

Government-funded biking projects

Simple upgrades to help climate and congestion

The Government is contributing up to 90% toward projects that will help Hamilton reduce transport emissions while making it easier for people move around the city.

Why should we invest in biking projects?

Until now, Hamilton Kirikiriroa has been geared towards one form of transport: cars.

- Congestion has become more frustrating for all of us.
- It's hard to get around any other way.
- Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of our time.
- Transport makes up about 64% of Hamilton's total emissions.

Biking is better for congestion, for air quality and for the climate. If you're on a bike, you're one of Hamilton's travel champions.

For every 10 people in New Zealand there are 7 cars and vans*.

*Source: 3,592,400 registered cars and vans in NZ according to Waka Kotahi National Vehicle Fleet status February 2023. Doesn't include other vehicles (trucks, motorhomes, etc.)

But do we really need more biking projects?

Yes. Hamilton's biking network is like an unfinished jigsaw puzzle. Unsafe sections put people off riding. The more pieces we complete, the easier it will be for more people to jump on their bikes, which is a win for everyone.



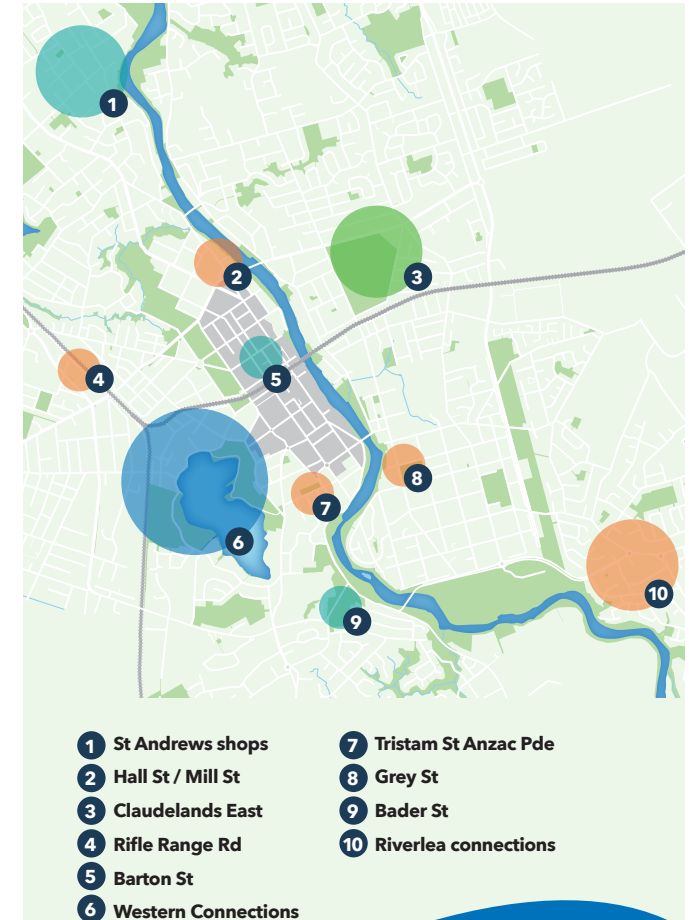
But biking isn't practical for me

That's okay. We just need to make biking a great option for anyone who wants to do it. Biking to work is way more fun when it's safe, so more people will give it a go. (Yes, getting to work can be fun.)

Why are they government-funded?

These biking projects have been chosen along with bus stop and footpath upgrades because they address some unsafe and difficult areas along key routes. They are small pieces in the larger puzzle to help people get around the city safely, easily and with smiles on their faces.

The projects have 90% funding from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's Transport Choices programme. Transport Choices is part of the Government's Climate Emergency Response Fund. It supports councils to begin immediate work to develop safer, greener and healthier travel options.



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