

# Cycleways

## Ngā Ara Pahikara

### The challenge for the Taruheru Cycleway

The proposed Taruheru River Cycleway will provide a valuable off-road connection between residential areas, schools and community spaces.

— Gillian

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Improving our cycle links is a message supported by our community. More people are choosing to ride, scoot, walk and skate—enjoying the routes we’ve built along our rivers, beaches and connecting Wainui to Kaiti. With 65% funding from the NZ Transport Agency, the planned cycleway improvements to connect Wainui and Kaiti to the city will go ahead in 2018.

We’ve set aside \$1.85m in this Long Term Plan for maintaining and making safety improvements to the existing on and off-road cycle routes, and projects we’ve committed to.

Safe cycling routes for school kids has been the key priority in developing our cycle network, particularly when more heavy vehicles are moving on our roads. In 2017 we investigated the feasibility for an off-road pathway along the Taruheru River to Champion College but need to consider how we pay for it.



### Fully funded externally

Keeping the Taruheru Cycleway as our main focus, our plan would see it completed over 2021 – 2024 for a cost of \$7.3m.

We would need to secure 100% of the funding from external sources to get it done. If we don't get the funding it would mean we'd have to revisit funding options in 2021 and push out the timeframe for completing the project.

Rates increase

— 0%

Fully funded by external grants, no impact on debt or rates

0.25% increase to operational budget from 2024



### Chip in a bit

We could contribute rates funding towards one third of the project cost (\$2.4m). We would need to increase our debt to pay for this and it would take us over the peak debt level of \$100m in 2023.

The balance would still need to come from external sources to complete the project. A contribution from rates may give us more chance to secure external funding and complete the cycleway in the timeframe we're aiming for.

Rates increase

▲ 0.6% from 2024

\$2.4m funded by debt and rates

0.25% increase to operational budget from 2024

