pathways.





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THANK YOU FOR
YOUR
INVESTMENT
SUPPORT-
TO DATE AND IN
THE FUTURE

- We appreciate the support and funding allocation for the Great Harbour Way in the LTP
- We support the related Cycling/shared pathway network investment.
- We commend the \$5m allocation to the SH2 (P2N) section
- We endorse the WCC Transport focus on Cycling/walking and public transport
- We endorse the encouragement for active communities (commuting and recreation)– *the green prescription*





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GREAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE

- We have WCC waterfront as the centre of the GHW network
- We have Oriental and Evans Bay
- We have Hutt Road nearly complete
- LGWM will hopefully create a connected cycling network that encompasses the GHW route
- Good progress has been made with related shared pathways. The network effect is building.
- Cycling and walking have become strong council themes



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THE CHALLENGES TO OUR VISION ARE-

- Multi-partner sections –Work proactively with SH2-P2N partners to secure the really big dividend
- SH2– Closing (fixing) the gap– This is a substantial commuting, recreational, & tourism tipping point- it must get started soon
- Consistency –Ensuring new developments (E.g. Shelly Bay) remain consistent with the cycling/shared pathway city visions
- Network effect–Link the developed sections within the GHW, and within the wider city network
- Supporting cycling infrastructure –A city bike facility, more bike racks on buses and on trains, improved bike storage in public places, and building codes/consents



Existing Situation



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WE SEE MANY BENEFITS TO THE MASTER CYCLING PLAN

- Healthy living – many studies identify the substantial health benefits from regular cycling and walking
- The Great Harbour Way, will be an internationally recognised iconic city/regional feature. It will be unique because of its continuous proximity to the harbour.
- GHW provides VFM transport choice, increased resilience, a substantial tourist attraction, lowers emissions through mode shifting commuters, and engages communities/cities with new recreational spaces
- It is consistent with government's transport policy statements
- It links with public transport facilities, and provides open space infrastructure – water fountains, seats, historical reference way markers, etc

WORKING WITH WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL - Council And Organisation



1

Sharing the vision of a Harbourside shared pathway, Inc. linking the 2 cities

2

Securing the various forms of funding for this Cycling plan

3

Building the WCC segments of this nationally attractive iconic ride and walkway

4

Strong leadership of this complex and challenging Master Cycle plan.

5

Proactive support and collaboration with SH2/ P2N partners. We must close this Gap

6

Continued rollout of the cycleway supported by healthy city themes.

END OF PRESENTATION

