

## Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

**TO:** Services Committee  
**FROM:** Roothing Manager  
**DATE:** 29 January 2009  
**FILE REF:** LAN 6-101  
**SUBJECT:** **WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY**

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### 1.0 SUMMARY

Following Council Resolution 06.362 of Council Meeting held on 7 December 2006, "That the Central Hawkes Bay District Walking and Cycling Strategy be adopted, subject to consultation", such consultation for the community of Waipukurau has been carried out and the results incorporated into an updated implementation plan to ensure they are recognised.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

#### *THAT*

Council proceeds to create the cycle lane network in Waipukurau.

#### REASON

**The Objective of the decision will contribute to the following Community Outcomes:**

- A lifetime of good health and wellbeing – by providing walking and cycling facilities that promote public health and environmental sustainability benefits
- Safe and accessible recreational facilities to enhance healthy lifestyles by promoting physical exercise.
- An environment that is appreciated protected and sustained for future generations.

### 3.0 BACKGROUND

Council under resolution 06.362 agreed to adopt the Walking and Cycling Strategy subject to consultation.

In order to create a cycle lane network within Waipukurau, parking along various roads will be affected. The effects are that parking restrictions will be placed on one side of selected roads Monday to Friday between the hours of 7.00am to 9.00am and again between 3.00pm and 6.00pm. The main roads being affected are Porangahau Road and Racecourse Road.

In light of the above resolution consultation was carried out with those residents who would be affected along these roads. The consultation took the form of a letter explaining the proposed lanes, the benefits of cycling, the impact on parking and a response form and stamped envelope for the residents to reply.

There were 19 responses received from 28 letters sent. There were 12 in favour and 5 against the cycling lane.

The following are reasons given for disagreeing with the proposal:

- a) Council should finish the footpath on the eastern side of Porangahau Road before they concern themselves with cycle lanes.
- b) Driveways are narrow and the road has to be used for in-home childcare business parking.
- c) Concern over the narrowing of the driving lanes on this busy road, school parking takes more than allowed and needs more spaces, times for no parking are busiest times of day for traffic.
- d) More signage (and rules) on the street just add to environmental pollution, 15 minute parking opposite cemetery unfair, cycle lanes are a non-essential expense, cut the rates and stop unnecessary spending.
- e) Narrowing the road will increase hazard as heavy traffic use road, no parking outside of residence will decrease the value of home.

Two of those that disagreed state they recognise the benefits of cycling and the promotion of a healthier and more active community.

An additional two responses disagreed purely on a cost basis:

- Another completely unnecessary cost to the hard pressed ratepayers.
- Unjustified expenditure and therefore in appropriate spending of our rates.

Some of the disagreeing comments may have been influenced by the fact that they received the sample rates during the consultation period.

Of those that agreed a few provided comments such as:

- Hopefully sooner than later
- Lower speed limit will also help
- Cycle lanes will keep cyclists safer
- Walking and cycling in Central Hawke's Bay is to be encouraged
- Bring back the pushbike. Will there be a cycle path between Waipukurau and Waipawa some day?

The introduction of a cycle lane network in Waipukurau with limited parking in some areas will minimise possible safety risks as per the consultation.

## 4.0 OPTIONS

### Option 1

Council proceeds to create the cycle lane network in Waipukurau.

### Option 2

Council does not proceed with the cycle lane strategy in Waipukurau.

## **5.0 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- Local Government Act 1974
- Local Government Act 2002

## **6.0 CONSULTATION**

### **6.1 External**

Affected Waipukurau residents

### **6.2 Internal**

Chief Executive

## **7.0 FINANCIAL**

Budget approved for 2008/09.

## **8.0 POLICY/DELEGATION REFERENCE**

- Long Term Council Community Plan
- Central Government Position Statement
- Rooding Activity Management Plan
- Hawke's Bay Regional Land Transport Strategy
- New Zealand Transport Strategy

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