

ACTIVE MODES QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT

APRIL – JUNE 2020

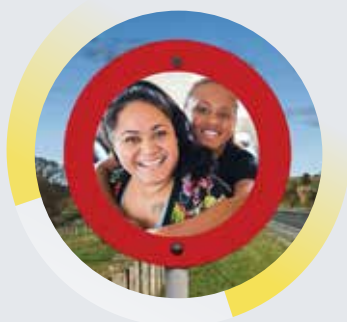


THIS IS OUR FIFTH ACTIVE MODES QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT, HIGHLIGHTING OUR PROGRESS, BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE 2020, TO MAKE ACTIVE MODES A REAL TRANSPORT CHOICE FOR AUCKLANDERS.

While construction projects slowed down due to the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, we enjoyed seeing Aucklanders dusting off

the bike or putting on their walking shoes to explore their neighbourhood. People loved the quieter streets and the freedom to roam on foot, bike or scooter. Construction has now restarted on all of our projects, which means Auckland Transport will continue to work hard to create safer streets and spaces.

HIGHLIGHTS



Speed Limits Bylaw came into force on 30 June.



Innovating Streets for People – Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency confirmed funding for six projects in Auckland. One of these being the Access for Everyone pilot on Queen Street.



Around **4.5km of cycleway** was added to the Auckland cycle network.



Neighbourhood rediscovery - during lockdown Auckland's streets were much quieter, giving people of all ages and abilities the space to rediscover their local neighbourhood by foot or on bike.

After temporary spaces were added to Queen Street for people walking, cycling or scootering to carry out physical distancing safely during Covid-19 restrictions, it is now being further developed, with more permanent and visually appealing treatments being rolled out.



DEVELOPING AUCKLAND'S NETWORK

We are always striving to create safer and more comfortable environments for people to walk and cycle in Auckland. While construction on cycling projects stopped due to the Covid-19 restrictions, construction is back in full swing again. This quarter saw:

Completion of:

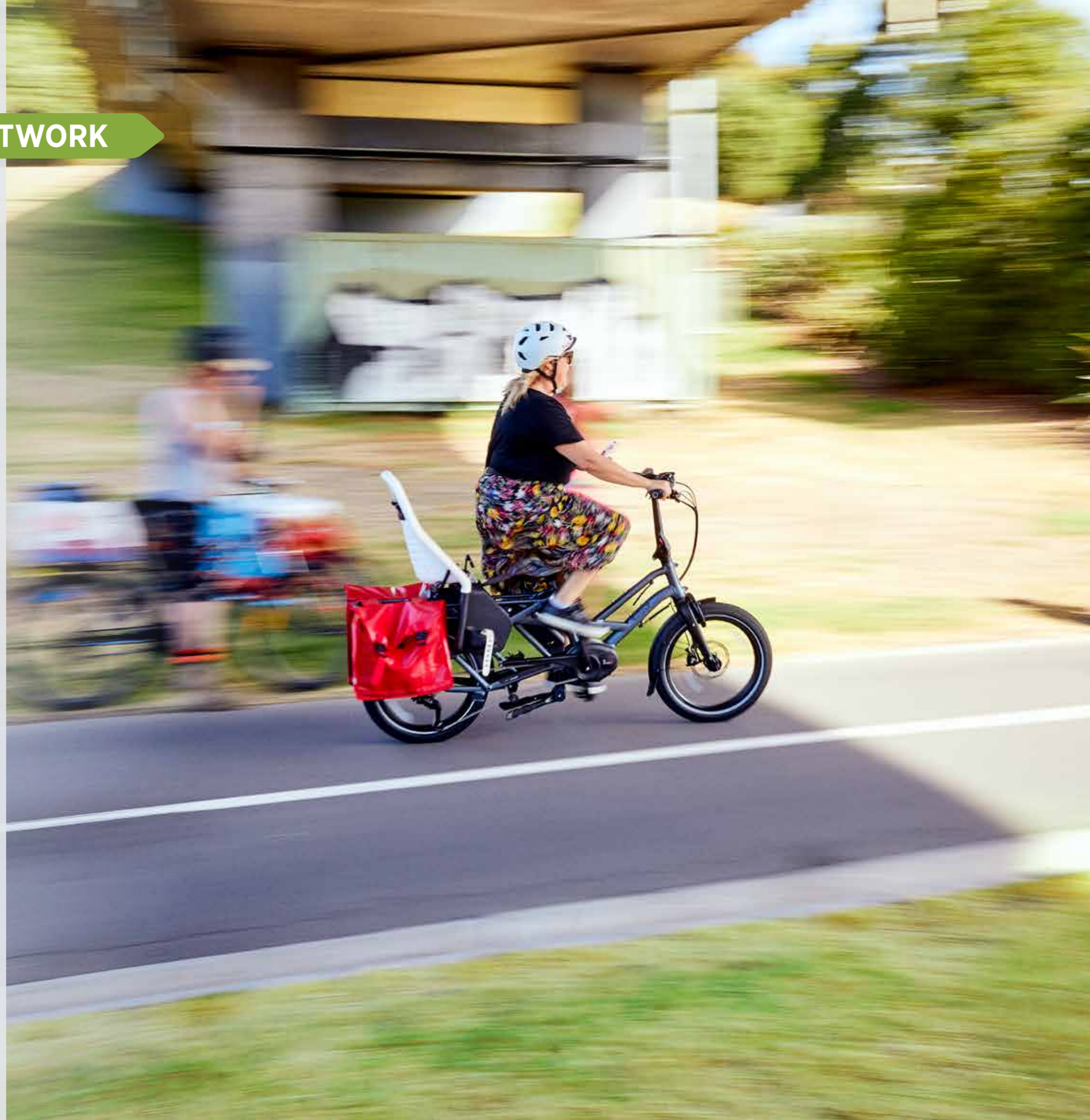
- Norana Reserve Shared Path by Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board and Auckland Council
- Flat Bush School Road
- Boggust Park, Bukem Place to Grangewood Close

Milestones reached

- Detailed design completed for Taniwha Street (part of the Links to Glen Innes Cycleways project)

Meanwhile, next quarter we expect to see construction starting on:

- Completion of the Victoria Street Cycleway
- Completion of the Murphy's Road Shared Path



IMPROVING YOUR SAFETY

Safety improvements undertaken in the past quarter were mainly focused on temporary changes to speed limits and infrastructure to create more space for people walking and cycling during Covid-19 restrictions.

We lowered speed limits on:

- **Oteha Valley Road,** Oteha (30km/h)
- **Lonely Track Road,** Albany (30km/h)
- **Ponsonby Road,** Ponsonby (30km/h)
- **Ian McKinnon Drive,** Eden Terrace (50km/h)
- **Dominion Road,** Eden Terrace (50km/h)
- **Walters Road,** Papakura North (30km/h)
- **Porchester Road,** Papakura North (30km/h)
- **Matipo Road,** Te Atatu Peninsula (30km/h)
- **Dawson Road,** Flat Bush (30km/h)
- **Ladies Mile,** Whangaparaoa (30km/h)
- **Kalmia Street,** Ellerslie (30km/h)
- **Portage Road,** Papatoetoe (30km/h)

We created more space with temporary changes to infrastructure on:

- Queen Street
- Ponsonby Road
- Oteha Valley Road
- Lonely Track Road
- Tāmaki Drive
- Ian McKinnon Drive

PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

We continue to improve the safety of people walking with some new pedestrian crossings completed during this quarter. Due to Covid-19 several projects were delayed and are expected to be implemented over the next months.

Central

New pedestrian crossings at:

- Bonnie Brae Road
- Dominion Road/ Denbigh Avenue

South/East

New pedestrian crossings at:

- Holly Street



WALKING AND CYCLING PROGRAMME INITIATIVES

Over this quarter we delivered or supported 12 community and group events. While lockdown meant we were only able to run some events as planned and several had to be canceled, we look forward to running many more events during the rest of 2020.

12

Community events,
reaching 1,190 people

1,000+

Students trained
through the school
cycle training
programme

11

Adult Bike Skills
sessions with 69
participants ran in June

12

Maintenance pit-stops,
with 480 participants



Travelwise School programme activities:

- **32 cycle** activities
- **3 scooter** training sessions
- **56 Walking School Bus (WSB)** events
- **3 new** WSB routes developed.



Travelwise Choices programme activities were suspended this quarter.

A gradual return to delivering activities is expected in the next quarter. The following activities had also to be canceled this quarter:

- **5 Kids Learn2Ride** sessions
- **4 refugee training** sessions
- **2 bike valet** parking events
- **6 Adult Bike** skills sessions.

BIKE HUBS

AT supported EcoMatters bike hubs in Henderson and New Lynn along with the establishment of a third site in Glen Innes (opened December 2019). The hubs help the community with learning basic bike skills and provide bikes for free or at low cost. Since reopening after lockdown there have been:

- **1,323 visitors**, who learned a range of bike maintenance practices
- **493 bikes repaired** to be safe for riding
- **131 bikes purchased** at affordable prices and 4 bikes gifted.



WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS TELLING US

31.5%▲
Upper Harbour

60.3%▲
East Coast Rd

12.4%▲
Orewa

37.7%▲
Lake Rd

64.6%▲
Curran St

-55.4%▼
Te Wero Bridge

-14.5%▼
Quay St (Spark Arena)

-6.1%▼
Tāmaki Dr

-69.2%▼
Victoria St West

-29.1%▼
Beach Rd

-39.3%▼
Hopetoun St

-5.8%▼
Grafton Rd

-11.7%▼
Karangahape Rd

32.3%▲
Grafton Gully

-4.7%▼
Grafton Bridge

-31.4%▼
Northwestern Path (Kingsland)

-36.6%▼
Symonds St

-43.2%▼
Nelson St Lightpath

-40.9%▼
Upper Queen St

23.9%▲
SW Shared Path

-16.0%▼
Lagoon Dr

23.6%▲
Māngere Bridge

-27.1%▼
Great South Rd

6.7%▲
Highbrook

Overall there were **818,845** cycle movements during this quarter
a decrease of **27%**▼
when compared to last quarter (January-March 2020). The January-March 2020 quarter saw excellent weather conditions and included the Aotearoa Bike Challenge in February, both of which contributed to record breaking cycling numbers of more than 1,122,000. Our numbers for this quarter are **11% lower** than the same quarter last year (April-June 2019 - 920,201). Covid-19 has significantly impacted cycle movements specially for commuting trips. The wetter weather in May is also likely to have had an impact on cycling numbers for this quarter.

Count Sites	Quarter 4 April – June	
	2018/19	2019/20
Beach Rd	26,784	18,992
Curran St	24,665	40,609
East Coast Rd	10,648	17,074
Grafton Bridge	50,617	48,260
Grafton Gully	39,616	26,828
Grafton Rd	7,354	6,925
Gt South Rd	7,497	5,468
Highbrook	3,102	3,309
Hopetoun St	13,555	8,229
Karangahape Rd	40,732	35,966
Lagoon Dr	29,848	25,077
Lake Road	34,289	47,202
Nelson St Lightpath	54,893	31,173
Māngere Bridge	31,156	38,496
NW Cycleway (Kingsland)	93,593	64,193
NW Cycleway (Te Atatū)	63,768	71,155
Orewa	30,726	34,534
Quay St (Spark Arena)	88,243	75,468
SW Shared Path	18,346	22,723
Symonds St	30,126	19,106
Tāmaki Dr	109,324	102,670
Te Wero Bridge	55,121	24,558
Twin Streams	10,669	16,934
Upper Harbour	14,053	18,477
Upper Queen St	20,239	11,961
Victoria St West	11,237	3,458

LEGEND
Comparison to previous year
● increase
● decrease

AUTUMN CYCLING IN AUCKLAND

3.7 million cycle movements were recorded for the year of July 2019 to June 2020, a decrease of **2.9%** on the previous 12 months.

The 12 month average number of people cycling entering the city during the morning peak is 1408, which is a decrease of **18.6%** on the previous year. This is due to the lockdown and reduced number of commuters travelling into the city centre generally. However, we also saw a surge in the number of people, especially families, taking advantage of quieter streets by walking or riding bikes in their neighbourhoods.

For example: **Twin Streams** recorded around **59% increase**, **Curran Street**

around **65% increase**, **Lake Road** around **38% increase** and **Mangere Bridge** around **24% increase** during this quarter.

During the Anzac Day weekend and following week, a number of suburban count sites saw increases of **over 100 percent** compared to the same period last year:

Archibald Park
336% higher

Curran Street
174% higher

East Coast Road
124% higher

Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive (Section 1)
251% higher

Queen Street (Pukekohe)
301% higher

Saint Lukes Road
124% higher

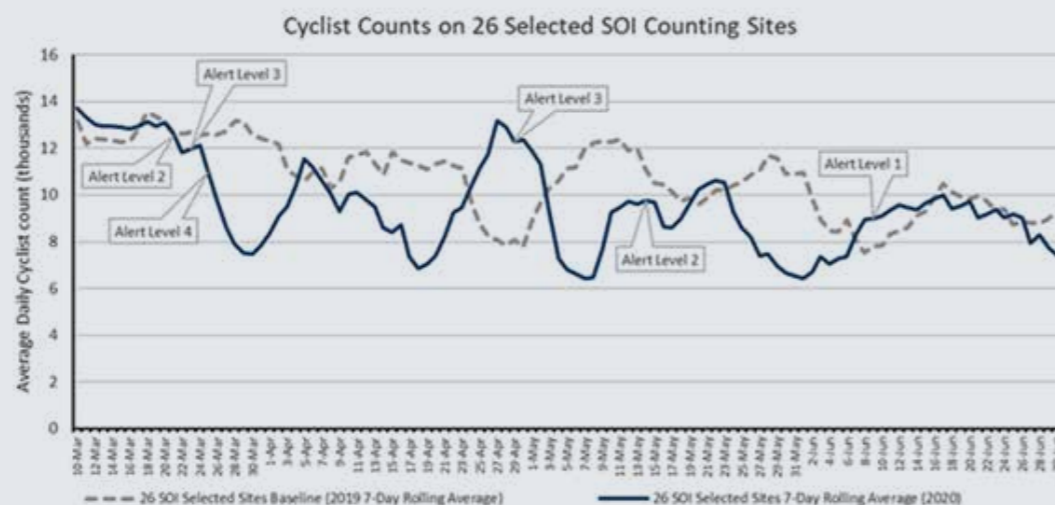
Quarter four monthly cycle counts

April 2020
3.8% lower than April 2019

May 2020
23.5% lower than May 2019

June 2020
3.7% lower than June 2019

And the great news is that the recorded cycle movements are almost back to last year's levels, with the month of June only around 4 percent below the figure for June 2019. This suggests that the commuter cyclist market is recovering quickly, even with significant numbers still working from home at least part of the week in many central city offices.



PEDESTRIAN COUNTS

This quarter saw an average of **1,464** people entering the city on foot in the morning peak, a 68% decrease when compared to the same period in 2019. This is likely related to the lockdown in April, along with Alert Levels 3 and 2 in May and June.



MICRO-MOBILITY

This quarter 64,078 commercial e-scooter trips were recorded. This is a **79%** decrease in the number of trips compared to last quarter.

Commercial e-scooter operators were not permitted to operate during Alert Levels 4 and 3. The number of trips have been gradually increasing since restrictions were lifted, with trips returning to approximately one third of pre-Covid levels as of late May. Micro-mobility operator

Jump has decided not to restart operations yet, with Lime taking over Jump's scooters, e-bikes and operating licence. The e-bike operating licence is due to expire on 31 July and as a result a re-launch of the e-bikes has not occurred at this stage.



BIKE AUCKLAND'S BIG BACKYARD BIKE COUNT

Covid-19 restrictions had an impact on cycling numbers, especially commuter cycling, but an increase in recreational cycling numbers was recorded by Bike Auckland through their Big Backyard Bike Count.

Bike Auckland crowd sourced data about walking and cycling in local communities around Auckland, encouraging people to observe and count travel movements in their local area during lockdown. Their count showed a mode share for walking at 38% and cycling at 17% of local trips.

For more information please visit Bike Auckland's website:

www.bikeauckland.org.nz/the-big-backyard-bike-count-report-local-revolutions-in-lockdown/



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Cycling Programme Construction

The construction of all the Urban Cycleways Programme projects is back underway. There are six projects currently under construction:

- Karangahape Road
- Tāmaki Drive
- New Lynn to Avondale Shared Path
- Northcote Safe Cycle Routes (Northcote Bridges)
- Herne Bay to Westhaven Walking and Cycling improvements
- Victoria Street

Victoria Street is due to be completed in the next quarter, with Herne Bay to Westhaven due for completion later in the year, and the rest in the remaining half of the financial year 2020/21.

Innovating Streets

In partnership with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Auckland Council and Panuku Development, Auckland Transport will be running several trial projects over the coming months to improve walking and cycling. These projects include:

- Queen Street - pilot to trial ways of providing more space for people on Queen Street
- Ratanui Link, Henderson - a pop-up walking and cycling link and improved access to Henderson Train Station
- Huron and Northcroft streetscape improvements, Takapuna - working with the local community to co-design a series of temporary interventions to support better walking connections through Takapuna
- Safe Schools - using temporary changes to trial safety improvements near the school gate and encourage more children to walk and cycle to school

This is the first round of Innovating Streets for People projects, with the second round currently undergoing assessment. This fund aims to use quick, low cost improvements to create more people friendly spaces in our neighbourhoods. To find out more about it visit:

nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/innovating-streets/

