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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Revised Transport Choices project given a green light by Stratford district councillors

Elected Members have cleared the path for our Transport Choices School Safety Improvement project to move forward, after the scope of work was confirmed at the latest council meeting on 10 October.

Detailed designs to create safe, healthy, and climate-friendly travel options for Stratford's future will now head to Waka Kotahi at the end of the month for their consideration and approval. Waka Kotahi's final programme of Transport Choices projects will be confirmed in early December.

Victoria Araba, SDC Director – Assets, says Elected Members were mindful of community concerns and the design options chosen, striking a good balance between addressing residents' feedback and linking Stratford's outstanding parks, playgrounds, schools, and facilities.

"Stratford may be a small rural community, but we've got excellent facilities here and through the Transport Choices programme we can connect them with walking and cycling infrastructure. It's going to be incredibly exciting for the future of our town and residents."

Information about the design options approved by council is available at [Stratford.govt.nz/TransportChoices](https://stratford.govt.nz/TransportChoices)

The School Safety Improvement project, if approved by Waka Kotahi, will form the first step in the implementation of our 30-year **Connecting Our Communities Strategy** to increase the accessibility and safety of the district's paths and roads, and give people alternative ways of travelling around their communities.

Stratford's project will receive funding from the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF), through Waka Kotahi's Transport Choices programme, with a 20% co-funding contribution from SDC.



Critical areas of the project will be given priority within the available budget. Any plans not able to be completed due to cost will be considered by SDC in the future as part of the Connecting Our Communities Strategy.

"This is just the first part of our 30-year plan for making everyday journeys easier, safer, more affordable and more enjoyable for people – no matter how many wheels you're on," says Victoria.

If you're wondering when you can hop on your bike for your first ride on the new paths, get your helmet ready for the end of June 2025. If approved to go ahead, we'll start physical works later this year.



Community Funders Expo 2023

If you're part of a community group and want to meet with local funders, then do not miss this opportunity!

This is a free expo-style event where various Taranaki funders will be available from 10am to 1pm to discuss your group's project or programme and you can find out more about their eligibility criteria.

- Saturday 28 October
- 10am - 1pm
- Stratford War Memorial Centre

While you're there, visit our Waste Wise Expo! More info at [Stratford.govt.nz/WasteWise](https://stratford.govt.nz/WasteWise)

Public Notices

Council meetings - October 2023

- **Hearing:** Tuesday 24 October at 1.30pm
To hear and consider submissions to the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and proposed changes to Kerbside Waste Collection Services.
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 24 October at 3pm

Meetings and Workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street.

Changes to meeting times will be published in the Public Notice section of [Stratford.govt.nz](https://stratford.govt.nz)

S Hanne

Chief Executive

Review of the Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and piercing bylaw 2023

The draft Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Piercing Bylaw has been reviewed by the Council and is now available for public consultation.

The bylaw and code of practice address the varying levels of risk associated with beauty therapy, skin piercing and tattooing activities and provide clear standards to address how operators will minimise and maintain associated risk. The bylaw establishes standards to promote and protect public health.

View the statement of proposal and documents at [Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)

Submissions should be received by Council no later than Monday 13 November 2023 at 4.00pm. The Council will then convene a hearing, which it intends to hold on Tuesday 28 November 2023, at which time any party who wishes to do so can present their submission in person. Equal weight will be given to written and oral submissions.

B Sutherland

Director Environmental Services

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is open



Applications close: 4.30 pm, Friday 27 October

Apply at: [Stratford.govt.nz/FundsAndGrants](https://stratford.govt.nz/FundsAndGrants)

Does your rural sports club or school team need financial help to get tamariki and rangatahi to local sports competitions? Apply now for our Rural Travel Fund!

The fund can assist young people aged between 5 and 19 years. The purpose of the fund is to support access to local sports competitions, so regional and national travel is not covered.

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/FundsAndGrants](https://stratford.govt.nz/FundsAndGrants) for eligibility criteria and to make an application. Forms are also available at the council Service Centre and Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre.

If you have any questions, or need help with your application, please call Carissa Reynolds on 06 765 6099 or email CReynolds@Stratford.govt.nz



Hold a stall at Stratford's next sustainable fashion market, part of our Waste Wise Expo.

Clear out your wardrobe, make some pocket money, and reduce waste!

MyWalkInWardrobe.co.nz | Stratford.govt.nz/WasteWise

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Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday & Public Holidays Closed

Transfer Station

Phone 06 765 8500

Monday – Friday 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Wednesday 10.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday & Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Phone 06 765 6275

Monday – Friday 6.00am – 6.30pm

Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays

10.00am – 5.00pm

Glockenspiel

Performs Daily at 10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm and 7.00pm

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