

Papatoetoe, Manukau City Council neighbourhood accessibility plan

Safer Routes trial project started in January 2004

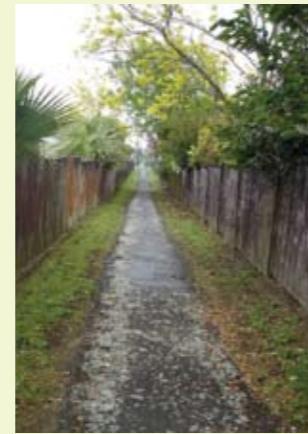
Objectives

- >> Establish the main causes of safety concern for cyclists and pedestrians in the community.
- >> Define significant risks and issues for cyclists and pedestrians.
- >> Identify feasible solutions.
- >> Establish baseline data for evaluation.

Main issues identified

Pedestrian issues

- >> Getting across certain roads safely.
- >> Obstacles and concerns preventing safe passage on footpaths.
- >> Concerns about safety when using walkways.
- >> A lack of lighting.
- >> Cars parked on footpaths.
- >> General likeability of the area to use.
- >> A real fear of crime (handbag snatching, theft, rape, assault).
- >> People loitering.



Walkways in need of an upgrade

Cycle issues

- >> Traffic speed.
- >> Traffic congestion.
- >> Unsafe passage through intersections.
- >> Lack of cycle parking and fear of vandalism to cycles.

School education day



Location



Key outcomes and successes

- >> Increased support of engineering investment from council and community boards.
- >> Development of an asset-management plan for walkways in Papatoetoe, subsequently adopted for other wards within Manukau City.
- >> Integration of inter-council teamwork.
- >> One-day education event for school cyclists and pedestrians.
- >> 'Look out!' media campaign and speed enforcement.
- >> Installation of pedestrian splitter islands at a number of locations throughout Papatoetoe.
- >> Installation of signalised crossing to replace pedestrian crossing in Papatoetoe town centre.
- >> Maintenance and upgrading of road and pedestrian/cycle infrastructure.
- >> Initiation of a school travel plan at Papatoetoe Intermediate school.
- >> Vehicle speeds reduced during campaign.