

Lincoln-Rathgar Travelwise Plan FACTSHEET

**Launch at The Trusts Stadium (Genesis Lounge courtside)
22 February 2006
1pm to 3pm**

Background to the Travelwise and Safer Routes projects

- The plan is an integrated programme combining the Safer Routes project (Land Transport NZ) and School Travel Plans implemented by the Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA) across the Auckland region.
- Sources for these programmes include Waitakere City Council's Travel Demand Management; EECA's Sustainable Cities Development; and the national transport strategy.
- The primary aim of Safer Routes is to **reduce injury and improve the safety of cyclists and pedestrians** in areas where they are at high risk of injury.
- The School Travel Plan programme aims to **reduce congestion around the school gate** and make the roads around schools safer for students.
- Schools work with their communities, their local Council and ARTA to develop a travel plan that meets their needs.
- The Lincoln-Rathgar area is home to six schools, 11 early childhood education centres, a Bible college, an alternative education centre, health services, Waitakere Hospital, The Trusts Stadium, Te Pai Skate Park, Te Pai Netball Courts, Waitemata Rugby Club, walk and cycleways, and the large expansion of commercial and retail facilities.

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Consultation Process:

1. Main issues

- High traffic speeds
- High traffic volume and congested roads
- The need for safer crossings for both pedestrians and cyclists on busy roads
- Unsafe driver behaviour such as: running the red light, exiting and entering driveways, pulling in and out of parking bays, failing to give way to pedestrians and cyclists.

2. Current travel pattern

- The car is the most popular mode of transport for both students and staff.
- The average proportion of car trips to school is 51%.
- Walking is the second most common mode of transport at 31%.
- 15% of the student and staff population use public transport. Students indicated that they would use public transport if it were cheaper.
- A number of parents were supportive of the Walking School Bus and were keen to see new routes being established.
- 34% of parents return home after driving children to school.
- The majority of parents are not willing to allow their children to bike to school even though 61% of families surveyed have children who own bikes.
- 2% surveyed cycled to school; 27% of primary students and 37% of older students would prefer to cycle.

Implementation: proposed strategies

a) reducing traffic volume/congestion/car journeys to school

- Enhancing public transport: review of current services and fares; providing a single and shared bus terminal; circular bus route for local primary children.
- Improving parking areas: developing a drop-off and pick-up scheme and a traffic flow system; adding signage as a school zone (student art work).
- Implementing safe crossings: two kea crossings; redesign some existing crossings and provide extra supervision.
- Promote car pooling scheme.
- Develop a 'Share the Road' resource aimed at drivers for the safety of cyclists.
- Promote the provision of existing cycle paths, the proposed cycle network for the area and cycle education programmes.
- Promote new train services to families in relevant areas (Catholic colleges) and ensure the new Tracks for Trains resource is implemented in schools.

b) creating safe routes

- Promotion of off-road walking routes including revitalization of existing walkways; student competition on designing safe walking routes to school; undertaking regular walking audits; improve perception of personal safety and security in these areas.
- Increase Walking School Bus routes and ensure their sustainability.
- Undertake a shared project with Safe Waitakere on the prevention of injuries at driveway entrances and in driveways.
- Undertake a speed reduction campaign for Pomaria Road.