

POINT OF ENTRY BUSINESS CASE.

Project initiation date: 1 July 2022
Project title: **City Bridge shared use clip on**
Hapū/iwi active partnership consideration: Collaborate (part of decision-making journey but WDC decision)
Note: your consideration for active partnership must take into account [Tupua te Kawa](#) – a set of indigenous values at law.

Collaboration required in accordance with Te Awa Tupua Act 2017

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PROBLEM / OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

City Bridge has pedestrian pathways on the upstream and downstream sides of the bridge. However, due to the width of each pathway they are not suitable for all users or for use as a shared pathway space. Reducing of the number of traffic lanes on the bridge from 4 to 3 has been investigated, but is not considered a suitable outcome.

Currently cycle users are instructed by signage to dismount when using the bridge.

Therefore the design of a clip on bridge structure to the existing bridge is considered to provide a facility enabling all modes of active transport and mobility scooter users.

BENEFITS STATEMENT

The construction of the proposed shared pathway clip on structure will provide connectivity between existing shared pathways on both sides of the Whanganui River.

Social Benefits:

- Connectivity between existing shared pathways for all active and mobility user groups
- Provides a safer option for cyclists crossing the city bridge (Off road solution vs on road)
- Improved accessibility from Whanganui East and Durie Hill to CBD and vice versa for mobility and wheelchair users
- Supports safer and healthier school travel options
- Enabling residents actively participating in New Zealand's climate response

Economic Benefits:

- Continues to promote the use of active transport modes within Whanganui.
- Provides connectivity with existing shared pathways and recreational trails.
- Improved active transport connectivity between CBD and Durie Hill Tower/Elevator
- Improved connectivity to Whanganui River Markets and CBD for mobility and wheel chair users.

Environmental Benefits:

- Continues to promote the use of active transport modes producing less carbon emissions
- Improved integration of public transport and active transport
- Reduction of dependency on personal car to access town
- Creating better walkable neighbourhoods

- Greater transport choices that allows residents and visitors of Whanganui to access all their needs.
- Creating a safer and healthier environment for all communities across town

Cultural Benefits:

- Provides opportunity for Local Iwi/Hapu to promote the Whanganui River and Te Awa Tupua Act 2017

STRATEGIC CASE

The project aligns strongly with the four wellbeing’s and continues to promote active transport modes in a safe off-road location. The project removes previous limitations for mobility scooter and wheelchair users on the existing Bridge.

FINANCIAL CASE

Concept design is being undertaken in 2023/24, detailed design proposed for 2024/25 and construction in 2025/26. Funding is proposed through Waka Kotahi Low Cost Low Risk Programme in the Walking and Cycling fund. Waka Kotahi is generally accepting of projects in this category. Whanganui DC portion of costs would be debt funded. On-going opex costs have been roughly estimated at \$3k per annum.

Year of LTP for delivery:	Y 1	Y 2	Y 3	Y 4	Y 5	Y 6	Y 7	Y 8	Y 9	Y 10
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	\$400k	\$1.85M	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34

External funding contributions: Choose an item.

Capex \$	Opex \$	Funded by
\$2.25 (2023/24/25)	Opex will increase as a result of the project. Circa \$3k PA	60/40 Waka Kotahi \$1.35M Waka Kotahi \$900k Whanganui DC

*Note: providing explanation via free text is also acceptable in the above boxes.

RISK EVALUATION

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Item	Potential Risk Event	Likelihood	Consequence
1	Works not proceeding – Accessibility for all user groups	Almost certain	Minor
2	No user data is currently available for the bridge, high use is assumed based on unrecorded observations only. Risk to under or over anticipation of design	Likely	Moderate
3	Disconnected Active Transport network, not performing to its full potential with adequate connector missing across the river.	Likely	Minor
4	Continue to disadvantage mobility scooter and wheelchair users due to limitation of manoeuvrability on narrow bridge section.	Likely	Moderate
5	Lack of investment into future proving infrastructure. Current design and transport options of bridge to access CBD predominantly car-centric.	Likely	Minor
6	Limited experience for people visiting Whanganui wishing to explore town by foot and bike (Ngā Ara Tūhono Mountain to Sea)	Possible	Very Minor

7	Limiting growth of cultural and social events such as Three Bridges Marathon and Lights on Bikes due to lack of off-street infrastructure	Possible	Minor
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OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Option 1: Construct clip on structure to existing bridge

Option 2: Convert existing vehicle lane to active transport lane

Do Nothing / Status quo Some user groups will be restricted in their ability to use the bridge (Mobility scooters)

STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS

Stakeholder	Influences	Key interests & issues
Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui	High power/highly interested (Manage closely)	Activities affecting the Whanganui River
Hapu Group(s)	High power/less interested (Keep satisfied)	Activities affecting the Whanganui River
Waka Kotahi NZTA	High power/less interested (Keep satisfied)	Funding and active transport
Age Concern	Low power/highly interested (Keep informed)	Mobility Scooter users and safe shared spaces
Horizons Regional Council	Low power/highly interested (Keep informed)	Active mode integration with Public Transport
Whanganui & Partners	Low power/interested (Monitor)	Tourism Growth
Pedestrian on Wheels	Low power/highly interested (Keep informed)	Mobility Scooter users and safe shared spaces

Funding from Waka Kotahi NZTA is required to advance the project.

Support from Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui is required to enable construction over the Whanganui River.

KEY CONSTRAINTS, DEPENDENCIES AND ASSUMPTIONS

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User Counters need to be installed in the 2023/24 financial year to obtain accurate user details (Type, direction, number)

Waka Kotahi funding application needs to be advanced for the 2024-27 LTP period.

The Waka Kotahi Cost Benefits assessment for the project needs to be undertaken

NEXT STAGE

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Please contact the PMO (interim Stuart White: stuart.white@whanganui.govt.nz or 021738273) for any inquiries relating to this form or the business case process.

Team Leader/Project Manager Self-Review	
Strategic Fit	3
Benefits	4
Economic Impact	3
Level of Service Improvements	4
Risk of doing nothing	2

Strategic Panel FINAL score	
Strategic Fit	3
Benefits	1
Economic Impact	2
Level of Service Improvements	3
Risk of doing nothing	2

PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO COMPLETE

Communications team level of involvement: Choose an item. *(PMO to liaise with the Communications team)*

ELT REVIEW

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

ELT Minutes Reference: Click or tap here to enter text.

Agreed next steps:

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If this project is **approved for a detailed business case**, then –

Name and job title of Project Sponsor

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