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PROPOSED LOWER HUTT CITY BELTWAY CYCLEWAY

Your feedback and opinions are important as Hutt City Council develops its cycle network around the city.

As part of this development, we have been investigating a proposed cycleway extending between Seaview and connecting to the Hutt River Trail at Taita Drive. We want to make access to cycleways easier and safer across the city and reduce traffic on the roads.

Called the "Beltway Cycleway" we want to provide a cycling spine to the east of the city with the opportunity for additional links to be made over time between residential areas, the CBD, workplaces, the hospital, schools and recreation areas.

The Beltway Cycleway is one of three projects in Lower Hutt to receive urban cycleways funding through the NZ Transport Agency. The other two are the Wainuiomata Shared Pathway and the Eastern Bays Shared Pathway.

We have considered a range of possible routes for the Beltway Cycleway, with a route from Parkside Road using the old rail line to Whites Line East, along Pohutukawa Street and Oxford Terrace, through to High Street via Waldie Grove and Rainey Grove and finishing at Taita Drive, identified as the **preferred primary route**.

Also being considered is an **additional secondary route** along Bell Road and Waikare Avenue to Whites Line East. This secondary route has been considered to provide a more direct option for connecting to schools in the area.

While these routes (both the primary and secondary routes) are preferred, they have not been confirmed.

Attached to this letter is a pamphlet showing the proposed routes and possible options that could be implemented for each section along the routes.

This information is primarily for residents along the proposed Bell Road and Waikare Avenue secondary route or living near it. We want to ensure you have the opportunity to find out about the proposed project and to provide feedback. If you are a resident in the central or northern part of the city you may still be interested in the Beltway so feel free to also provide feedback.

PROPOSED OPTIONS FOR BELL ROAD AND WAIKARE AVENUE

Two options have been identified for Bell Road and three options for Waikare Avenue.

For Bell Road and Waikare Avenue, we are considering either:

Option A: An on-road sign posted route – there would be no line marking providing a separate cycling space. Signage would be provided to show the direction of the route. This option would enable existing parking to be retained.

Option B: An on-road painted route – a 1.5m painted on-road route would be provided along both sides of Bell Road and Waikare Avenue. In some places the painted route would need to be reduced to 1.2m where the existing road width is constrained. Signposts would be provided to show the direction. This option may require the removal of parking in some locations depending on road widths to accommodate the cycleway.

Along Waikare Avenue an additional option is being considered:

Option C: An on-road painted route with inset parking – a 1.5m painted on-road route along both sides of Waikare Avenue. Signposts would be provided to show the direction. This option would require the removal of some car parking. However, some parking would be retained through inset parks.

We are aware that heavy vehicles have been using Bell Road to access the industrial area at Seaview and Gracefield. To ensure the safety of the community and cyclists using the route, we will be considering what can be done to change this.

If you would like to provide feedback on the proposed options for the Beltway Cycleway, please fill out the enclosed feedback form and return it to any Hutt City Library or council's building at 30 Laings Rd, Lower Hutt before **Friday 9 June**. You can also give feedback online or find out more at huttcity.govt.nz/beltway.

Yours sincerely,

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