

CYWAY - ROTORUA BIKING NETWORK | 2016 - 2018

OUR VISION: A city where everyone can travel around safely and freely

The community has told us they want safe biking options which connect neighbourhoods to schools, sports facilities, shops, parks, the inner city and tourist attractions.

CyWay is a network of shared bike facilities that have been developed with this in mind. The network aligns with Rotorua's Urban Cycling Strategic Plan and through connectivity, enhances the assets our city has to offer for both residents and visitors alike- while growing Rotorua's reputation as a biking destination.

Rotorua Lakes Council is delivering the CyWay programme with advice and support from community advocates and technical experts. We are committed to providing an integrated, safe, accessible biking network that will bring social, health, economic and environmental benefits for our district.

We are working on a partnership model with funds sourced from the national government, external organisations, donations, sponsorship, national transport initiatives and investment from Council.



WHY THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT

- **Safety** - Safety is the biggest barrier to more people biking. The CyWay network focuses on separating cars and bikes wherever possible, especially on high speed or high volume roads.
- **Alternate mode of transport** - The CyWay network will offer an attractive alternative travel option for people who normally would not choose to bike as a mode of transport. The more people who bike for transportation, the more biking is normalised.
- **Rotorua's biking reputation** - The CyWay network will add to Rotorua's biking reputation by connecting the city to the forest, lakes, tourist attractions and our unique geothermal environment.
- **Societal and economic benefits** - An increased uptake in biking will help to improve the overall health of the community, less car traffic means less carbon emissions and less strain on road infrastructure.
- **Aging population** - Shared paths are popular with mobility scooter and wheelchair users due to their width and smooth surface.



WHAT YOU WILL SEE

- Eleven key projects to improve and extend the existing CyWay network (*see over*)
- A connected biking network linking the central city, suburbs, recreational spaces and attractions through improved signage and facilities
- Ongoing safety education programmes and increased opportunities for people to ride bikes

CYWAY PROJECT UPDATE

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- 1 Ranolf Link** (shared path)
Direct route connecting Whakarewarewa Forest, existing cycleways and inner city. Will pass three schools and cater for more than 1000 children from 5 nearby schools.
- 2 Utuhina Stream Link** (shared path)
Upgrade of existing walking track which follows Utuhina Stream. It will connect Pukehang Road to Old Taupo Road near Rotorua Boys' High.
- 3 Linton Park Link** (shared path)
Upgrade of an existing walking track connecting Pukehang Road to Sunset Road via Linton Park, following Mangakakahi Stream.
- 4 Springfield** (shared path)
Safer route to Otonga Primary and, via Ranolf Street, will connect inner city and Toi Ohomai. When Hemo Gorge improvements are completed will connect to Waipa Mountain Bike Park.
- 5 Inner City Link - Hospital Hill** (shared path)
Connection between inner city, Lakefront and Kuirau Park. Enhancement of pedestrian access to Rotorua Hospital and accessible path for mobility scooter and wheelchair users.
- 6 Whakarewarewa Forest Link (alternate entrance to forest)** (shared path)
Would provide an alternate entrance to forest over Puarenga Stream (Sala Street reserve). Would connect the Ward Ave cycleway via McIntyre Reserve. New refuge island allows for safe crossing over Sala Street.
- 7 Ngongotaha Link** (shared path)
Extensions to both ends of the Ngongotaha cycleway are being considered for this project:
The northern extension will utilise the Reeme St reserve, providing a safe and scenic multi-use path- accessible from Whare Aroha Village.
The southern extension will continue to follow the rail corridor into the inner city.

- 8 Ngongotaha Cycle Trail to Skyline Mountain Park** (shared path)
This link will connect the Ngongotaha Cycleway to the Skyline Mountain Bike Park via Barnard Road Reserve. Signage along Barnard Road will provide directions to the signalised crossing on Fairy Springs Road outside Skyline.
- 9 Morey St/ Brent Rd** (separated on-road cycleway/shared path)
This link connects schools, retirement villages and pre-schools in the area to the shared path on Te Ngae Road. Included in this project are improvements to the pick-up/drop-off area outside Owata Primary and Mokoia Intermediate, safety improvements to the pedestrian crossing and school bus stop.
- 10 Ward Ave / McIntyre Reserve** (shared path)
This cycleway will provide a link from Fenton Street to the Whakarewarewa Forest Link and Te Ara Ahi/Puarenga Stream Track, via a shared path from Ward Avenue to Sala Street and into the forest.
- 11 Western Heights Link** (shared path)
This link will provide a safer route to seven schools in the area. Improved vehicle and road crossings will be a big focus for this project. It will feel and look similar to the Springfield link.

What about other areas and projects?

Please note: Other routes may be added to the CyWay network in the future. We welcome any feedback and suggestions for future links. The creation of or upgrades to existing biking facilities on state highways (including Te Ngae Rd) fall under the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). (See projects marked on map at right.)

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