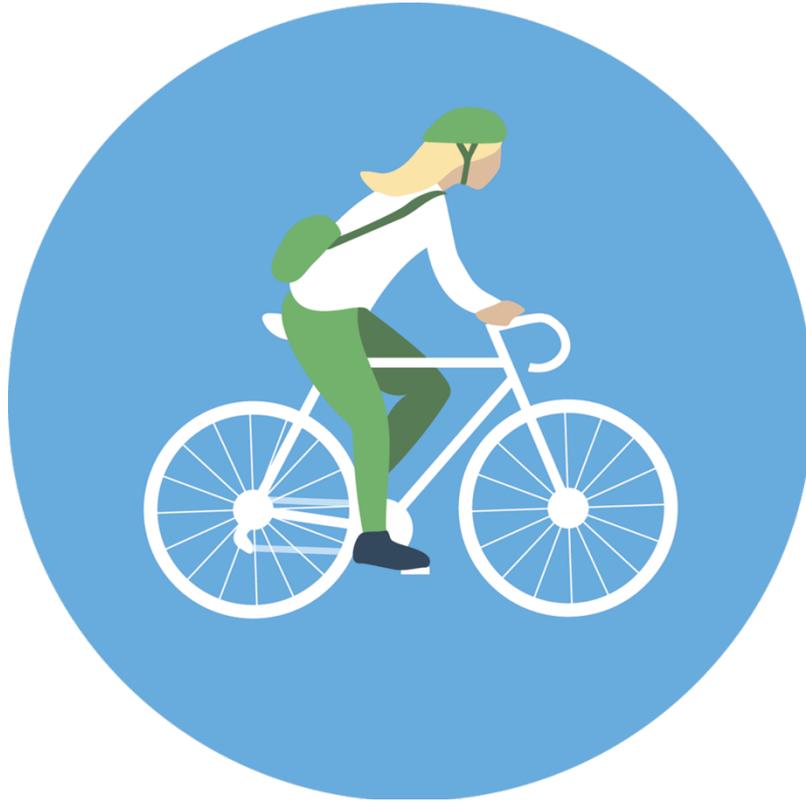




Generation Zero



Generation Zero's Submission to:

**Proposed traffic resolutions for temporary
street changes – COVID-19 response projects**

Generation Zero supports the 5 projects listed below and would like to see them implemented as quickly as possible. It is important that there are reliable, safe, sustainable ways for people to get around while social distancing during the COVID-19 recovery period.

- 1. a footpath extension in Stout Street (east/MBIE side) from Bunny Street to Lambton Quay to provide more space for people heading to and from the Railway Station ([TR102-20](#))**

This is a key pedestrian corridor and a great first place to trial footpath extensions. We would like to see this initiative expanded to other key pedestrian streets with the next round of funding, including Courtney Place, Lambton Quay, Willis Street, Manners Mall, and Featherston Street as these areas all reach high congestion during peak times.

- 2. a 1.2km uphill bike lane on Brooklyn Road between Willis Street and Ohiro Road ([TR99-20](#))**

This is a popular cycling route, especially for commuters, and we support this plan to make it safer. We would like to see a proposal for permanence if this trial is successful. Having a safe, reliable cycle route into the city will encourage residents of Brooklyn to switch to a healthy, sustainable mode of transport.

- 3. a 3km shared path on the Miramar Peninsula between Shelly Bay and Scorching Bay (one-way only for traffic (Shelly Bay to Scorching Bay) with the lane next to the sea for use by people on foot and bikes) ([TR101-20](#))**

This is a popular cycling route, especially for leisure-users, and we support this plan to make it safer. Having a safe place to exercise while maintaining social distancing will benefit Wellington residents and encourage people to visit this beautiful part of the city.

- 4. bike lanes on both sides of Onepu Road between Leonie Gill Pathway and Rongotai Road ([TR100-20](#))**

This is a popular cycling route, especially for commuters, and we support this plan to make it safer. We believe this will have a positive effect on businesses as it will make the shops more accessible to people maintaining social distancing measures. We would like to see the next round of funding include initiatives to connect this to the proposed Greta Point and Cobham Drive bike lane.

- 5. a 1.6km two-way bike lane on the seaward side of Evans Bay Parade between Greta Point and Cobham Drive ([TR98-20](#)).**

This is a popular cycling route, for commuters and leisure users alike, and we support this plan to make it safer. We would like to see a proposal for permanence if this trial is successful. Having a safe, reliable cycle route into the city will encourage residents of the eastern suburbs to switch to a healthy, sustainable mode of transport.

It is important that the council has staff on the ground for the few days after implementation with capacity to respond and make changes quickly if any issues become apparent. We would support the council completing regular user counts during the time these projects are in place to gather data on their effectiveness.

While we appreciate the immense efforts of council staff to put forward these proposals (thank you!), Wellington City Council did not do enough to communicate the progress they were making with developing these initiatives during the Level 4 and Level 3 lock-down periods.

There was very little information provided to the public before the Innovating Streets draft paper, which left interest groups wondering what was causing delays when other cities in Aotearoa were progressing. The draft paper lacked information on the reasoning behind decisions and proposals, especially around risk allocations, and as [Cr. Jenny Condie](#) later pointed out “some of the nuance from that conversation got lost”. **It is hard for the community to engage and give useful feedback when the information provided to us is incomplete or not clearly communicated.**

We look forward to seeing these projects in place and getting out on our bikes to show our support! Implementing bike lanes and temporary footpath extensions aligns with the international best practice we have seen from cities around the world during the COVID-19 response. They will help keep Wellington residents safe and aid us in our transition to a zero-carbon future.

Ngā mihi nui,

Generation Zero Wellington