

# Submission to Tauranga City Council's Mount Maunganui one-way trial proposal consultation

#### **SUBMITTED TO:**

To: Helen Mason, CEO. Sally Webb, Chair

Endorsed by: Phil Shoemack, Clinical Lead, Medical Officer of Health, Toi Te Ora Public Health

#### **RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:**

i. Bay of Plenty District Health Board endorse and sign-off the attached submission to Tauranga City Council's Mount Maunganui one-way trial proposal consultation

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

n/a

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Toi Te Ora Public Health, with Planning and Funding, have prepared a submission to Tauranga City Council in response to their online consultation around the Mount Maunganui one-way trial proposal. The submission responds in support of the Council trialling a one-way system and implementation of a two-way cycle cruise way trail to make it safer and easier for people to ride bikes and scooters along Pilot Bay.

The submission is via an online feedback platform.

### **ANALYSIS:**

Preparation of this submission is within the context of Bay of Plenty DHBs Health in All Policies approach to engagement with local and regional councils.



## **Process for Submission Sign-off through DHB – Checklist**

This checklist reflects the requirements of the *Public Health Submissions through the DHB Sign-off process*. This ensures that the Board Chair is confident that the submission has been through all appropriate criteria and Medical Officer of Health approval before sign-off by Chair or full Board.

Lead author is responsible for ensuring completion at each appropriate stage. Once the checklist is completed, attach as front page to the final submission and forward to appropriate staff.

Title of Submission	Mount Maunganui one-way trial proposal			
Agency	Tauranga City Council			
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Submission closing date	Wednesday 16 May 2018 5pm			

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Is an Oral presentation required?	No option			
If yes, by who?				
Hyperlink to relevant position				
statement(s) (if applicable)				
Topic expert review	Who	Michelle Adams	Date	Monday 30 April
Peer review (Technical/ clinical information is accurate and complete)	Who	Dr Phil Shoemack	Date	Tuesday 1 May
Administration review (content, style, and readability)	Who	Carol Arundel	Date	Tuesday 1 May
Endorsed and signed-off by MOoH (add electronic signature alongside date)	Who	Dr Phil Shoemack	Date	Tuesday 1 May
Forwarded to (for BOPDHB submissions)	Who	Simon Everitt Helen Mason	Date	Friday 4 May Tuesday 8 May
Final Submission forwarded to <i>(once</i>	Who	Online submission	Date	
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Many of the crucial underlying factors that affect the health of people and communities are directly influenced by the decisions and activities of councils. The Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) is required under legislation to improve, promote, and protect the health of people and communities; to promote the inclusion and participation in society and independence of people with disabilities; and to reduce health disparities by improving health outcomes for Maori and other population groups. For these reasons, the BOPDHB is committed to working collaboratively with councils and welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed Mount Maunganui one-way trial including a two-way separated 'cruise way' along The Mall. This submission has been prepared by Toi Te Ora Public Health (Toi Te Ora) which is the public health unit of the BOPDHB.

The BOPDHB supports the proposed Mount Maunganui one-way trial to include a two-way separated 'cruise way' for people on bikes along The Mall. It is evident through the Draft Tauranga Cycle Plan, that Council recognises the benefits of providing safe, appealing and effective cycling infrastructure.

Recreational cycling and commuting by means of active transport helps incorporate physical activity into everyday life. Regular physical activity promotes longevity and helps prevent conditions such as obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, strokes, some forms of cancer, depression, cognitive decline, and osteoporosis. Regular physical activity has been shown to improve mental wellbeing. Active transport

can reduce motor vehicle trips and reduce congestion which in turn leads to an improvement in air quality and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing traffic volume also helps make the roads safer for everyone.

Introducing a two-way separated 'cruise way', alongside the current road speed limit of 30km/h, would increase accessibility, convenience and safety including perceived safety for people of all ages and abilities using bikes, scooters, skateboards and mobility scooters as well as for pedestrians and all road users.

The DHB see this six month trial as a positive addition to the Draft Tauranga Cycling Plan. Routes such as this will improve the cycle friendliness of the city. Mount Maunganui with its high aesthetic and scenic appeal is already popular with recreational and commuter cyclists. Adding dedicated safe cycle infrastructure such as proposed by this trial will contribute by attracting new cyclists.

The DHB supports Council's approach to keep the 'cruise way' connected with public transport. From December 2018 the new Bayhopper network will see more buses visiting the Mount Maunganui area. As part of the new contract all buses will be fitted with bike racks offering cyclists a built-in 'plan B.'. This connectivity with public transport will also support more pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy the area, whilst reducing congestion and pressure on carparking spaces.

The DHB recommends that Council provides other supporting infrastructure such as bike racks at key locations and points of interest and identifiable, visible signage for the cycleway, pedestrians, public transport and road traffic.

The DHB encourages Council to plan a thorough evaluation of this project in the context of the wider cycle network. Such an evaluation can then be used to inform the planning of future cycle infrastructure projects.