Walking and cycling

People move around Kāpiti on foot, by bike, and by a range of other modes – such as mobility scooter or skateboard. The places that people move to and from include schools, homes, shops, libraries, parks, beaches and work. Horse riding also takes place, particularly in the northern and southern ends of the expressway project area.

Understanding the area

A survey of local area movements shows which routes people use the most and where they cross the expressway corridor. This survey has helped the expressway design to provide for these movements and to see where improvements can be made to make it easier to cycle or walk, skate or scooter.

Approach

The recreational and health benefits of cycling or walking to and from destinations such as schools, home and work is recognised.

Accordingly, the expressway has been designed to:

- provide a continuous shared cycle/walk path parallel to, but separate from, the whole expressway length with bridges across waterways and connections to the local road, and cycle/walk path networks
- make the path wide enough to allow for two-way cycle traffic with an asphalt surface between Raumati and Waikanae to encourage use by road cyclists, mobility scooters, etc. North of Te Moana Road, the cycle/walk path will have an unsealed surface like the Wharemauku Stream path
- provide additional bridges to encourage east-west cycling/walking connections
- make cycling and walking safe and comfortable where the expressway crosses over local roads by providing lighting and wide paths
- provide a bridleway space alongside the cycle/walk path between Waikanae River and Peka Peka Road.

Walking movements – the thickness of line indicates how many people use a route. Lots of people use the river corridors – Wharemauku and Waikanae. There is little walking movement between Waikanae and Paraparaumu as it is too far and not direct.

Cycling movements – the thickness of line indicates how many people use a route. Lots of people use the river corridors – Wharemauku and Waikanae. There is some cycling movement between Waikanae and Paraparaumu and also out of the area as people can travel further by bike.