

# ACTIVE MODES QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2020



**THIS IS OUR SIXTH ACTIVE MODES QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT**, HIGHLIGHTING OUR PROGRESS BETWEEN **JULY AND SEPTEMBER 2020** TO MAKE ACTIVE MODES A REAL TRANSPORT CHOICE FOR AUCKLANDERS.

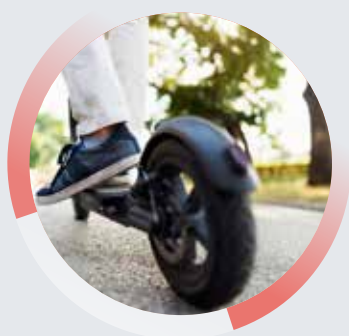
The recent Covid-19 lockdown saw a decrease in people commuting on a bike or by foot. But, like the lockdown in March, it encouraged people to get back on their bikes to explore their neighbourhood. The difference this time is that being at Alert Levels 3 and 2 allowed cycling and walking projects to continue, with many nearing completion for the end of this year and the beginning of 2021.

## HIGHLIGHTS



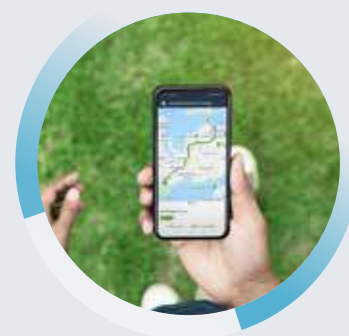
### AT Community Bike Fund

Communities right across the region will benefit from further cycling initiatives with the announcement of this year's Community Bike Fund recipients. Now in its fourth year, the Fund is made available from AT to support communities or special interest groups who have ideas for activities, events or projects which encourage people to ride bikes more often. Fifteen successful groups from a diverse mix of applications across the region will receive funds from the 2020 grant, totalling around \$50,000. Successful initiatives range from guided rides to a 'commute recruit' and the creation of maps to promote local cycleways. All recipients demonstrated strong engagement with the community, which was core to the selection criteria.



### Micro-mobility licenses

The latest round of e-scooter licenses issued by Auckland Council came into effect in September. Beam and Neuron had their licenses renewed for another 12-month period, and a new license was issued to Lime (operating Jump branded e-Scooters) for a six month period. In addition to the e-scooter licenses, there are now two e-bike (Lime and Beam) and one bike (Nextbike) operators providing more travel variety for Aucklanders. All e-scooter operators have committed to provide a helmet with every e-scooter as part of the current license.



### Walking and cycling journeys now available on the AT Mobile App

Planning a cycling or walking journey around Auckland has just become a whole lot easier with the launch of the new journey planner function in the AT Mobile app. The journey planner function will provide route information for people choosing to walk or cycle.

# DEVELOPING AUCKLAND'S NETWORK

We are committed to creating safer streets for Aucklanders. Working with our partners, we continue to create spaces for people to enjoy and move through with ease, whatever way they chose to travel. This quarter, 0.6km of cycleway was added to the network.

## Completion of:

- Murphy's Road Shared Path, Flat Bush
- Point Resolution Bridge – part of the Tāmaki Drive cycleway project

## Construction began on:

- Herne Bay to Westhaven Cycleway package two
- Section 2 of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path

## Milestones reached:

- Point Chevalier to Herne Bay cycleway resource consent granted



# GLEN INNES TO TĀMAKI DR SHARED PATH

## Sod turning for Section 2 of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path

Minister Phil Twyford and Associate Minister Julie Anne Genter, along with Auckland Mayor Phil Goff, Councillor Desley

Simpson and Orakei Local Board, signalled the start of construction for Section 2 of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path by turning the first 'sod'.

At just under 3km in length, Section 2 will link Section 1 at St Johns Road to Section 3 at Ōrākei Basin and is the longest of the path's four sections. There will be sections of concrete path, raised boardwalks through native bush and bridges over a gully and a railway line. It is expected to be completed by mid-2022. Detailed design of Section 4 (which will link Section 3 to Tāmaki Drive cycleway) is also progressing well and resource consent has been lodged.

The path will connect with and expand the Auckland Cycle Network, aligning with the long-term vision of Auckland Transport, Waka Kotahi and Auckland Council to build world class infrastructure that promotes walking and cycling as safe and convenient transport choices.



## IMPROVING YOUR SAFETY

We've been working hard to make the network safer for Aucklanders to walk and cycle.

We delivered over 100 road safety education campaigns, events, trainings and community-based interventions, and initiatives to lower speed around schools and improve safety for all road users, particularly those walking, cycling or using scooters. For example, The Willow Park School Safe School Streets Pilot saw temporary infrastructure trialled outside the school on Compton Ave and Eban Street to improve the pick-up/drop off experience near the entrances, increase pedestrian safety, reduce vehicle congestion and encourage students to travel by more active modes.

## SENIOR TRANSPORT USERS

AT is committed to lowering the number of deaths and serious injuries (DSI) across the region. We have recently created a new information booklet for senior citizens travelling in a changing Auckland, because mobility is incredibly important to support social connections and independence for people aged 65 years and older. As they and their living environment both change, risks associated with travel increase. Senior citizens are more likely to be injured or die following a crash than younger people. During 2015-19 in the Auckland region, older transport users (i.e. people on foot, people on bike, passengers and drivers aged 65 years and over) made up: 20% (52) of deaths and 12% (360) of serious injuries.

The booklet provides information on how to safely use pedestrian crossings, shared paths, cycleways, mobility scooters, and public transport. It also explains how to renew driver licenses and promotes Staying Safe Workshops delivered by Age Concern. The booklet also points seniors and their support people in the right direction to a range of road safety information available.



# PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

We continue to improve the safety of people walking with new pedestrian crossings and new footpaths completed during this quarter.

## North/West

### New pedestrian crossings at:

- Forrest Hill Road, Forrest Hill

### New footpaths at:

- Spencer Road, Albany
- Manuel/Bankside Roads, Silverdale

## South/East

### Footpaths under construction at:

- Ararimu Road

# WALKING AND CYCLING PROGRAMME INITIATIVES

Although several events over the last quarter had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, we still delivered or supported various community events and group events this quarter.

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**Big Bike film nights with bike valet parking.**

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**Bike to Soccer events**



**Travelwise School programme activities:**

AT held 285 Travelwise and Safer Community events during the last quarter. This includes:

- 29 cycle activities including bike ambassador workshops
- 20 scooter training sessions
- 109 Walking School Bus (WSB) events
- 31 new WSB routes developed

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**attendees in a Cycling New Zealand (CNZ) Ride Leader workshop**

This course teaches trainers how to run safe cycle courses.

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**Bike groups and 6 individuals**

were supported with bike safety resources (e.g. maps, lights, and reflective leg bands).

1,697

**students trained through school cycle training programme.**

This includes:

- 962 students receiving Grade One training (basic riding and safety skills)
- 585 students receiving Grade Two training (on road cycle safety)

2,027

**visitors to Ecomatters Bike Hubs (AT supported)**

in Henderson, New Lynn, and Glen Innes. They distributed 158 bikes, and repaired 670 bikes to be safe for riding.



**Travelwise Choices programme activities:**

- 2 drop-in bike maintenance sessions with 10 participants
- 3 Try-an-e-Bike sessions with 16 participants
- 2 x guided e-bike rides with four participants

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**Adult Bike Skills Sessions with 48 participants**



## Walking School Bus Winter Wizard

The Winter Wizard returned in August to spread some magic to Walking School buses across Auckland, with the aim to encourage children and parents to keep walking to school over winter. Weekly themed competitions took place, along with a competition to start a new Walking School Bus. In total, 1,437 children registered for the promotion, along with 42 entries in the competitions. The Walking School Bus Winter Wizard events were put on hold during lockdown and resumed when schools reopened.

## Sunnyhills School Scooter Squad

Three keen students with a passion for riding their scooter to school were able to inspire a new initiative to get more kids doing the same – the Sunnyhills School Scooter Squad. AT, along with the school community, jumped on board to support these Travelwise role models. Scooter skills training sessions were delivered by AT to all Years 3 and 4 students. A hazard route check was also completed with the scooter squad leaders prior to the launch of the Scooter Squad and the school community stepped in to provide funky high visibility vests and backpack covers.



**35.1%** ▲  
Upper Harbour

## WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS TELLING US

### Overall, cycling movements increased this winter compared to last year.

More than 800,000 cycle movements were recorded this quarter

a **6.2%** increase ▲

when compared with the same quarter in 2019. Covid-19 Alert Levels 2 and 3 impacted commuter movements but has also played a part by increasing the number of non-commuter cycle movements.

**57.2%** ▲  
Twin Streams

**28.7%** ▲  
Northwestern Path (Te Atatu)

**42.6%** ▲  
Curran St

**27.4%** ▲  
Victoria St West

**-16.9%** ▼  
Hopetoun St

**-48.9%** ▼  
Karangahape Rd

**0.5%** ▲  
Northwestern Path (Kingsland)

**-21.8%** ▼  
Nelson St Lightpath

**5.2%** ▲  
SW Shared Path

#### LEGEND

Comparison to previous year

- increase
- decrease



**17.4%** ▲  
Orewa

**34.3%** ▲  
East Coast Rd

**64.3%** ▲  
Lake Rd

**-5.2%** ▼  
Te Wero Bridge

**-3.0%** ▼  
Quay St (Spark Arena)

**-3.5%** ▼  
Tāmaki Dr

**7.4%** ▲  
Beach Rd

**59.5%** ▲  
Grafton Rd

**-5.2%** ▼  
Grafton Gully

**14.2%** ▲  
Grafton Bridge

**-7.4%** ▼  
Symonds St

**-15.2%** ▼  
Upper Queen St

**37.7%** ▲  
Mangere Bridge

**18.2%** ▲  
Lagoon Dr

**-5.7%** ▼  
Great South Rd

**-7.1%** ▼  
Highbrook

**Quarter 1 July – September**

Count Sites	2019/20	2020/21
Beach Rd	21,359	22,929
Curran St	19,278	27,482
East Coast Rd	8,609	11,560
Grafton Bridge	43,236	49,384
Grafton Gully	34,812	32,999
Grafton Rd	7,277	11,609
Gt Sth Rd	6,550	6,174
Highbrook	3,011	2,798
Hopetoun St	12,439	10,334
K Rd	34,036	17,405
Lagoon Dr	24,201	28,616
Lake Road	27,869	45,797
Nelson St Lightpath	49,816	38,975
Mangere Bridge	24,944	34,355
NW Cycleway (Kingsland)	82,133	82,503
"NW Cycleway (Te Atatu)"	52,046	66,981
Orewa	24,709	28,997
Quay St (Spark Arena)	72,198	70,052
SW Shared Path	15,325	20,897
Symonds St	23,064	21,365
Tamaki Dr	87,105	84,057
Te Wero Bridge	44,157	41,862
Twin Streams	8,188	12,874
Upper Harbour	11,730	15,848
Upper Queen St	19,389	16,440
Victoria St West	10,222	13,018

# WINTER CYCLING IN AUCKLAND

**3.7 million cycle movements** were recorded for the year of October 2019 to September 2019, a decrease of

**0.8%** ▼

on the previous 12 months.

The 12-month average number of people cycling entering the city during the morning peak has decreased by

**47%** ▼



## Quarter one monthly cycle counts

July 2020:

**7.2%** ▼

lower than July 2019

August 2020:

**23.6%** ▲

higher than August 2019

September 2020:

**4.5%** ▲

higher than September 2019

# PEDESTRIAN COUNTS

This quarter saw an average of

**2,059** people entering

the city centre on foot in the morning peak, a 52% decrease on the counts over the same period in 2019. This is likely related to the lockdown and to an increase in flexible workplaces with more people working from home.



# MICRO-MOBILITY

**147,462**

commercial e-scooter and e-bike trips were recorded this quarter. This includes 86,063 e-scooter trips between July and beginning of September, and a combined 61,399 e-scooter and e-bike trips in September.



While recorded trips over the previous quarter were impacted by the suspension of operations during Alert Level 3 and 4, there will be impacts on recorded trips as a result of the most recent Level 3 and 2 restrictions in this quarter.

# INNOVATING STREETS UPDATE

**Auckland has been successful in securing further funding for Innovating Streets programme through Waka Kotahi's second round of funding approvals. The projects will all make quick, low-cost improvements to create more people-friendly spaces in Auckland. This may include the use of pop-ups like street dining and things like road art, planters and street furniture. Co-design is a key component of Innovating Streets and will include stakeholder and community representatives as appropriate for each project. An example of how this approach is being rolled out on Queen Street is available here:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGJE5Avg8zA&ab\\_channel=AucklandCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGJE5Avg8zA&ab_channel=AucklandCouncil)

## **Auckland's full Innovating Streets programme includes:**

**Queen Street** - pilot to trial ways of providing more space for people on Queen Street, led by Auckland Council

**Ratanui Link, Henderson** - a pop-up walking and cycling link and improved access to Henderson Train Station, led by Panuku Development Auckland

**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, led by Panuku Development Auckland

**Safe School Streets** - using temporary changes to trial safety improvements near the school gate and encourage more children to walk and cycle to school

**Maximising Māngere** - Time to Thrive, in partnership with Kāinga Ora, will see new pop-up bike lanes that fix gaps in the existing network.

**Safe and Healthy Streets South Auckland** - Safe School Streets - five Māngere-based schools will take part to ensure the area around their school is safer

**Mangere East Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming** in partnership with Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

**Manukau - Wiri - Safe and Healthy Streets South Auckland**, led by Panuku Development Auckland, is a series of people-centred changes to streets in Manukau.

**Papatoetoe West Low Traffic Neighbourhood**, in partnership with Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board, aims to prevent rat-running through residential roads and will allocate more road space to walking and cycling

**Pukekohe Eat Streets and Laneway Enhancements** led by Panuku Development Auckland will see people-centred streets and streetscape upgrades of King St, Roulston St and the laneways

**Make it Safe, Make it Playful and Celebrate Tāmaki**, led by Tāmaki Regeneration

**Glen Eden Town Centre Pop-Up Cycleway**, in partnership with Waitākere Ranges Local Board

**Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Low Traffic Neighbourhoods**, Creating two Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, one in Onehunga and one in Eastview in partnership with Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

**Ponsonby Road - Te Rimu Tahī** - returning Ponsonby Road to the people

**Project WAVE** - Westhaven and Viaduct enhancements, in partnership with Panuku Development Auckland

**Creating Safer Streets Emily Place and Tyler Street**, both projects led by Auckland Council

**Community Play Streets for Tāmaki Makaurau**, Testing out play streets at several residential areas in West and South Auckland, led by Auckland Council

Many projects are getting underway already with temporary changes expected to be in place before mid-2021. Further information about each project is available here:

<https://our.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/articles/news/2020/08/funding-confirmed-for-projects-to-bring-auckland-streets-to-life/>

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

## Completion of the Victoria Street Cycleway

### Glen Innes Cycleway

Work will start on the Links to Glen Innes Cycleway if funding from Waka Kotahi is approved

### Upcoming pedestrian crossings at:

- Kolmar Road, Papatoetoe
- Vine Street, Mangere

### Travelwise and Safer Community events

Around 200 Travelwise and Safer Community events are planned for next quarter.

### Biketober

an October-long festival of cycling hosted by Bike Auckland and supported by AT to encourage more people to ride.

### Auckland Walk Challenge 2020

will run throughout November to get more people walking as a travel choice.

### City Centre Cut-Throughs Mobile Integration and Activation

Further integrating active modes into the AT Mobile Journey Planning by including walking cut-throughs in the walking journey routing. Activations will be held to highlight the identified cut-throughs to the customers.

### Travelwise Choices awards will be announced