

Stride 'n' Ride Kāpiti Coast Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Stride 'n' Ride Kāpiti Coast project and how is it being funded and delivered?

Stride 'n' Ride Kāpiti Coast will see a \$5 million package of shared path improvements between Paekakariki and Waikanae. This work is being made possible by a three-way investment from the Kāpiti Coast District Council, the Urban Cycleways Fund and the National Land Transport Fund (both funds administered by the NZ Transport Agency).

Stride 'n' Ride Kāpiti Coast is being delivered by the Kāpiti Coast District Council.

How is the funding broken down?

The three entities are making the following contributions:

- the Urban Cycleway Fund share is approx. \$1.57 million
- the National Land Transport Fund Share is approx. \$1.66 million
- Council's share is approx. \$1.8 million.

Total estimated project cost is approx. \$5.03 million.

What is the benefit to ratepayers of funding this initiative?

Stride 'n' Ride Kāpiti Coast will greatly improve our walking and cycling facilities and better connect our communities. People will be able to move easily from their homes to railway stations, schools, their work, the town centres and recreational facilities, without having to use their cars. It will also improve connections to the Mackays to Peka Peka Cycleway, Walkway and Bridleway.

What exactly does 'shared pathway' mean?

A shared pathway is created by councils for both cyclists and pedestrians to use. This type of pathway is generally wider than a normal footpath (approx. 2.5 metres) and will be sign posted with an official sign (display). All users must use shared pathways fairly and safely.

How can pedestrians and cyclists safely use the shared pathways together?

Shared path users must be considerate of other users and be able to stop for vehicles exiting driveways and avoid other users such as pedestrians etc.

All users on shared paths are required by law to use shared paths fairly and safely, and to try and not hold anyone up.

If you are a cyclist riding on a shared path you should:

- keep left
- let pedestrians know you are there by politely calling out or ringing a bell when you are approaching from behind them
- pass on the right, when possible - unless the pedestrians are on the right in which case pass them in the safest way you see fit
- ride defensively and cycle at a speed that does not put others at risk
- look out for traffic going in and out of driveways - vehicles from driveways do need to give way to those on the shared path, but often drivers may not expect fast traffic on the shared path
- be careful at intersections and give way to motor vehicles if you need to.

(Source <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/cyclist-code/about-cycling/cyclist-responsibilities/#shared-paths>)

When you refer to ‘off-road’ pathways what do you mean?

“Off-road” is the term use to describe shared paths that are not within the sealed road, i.e. outside the kerb but within the road reserve.

What are ‘on-road’ cycle lanes?

An on-road cycle lane is a designated cycle area within the road corridor (usually on the far left of the traffic lane and marked on both sides of the road, often indicated by green paint).

What Stride ‘n’ Ride projects have already been completed?

Shared path improvements have already been delivered at Poplar Avenue in Raumati South, Tilley Road in Paekākāriki, Mazengarb Road and Kāpiti Road in Paraparaumu, and Otaihanga Road in Otaihanga.

Are horses and riders able to use the shared paths?

Our district is renowned for walking, cycling and horse riding opportunities. Most of the new and improved shared paths being delivered by Stride ‘n’ Ride Kāpiti Coast are aimed at making it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to move around the district.

Parts of the Stride ‘n’ Ride Kāpiti Coast network will cross over existing bridleways and areas that equestrians currently use to access the beach. To ensure public safety, horse riders are encouraged to keep their horses to the sides of the shared paths or on the left-hand side of the road and as far to the left as possible.

Safety rules for horse riders:

- Always wear a safety hat while riding. Otherwise, a fall from your horse could result in a head injury.

- Ride your horse on the left-hand side of the road and as far to the left as possible.
- Keep your horse on the side of the road whenever you can, but don't ride on footpaths, lawns or gardens.
- Don't ride more than two abreast.
- Don't ride on the right of any moving vehicle.
- If you're leading another animal while riding, always keep it on your left, away from the traffic.
- If you're riding a horse or leading animals at night, wear reflective clothing and carry a torch.

(Source: <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/about-other-road-users/information-for-horse-riders/>)