

# Living Streets Aotearoa



## Submission from Living Streets Aotearoa Wellington Draft Annual Plan

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### 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.

For more information, please see: [www.livingstreets.org.nz](http://www.livingstreets.org.nz)

### Submission

We support

- the Johnsonville improvements, with a focus on good links to the Railway Station
- support focus on improvements around the growth hubs to make more liveable cities

- support CBD signage initiatives including numbering of buildings, and would like to see more funding to continue providing signs for 'no exit' streets with pedestrian exits in all suburban areas
- we support returning parking enforcement in-house and would like to see wardens also monitor other public space aspects, such as enforcement of the 'footpath policy' that looks at things like sandwich boards on footpaths, discourage cyclists from riding on footpaths, report maintenance issues with footpaths (such as holes and uneven paths, blocked drains etc)
- improve monitoring of walking to better identify where improvements should be occurring so that walking rates can be increased and is important to ensure proper management
- we seek an increase to minor improvements for the walking budget – that could be used to for example, trial of countdown clocks at crossings, complete sets of visual impaired markers at crossings, improve drop-down kerbs at crossings or create raised pedestrian platforms in CBD and main shopping centres as a priority that meet the standard in NZ Ped guide and part 14
- improve crossing times or continue the mall at both ends of Cuba Mall to make pedestrian mode priority or close the street to traffic altogether
- support an increase for School travel plans (don't see any budget for this) as this is a ke for future walkers
- improve pedestrian links to railway stations and bus stops providing appropriate shelter and lighting at all stops on the public transport spine
- We want some changes in performance measures to ones that will show trends in level of service for pedestrians and actual improvements, for example,
  - percent of crossings with a level of service C or better during daylight hours
  - 30% of residents walk to work during spring to autumn
  - 45% of primary children walk and 30% catch public transport
  - 85% secondary students walk or catch public transport to school
  - street and footpath lighting should meet a level of service not a resident satisfaction
  - road casualty rates are not a performance measure and should be removed
  - the number of ACC claims related to footpath performance should be nil
  - Council condition standard is revised so that the minimum of the Council adopted Pedestrian Planning and Design Guide is met for 95% of new/renewed and existing footpaths

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