MIN-4161 Transport Choices projects – high level opportunities before August 2023

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Outlining opportunities for larger projects where construction is expected to get underway before August 2023, and opportunities on some smaller regional projects that the Minister may be interested in supporting.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Now that councils have submitted draft project, communications and engagement, and monitoring and evaluation plans, more information is coming to light about the timeframes for possible Ministerial events and storytelling opportunities. We have determined that in many cases, construction for many of the Transport Choices projects may not begin until after August 2023, as the next quarter is primarily tagged for planning and preparation. However, the following tables provide high level insights into likely activity that will take place across the programme before August 2023.

- In the first half of May 2023, Waka Kotahi will increase one-on-one engagement with councils to confirm timing for activities and flesh out other opportunities that exist in these communities. We will keep you up to date on opportunities as they arise. Waka Kotahi is also developing a content plan for regular national and regional storytelling for the Transport Choices programme.

- Unless explicitly expressed, these projects all require further scoping work to be undertaken with the relevant councils.

National/larger project opportunities

Larger projects where construction or completion is expected to get underway before August 2023

Project/package	Description	Opportunity	Date range	Investment area	Notes
(National level) Overarching confirmed programme	Confirmation of projects, councils, and funding	Confirmed: Media stand up event on Pitt Street, using the Karanga-a-hape Road and Northwestern Projects as linkages	TBC w/c 1 May 2023	All	Event documentation with office, awaiting date confirmation
Hendry Avenue cycleway, Auckland	This project focuses on cycling improvements to close a one-kilometre gap on the existing Southwestern cycleway connecting to the Auckland city centre, Westgate, New Lynn and Onehunga through to the recently opened Ngā Hau Māngere bridge	Confirmed: Construction completion event	17 July 2023, 11.30am to 1.30pm	Strategic cycling networks	Event proposal form submitted, and Minister attendance confirmed
Northwestern Busway Feeder Routes, Auckland	Flagship: This package of projects will make improvements to the local road bus network to support the Northwestern Busway. It includes 9km of priority bus and special vehicle lanes, 45 bus stops and 10 pedestrian crossings	Indicative construction start of July 2023. Storytelling opportunity. Construction likely to start with small scale bus stops and crossings. Could explore an angle about positive impacts on community members	July 2023	Public transport	
East Coast/Raleigh Bus Lanes, Auckland	This project will create two sections of bus priority to improve travel time and reliability on East Coast Road and Raleigh Road on the North Shore. This includes pedestrian crossings and other safety improvements	Indicative construction start of May 2023	May-August 2023	Public transport	
Overarching: Real time information spotlight	Theme/investment area focus	Event/factory visit: Profiling the scope of public transport improvements across the programme, with a focus on real time information. Potential to link this in with construction start dates of Auckland PT projects	TBC	Public transport	
Manurewa Package, Auckland	This project will improve pedestrian and cycling facilities around local schools and the Homai and Manurewa train stations. These stations have been identified as high priority for improved access	Indicative construction start of June 2023 – possible school angle	June-August 2023	All	
Transitional cycling networks, Wellington	Ngaio connections	Possible construction completion/opening event	June/July 2023	Strategic cycling networks	High risk/contentious
Overarching: Complementary activities: spotlight on Bikes in Schools	Complementary activity programme focus	Attendance at rollout of complementary activities	TBC – currently gathering information on rollout timeline	n/a	

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Regional/local project opportunities

Smaller, regional opportunities to support

Project	Description	Opportunity	Date range	Investment area
Central Hawke's Bay: Walkable Urban Hearts – Otane and Porangahau	This initiative will introduce new footpaths and cycling options in small towns where none previously existed. The projects include: • new walking and cycle paths, and upgraded intersection crossings in Otāne • new footpaths in Pōrangahau to allow children to walk or cycle to the local school	Community consultation/engagement in a highly supportive community, where small changes could have huge impact	May-June 2023	Walkable neighbourhoods Strategic cycling networks Green and healthy school travel
Carterton District Council	This project forms part of Stage 2 of the Wairarapa Five Towns Trail Network (WFTTN) and will create a new cycle trail to connect five schools to the centre of Carterton. All five schools are also receiving new bike storage	Event - Bike storage painting. Each school will decorate their bike storage in ways unique to their school. Possibility for Minister to attend and take part in painting	June-August 2023	Walkable neighbourhoods Strategic cycling networks Green and healthy school travel
Timaru packages	The projects contained in this package will complete the coast to city network, improving safety, amenity, and encourage biking or walking to work as the 'first choice' for coastal commuters and recreational users alike. Timaru District Council are currently funded under the Streets for People programme to deliver a shared path trial at Port Loop Road. Funding for the pathway to permanence will need to be allocated in the future	Indicative construction start for all packages mid-2023. Following on from the success of their MyWay Parklet implementation, possible combined construction start event for remaining five packages, with a focus on coastal and Arthur Street West packages	July 2023	All
Rotorua walkable neighbourhoods and strategic cycleways, BOP	• Several key westside links needing completion, including Old Quarry Road, Sunset Road, to Pukuatua St link, Malfroy Road, Pukehangi Rd • The project involves the construction of a number of zebra crossing upgrades. Upgrades to zebra crossings include raised crossing platforms and/or installation of pedestrian lighting to improve visibility and enhance safety for pedestrians. Includes improvements at Lynmore school	Possible construction start of mid-2023	July 2023	Strategic cycling networks Walkable neighbourhoods
Papakowhai Road cycleway, Porirua	This project will create a 2km separate shared path and cycleway along Papakōwhai Road, filling a gap in the cycleway spine running north/south through the city	Consultation/engagement mid-2023, on shared pathway that interacts with schools and the national police training college	July 2023	Strategic cycling networks Green and healthy school travel
Cambridge and Kihikihi cycleways, Waikato	These projects will: • Extend the strategic cycling network by 2.65km, providing important connections between the city centre, Cambridge Primary School, Cambridge Middle School, and the Te Awa Cycleway using a two-way cycleway and boardwalk • Extend the existing walking and cycling network by 2.3km. It includes creating a two-way protected cycleway, installing a new bus stop, and providing community cycle safety training	Indicative construction start of August 2023. Possible event or storytelling: 'Home of champions' - Where's our next gold medallist going to come from? Could get Sarah Ulmer and Tim Gudsell down to Duke Street Sporting Walk of Fame	August 2023	Walkable neighbourhoods Strategic cycling networks Green and healthy school travel
Levin Transport Choices, Flagship	This project will set the foundation for a strategic cycling network in this high growth region and model what 'good looks like' in a small Aotearoa centre. This project will greatly reduce Levin's dependence from the state highway and railway and provide more sustainable and practical transport choices for communities to travel from one side of the town to the other	Consultation/engagement	Mid-2023	Walkable neighbourhoods Strategic cycling networks Green and healthy school travel
Whangarei	Packages of shared path projects to: • Provide new or improved connections to the Raumanga Shared Path (RSP) and adjacent schools and to remove barriers to active travel. This will leverage off the investment made by Waka Kotahi and WDC in constructing the RSP to improve connections and increase the extent and quality of this strategic network	Indicative construction start of mid-2023	June 2023	All

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	• Provide new or improved connections to the Kamo Shared Path (KSP) and adjacent schools and remove barriers to active travel. This includes new and widened paths, traffic calming and lighting. The changes will significantly improve the attractiveness of walking and cycling, including providing safer active modes for school travel to 5 schools within the path's catchment (Kamo High, Kamo Intermediate, Whangarei Boys High, Whau Valley and St Francis)			
Magic triangle, Hutt City Council, Flagship	This 'magic triangle' is an ideal place for increasing uptake of low-carbon modes of transport (active, public, electric micromobility) because it is a relatively flat valley bounded by two of the major active transport Arterial corridors in Lower Hutt and the railway line, while also having a comparatively good bus service and some existing 'green corridors' suitable for active transport and a fast-growing population with increasing housing density. The proposed interventions include street urbanisation, cycleway, shared spaces, intersection safety improvements etc	Consultation/engagement – public open days	May 2023	Walkable neighbourhoods Strategic cycling networks

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