

Living Streets Aotearoa



Submission from Living Streets Aotearoa - Wellington Hutt City Long Term Plan 2015

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We would like to be heard in support of our submission.

General Hutt City long term plan

We support the vision to make Hutt City a great place to live, work and play by building on the community strengths, applying economic development and environmental sustainability principles, rationalisation of costs through partnerships and integration, development of regional and sub-regional destinations, asset renewal and the enhancement of social connectedness.

1 Performance measures

We would like to see specific and measurable performance measures for all projects. For example, outline:

- how much funding is dedicated to the promotion and facilitation of walking
- how success will be measured (e.g. number of crashes, footpath falls, physical assaults; numbers of seats, shade/shelter, and toilets per km footpath; gradient-slope/crossfall standards met 95% of the time; road crossing time; access to public transport and access to local services within 500 metres.

2 Goals/targets

We would like to see specific and measurable goals/targets. For example:

- walk-to-work mode share increase by 10% over the 10 years to 2025
- 100% of trips under 2 kilometres on foot
- school travel plans in every school
- a survey of walk activity undertaken (at least once in the 10 years) to identify barriers and opportunities to walking

3 New subdivisions

New subdivisions should be required to be designed so that they

- meet minimum standards, e.g. follow the NZTA Pedestrian Planning and Design Guide
- provide connectivity, permeability (walk only routes), and walk access to local shops, services and Public Transport.

4 Minimum footpath standards

The construction, maintenance and upgrading of all footpaths must use the NZ Pedestrian Planning and Design Guide.

5 Funding

We support the new small dedicated fund for pedestrian-only projects identified in the plan.

Projects to be funded should be explicit and meet the above standards (footpath resurfacing and replacement \$205,000 per year, minor road and footpath construction \$74,000 per year, pedestrian crossing renewal \$31,000 per year, streetlight \$200,000 and \$250,000 per year, new pedestrian crossing \$53,000 per year, school speed zone programme \$60,000, substandard road footpaths upgrading \$250,000 over 2 years)

6 Projects -

Projects we would like to see considered as soon as possible include:

- Great Harbour Way walk route is a priority. Paths should not be shared with cyclists but separated for the safety and amenity for both parties.
- a city centre project for walking (as per Community Street Review November 2014 undertaken with Jan Simmons, Lisa Bridson and Barbara Branch – copy attached). E.g. a new pedestrian bridge, or at least improved pedestrian pathways, on the Melling Station to CBD route.
- Reduced speeds around schools
- improved pedestrian access from Western hills to the flats, and Korokoro to the waterfront, especially across State Highway 2. These are potential candidates for the new pedestrian crossing funding and substandard footpath funding.
- a shoulder on the Wainuiomata to Pencarrow Coast Road.

About Living Streets

Living Streets Aotearoa is New Zealand's national walking and pedestrian organisation, providing a positive voice for people on foot and working to promote walking friendly planning and development around the country. Our vision is "More people choosing to walk more often and enjoying public places".

The objectives of Living Streets Aotearoa are:

- to promote walking as a healthy, environmentally-friendly and universal means of transport and recreation
- to promote the social and economic benefits of pedestrian-friendly communities
- to work for improved access and conditions for walkers, pedestrians and runners including walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety
- to advocate for greater representation of pedestrian concerns in national, regional and urban land use and transport planning.

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