

ACTIVE MODES QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT

JANUARY - MARCH 2021



This is our first edition of the Active Modes Quarterly Snapshot for the 2021 year, highlighting our progress, between January and March 2021, in making active modes a real transport choice for Aucklanders.

With fine weather and long days, the January - March quarter is often our busiest quarter for active modes users.

While Covid-19 has impacted the number of people cycling past our counters over the past 12 months, we are still happy to be able to report some great progress in projects, plans, events and uptake for the beginning of 2021.

HIGHLIGHTS



Future Connect is here!

This is our 10-year network plan (building towards a 30-year outlook) for Auckland's transport system. Future Connect sets out our Strategic Networks for each transport mode (strategic networks, public transport, general traffic, freight, cycle and micromobility and walking).

It outlines the deficiencies and opportunities we expect on these networks in the next decade and identifies Indicative Focus Areas for further investigation as future projects.

Our new website includes an information sheet with more information about the updated Cycle and Micromobility Strategic Network, which outlines where cycling is most important and where we want to prioritise investment over the long term.

View Future Connect here:
<https://at.govt.nz/futureconnect>



Innovating Streets for People

The Innovating Streets for People project is starting to take shape! Innovating Streets is made up of 21 projects at over 30 sites across Auckland.

It uses tactical urbanism principles to implement trials aimed at making roads and streets safer and more attractive for active modes.

Please visit:

<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/hub-page/innovating-streets>



Aotearoa Bike Challenge

The Aotearoa Bike Challenge took place in February and there were 6,469 participants (including 1,115 new riders) who covered a distance of 1,185,641 km by bike over 68,614 trips. It was by far the biggest year yet!

DEVELOPING AUCKLAND'S NETWORK

We're committed to creating safer streets for the people of Auckland.

Working with our partners, we continue to create spaces for people to enjoy and move through with ease, whatever their active mode of choice may be. This quarter saw:

Completion of The Herne Bay Cycling Project

The Herne Bay Cycling Project which has a length of 3.8 km and will make it safer for people to cycle through Herne Bay by reducing vehicle speeds and numbers on those streets: <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/herne-bay-cycling-and-walking-improvements/>



5.25

Milestones reached:

Cycle Network

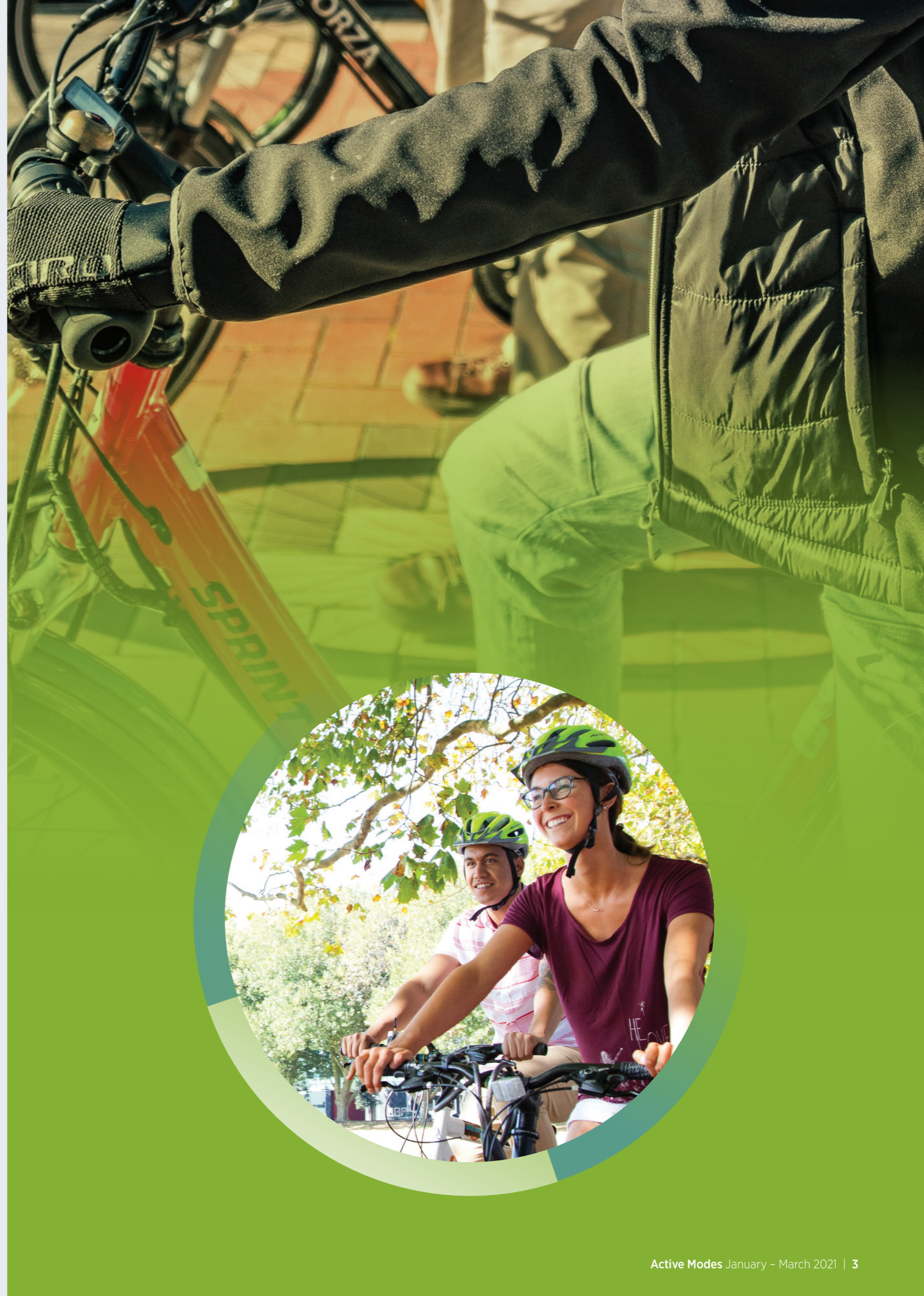
We have added 5.25 km of safe cycling infrastructure onto the Cycle Network during the first 3 quarters of the current financial year. This is exceeding our annual SOI target of 5 km

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

Various tactical urbanism sites under the Innovating Streets for People project (<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/hub-page/innovating-streets>)

And we're scheduled to complete these projects next quarter:

- Northcote Bridge Cycling project: <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/northcote-safe-cycle-route/>
- Karangahape Road Cycleway project: <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/karangahape-road-enhancements/#details>
- Tamaki Drive Cycleway, Separable Portion 1: <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/tamaki-drive-improvements/tamaki-drive-cycle-route/>





WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

The second annual Auckland Walk to School Day was held on the March 24th 2021. Students across Auckland were encouraged to get out of their family cars and enjoy the experience of getting to school under their own steam.

The day was supported with events in Travelwise schools, run by student groups, and by an advertising campaign which encourages all families across Auckland to join in the fun.



PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

We continue to improve the safety of people walking with various new pedestrian crossings and new footpaths under construction this quarter.

Including:

South

- New pedestrian crossing at Kolmar Road, Papatoetoe: <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/have-your-say/south-auckland-consultations/kolmar-road-papatoetoe-raised-pedestrian-crossing/>
- New footpaths at 88-126 Ararimu Road, Drury: <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/ararimu-road-ramarama-safety-improvements/>

- Upgrade an existing pedestrian refuge island to a raised zebra crossing at 2 Inga Road, Milford: <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/have-your-say/north-auckland-consultations/inga-road-milford-pedestrian-crossing/>

Central

- New raised pedestrian crossing at 44 Alford Street, Waterview: <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/have-your-say/west-auckland-consultations/alford-street-waterview-pedestrian-improvements/>
- Upgrades to existing North-western Shared Path between Takau Street and King Street, Eden Terrace: <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/northwestern-path-upgrade/>

We also have the following projects due to start construction next quarter:

North/West

- Four new pedestrian refuge islands between 391-607 Rosebank Road, Avondale;
- A new refuge island and kerb build out at Ramp Road and Parkway Drive intersection, Rosedale: <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/have-your-say/north-auckland-consultations/ramp-road-roosedale-pedestrian-improvements/>
- Intersection improvements to enhance pedestrian safety at St Leonards Road and Vanguard Road intersection, Kelston: <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/have-your-say/west-auckland-consultations/vanguard-road-kelston-safety-improvements/>

South/East

- Existing raised table courtesy crossing upgraded to a pedestrian crossing at 9 King Street, Waiuku;
- New raised table pedestrian crossing at the Trelawn Place and Sandspit Road intersection, Cockle Bay: <https://at.govt.nz/staging/planned-minor-improvements/>
- New raised table zebra crossing at 69 Vine Street, Mangere: <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/have-your-say/south-auckland-consultations/vine-street-mangere-east-raised-zebra-crossing/>



Travelwise School programme activities:

- 215 cycle activities.
- 14 scooter training sessions.
- 124 Walking School Bus (WSB) events.
- 15 new WSB routes developed.

3

Got to Get Out Urban Walks and Hikes

3 events, 26 participants total



2

Monthly Silent Disco Citywalks

2 events, 72 participants total.



Travelwise Choices programme activities:

- Business events and expos: From January to March there were 29 events and expos.
- Total cycling events for businesses: From January to March there were six cycling events organised by the Travel Demand Team.

15

Adult Bike Skills

15 courses delivered with 195 participants.

4

Kids Learn 2 Ride

There were 4 sessions, with 330 participants.

100

Walk2Work Day

This took place on the 10th of March. We hosted events promoting walking as a fun and convenient way to get to work including a breakfast stop at Pigeon Park with over 100 attendees and a Silent Disco Citywalk Walk to Work Day Adventure with 20 participants.

18

E-scooter training courses

in New Lynn and Glen Innes. 21 bikes were distributed and 126 repaired to be safe for riding.

2381

The Ecomatters Bike Hubs

The hubs (in New Lynn, Henderson and Glen Innes) had 2381 visitors, distributed 194 bikes and saw 884 bikes repaired to a safe standard.

87

Community events

A total of 87 community events, reaching 3031 people.

831

School Cycle Training Programme

831 students were trained with 415 receiving Grade 1 training (basic riding and safety skills) and 416 receiving Grade 2 training (on road cycle safety).

WALKING AND CYCLING PROGRAMME INITIATIVES

Over Quarter 3 we supported the community to participate in active transport through the following events:

WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE TELLING US

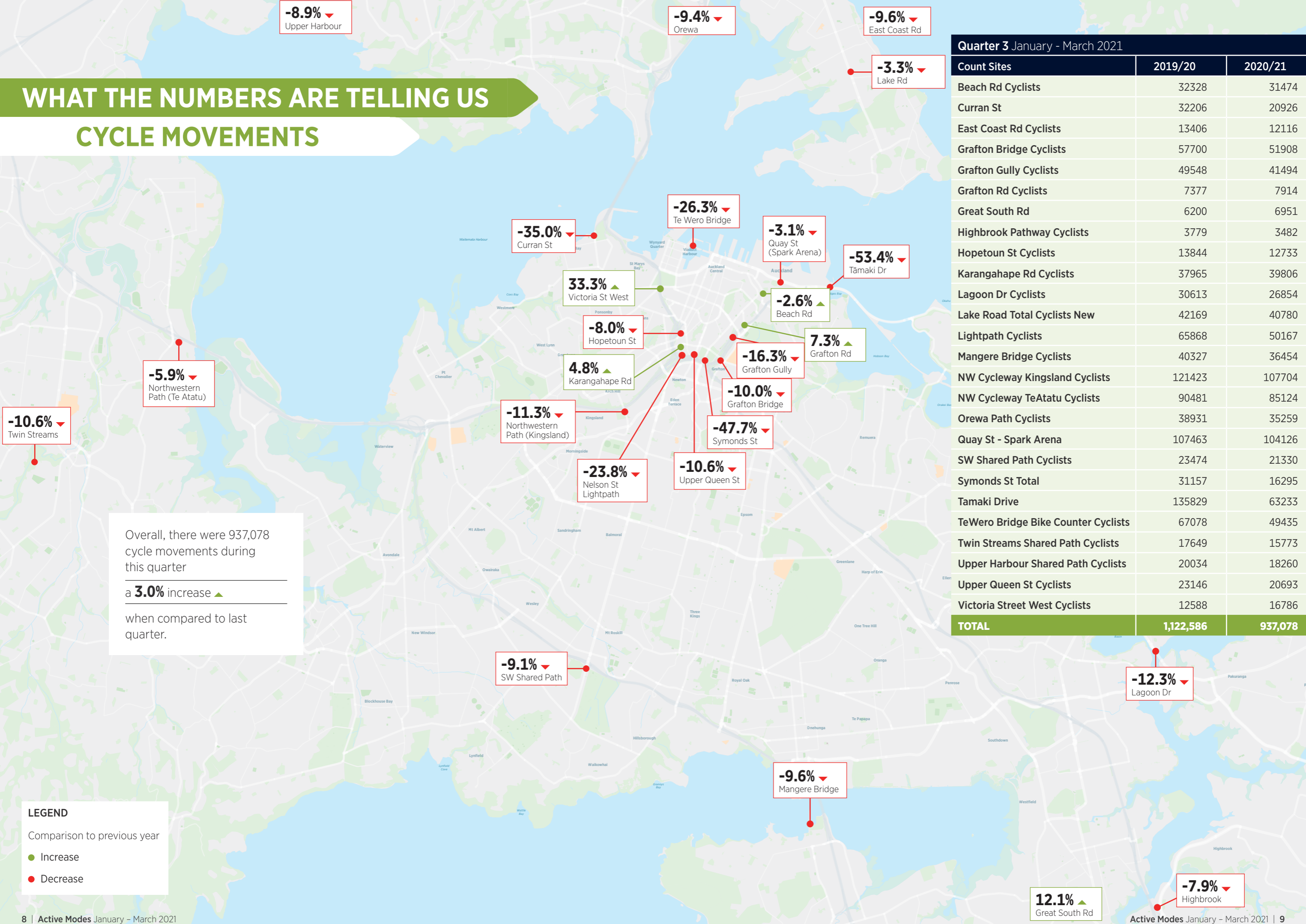
CYCLE MOVEMENTS

Quarter 3 January - March 2021

Count Sites	2019/20	2020/21
Beach Rd Cyclists	32328	31474
Curran St	32206	20926
East Coast Rd Cyclists	13406	12116
Grafton Bridge Cyclists	57700	51908
Grafton Gully Cyclists	49548	41494
Grafton Rd Cyclists	7377	7914
Great South Rd	6200	6951
Highbrook Pathway Cyclists	3779	3482
Hopetoun St Cyclists	13844	12733
Karangahape Rd Cyclists	37965	39806
Lagoon Dr Cyclists	30613	26854
Lake Road Total Cyclists New	42169	40780
Lightpath Cyclists	65868	50167
Mangere Bridge Cyclists	40327	36454
NW Cycleway Kingsland Cyclists	121423	107704
NW Cycleway TeAtatu Cyclists	90481	85124
Orewa Path Cyclists	38931	35259
Quay St - Spark Arena	107463	104126
SW Shared Path Cyclists	23474	21330
Symonds St Total	31157	16295
Tamaki Drive	135829	63233
TeWero Bridge Bike Counter Cyclists	67078	49435
Twin Streams Shared Path Cyclists	17649	15773
Upper Harbour Shared Path Cyclists	20034	18260
Upper Queen St Cyclists	23146	20693
Victoria Street West Cyclists	12588	16786
TOTAL	1,122,586	937,078

Overall, there were 937,078 cycle movements during this quarter
 a **3.0%** increase ▲
 when compared to last quarter.

LEGEND
 Comparison to previous year
 ● Increase
 ● Decrease



We're still seeing evidence that people's travel patterns have changed as a result of the pandemic, with fewer people walking and cycling past our counters this summer, compared with the same period in 2020 (which was largely unaffected by Covid-19). These changes are evident across all transport modes and are likely to reflect the ongoing working from home arrangements many people have established after the lockdowns. The direct effects of Covid-19 lockdowns are also likely to be having more of an impact in Quarter 3, compared with Quarter 2, due to the recent alert level changes in February and March (for Quarter 2, Auckland was almost entirely at Alert Level 1).

CYCLING

937,078 cycle movements during this quarter, a decrease of

16.5% ▼

when compared to the same period in 2020

but a

3% ▲

increase on last quarter.



Quarter three monthly cycle counts

January 2021:

13.8% ▼

lower than January 2020

February 2021:

24.2% ▼

lower than February 2020

March 2021:

10.5% ▼

lower than March 2020

PEDESTRIAN COUNTS

This quarter saw an average of

2564 people entering

the city centre on foot each day in the morning peak, a 32% decrease to the counts over the same period in 2020.



MICRO-MOBILITY

This quarter, a total of

286,511

commercial micro-mobility trips were recorded. This is a 9.4% increase in the number of trips when compared to last quarter.



24,985

Jump e-bike trips were recorded. This is a 13.2% decrease in the number of trips when compared to last quarter.

WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE TELLING US



WHAT'S COMING UP?

We are expecting installations under the Innovating Streets For People project to really ramp up this quarter as many of our sites progress through planning, design and consultation phases through to delivery.

A few AT led projects / sites include:

- **Safe School Streets Mangere:** This is part of the Safe and Healthy Streets South Auckland project that aims to achieve a fun, safe, healthy and well-connected Māngere and Manukau. Four Māngere schools will be involved.
- **Papatoetoe West Low Traffic Neighbourhoods:** Working together with the community to trial people friendly spaces and safer ways to travel in West Papatoetoe. This

project aims to understand the best approach to preventing rat-running and lowering speeds through the area. **Project WAVE (Westhaven and Viaduct Enhancements):** A protected bike route at the bottom of Nelson Street and into the city centre. With the aim of increasing the number of people on bikes using the bottom end of Nelson Street.

- **Ponsonby Road, returning Ponsonby Road to the people:** Creating a more people friendly environment on Ponsonby Road trialling people friendly spaces and safer ways to travel.
- **Mangere East Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming:** The goal of this project is to advance walking amenity in Māngere East by building on the lessons from Te Ara Mua Future Streets and testing new road safety and walking amenity designs.



PROJECT WAVE