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Wellington City Council
PO Box 2199
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Attention: Hutt Road Cycle Path

Re: Hutt Road Cycle Path submission

Tena koe

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Hutt Road Cycle Path.

Regional Public Health (RPH) delivers population and personal health services in the greater Wellington region. Our geographical area of service delivery spans Hutt Valley, Capital & Coast and Wairarapa DHBs. We deliver a range of population and personal health services, aiming to improve the health of communities throughout the greater Wellington region.

We fully support all the proposals for improvements on Hutt Road and the Ngaio Gorge to Aotea Quay over bridge area.

We would like to commend the proposed changes that have been developed from the Hutt Road Sustainable Transport Report and the Traffic Resolution Proposals for the Hutt Road cycle path. An integrated approach that improves travel time for private and public transport is to be commended. Furthermore, the improvements to the cycle path and intersections will improve cyclist and pedestrian safety and mitigate avoidable road traffic injuries.

We note the challenges associated with planning for sustainable transport options and incorporating at times conflicting needs of different parts of the community and the need to balance these needs. However, urban design that reduces kilometres travelled by private vehicles and encourages more active forms of transport (including public transport) is critical for urban areas that support healthy communities and environmental sustainability.¹ Trade offs will be required and it is important that final design decisions are based on wide consultation. This should include consultation with those living with disability, who may require additional design considerations to ensure equal access to transport options.

RPH also would like to acknowledge how Wellington City Council communicated the proposed changes through the use of enhanced video presentation. Such a medium allows for a clear visualisation of what will change and how. We would suggest that such an approach be used for other public infrastructure projects focused on improving public and active transport access and travel times.

We look forward to continuing our support and engagement on Wellington City Council infrastructure projects that make it easier for people and communities to live active and healthy lives.

¹ NSW Department of Health 2009. Healthy Urban Development Checklist. www.health.nsw.gov.au

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