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Transport Choices Phase 2 plans, linking the east and west sides of Stratford, released for public feedback

We've released Phase 2 plans for our Transport Choices School Safety Improvement Project for your feedback before designs are finalised at the end of the month. Our goal? To get Stratford's kids safely biking and walking to schools, playgrounds, and the fun places they need to go in their community.

Phase 1 plans to create a safe and accessible walking and cycling network between Stratford's schools and important destinations on the west side of the town are currently out for public consultation.

The newly released Phase 2 plans, will link the east and west sides of Stratford through safe and accessible crossing points on State Highway 3 and create better cycling and walking access from key residential areas to destinations on the east side of Stratford, like Stratford High School, Stratford Bike Park, and Whakaahurangi Marae.

Proposed physical works for Phase 2 will take place on Swansea Road and Regan, Fenton, Juliet, and Celia Streets east of State Highway 3.

Stephen Bowden, SDC Roding Asset Manager, says both phases of Stratford's Transport Choices project will work together to open up more healthy and environmentally friendly travel options for locals.

"By creating modern and accessible cycling and walking infrastructure on both the east and west sides of Stratford and connecting them through safe crossings on State Highway 3, we'll be creating a transport network that works for all members of our community; pedestrians, mobility aid users, cyclists, and drivers," says Stephen.

"We know that right now the school bike rack might look a bit empty, and you may not see a lot of cyclists out on the streets, but that's the point of why we're doing this work. We regularly hear through community research that our current disjointed network of footpaths and cycle lanes is a barrier to people walking and cycling in Stratford, and we want that to change."

Our School Safety Improvement Project is being done with the support of Transport Choices, funded by the Climate Emergency Response Fund through Waka Kotahi, which aims to demonstrate what's possible for communities across Aotearoa New Zealand by quickly providing people with healthier, more affordable, and safer transport choices that are good for us, and for the environment.

The total value of both phases of the project is \$7.8M. Transport Choices funding will cover 80% of the project, with a 20% co-funding contribution from SDC.

You still have plenty of time to have your say on the Transport Choices School Safety Improvement Project before the designs are finalised at the end of the month.

The final designs need to be submitted to Waka Kotahi for their sign-off by 29 September, and while the timing is tight, Stephen says they will be able to incorporate public feedback into the final designs if changes are needed.

"We're fully focussed on getting the right result for our community. While the project is going ahead, we have time to adjust our designs where possible. Tell us what you think, and if you've got questions, we're here to talk with you," says Stephen.

Want to have your say?

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay) to view the full set of Phase 1 and Phase 2 plans and give your feedback online. Plans and paper feedback forms are available at Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, and council's Service Centre. Affected residents will receive information and plans delivered to their address.

Phase 1 submissions close 4pm Friday 8 September.

Phase 2 submissions close 4pm Friday 15 September.



Got questions?

We encourage you to talk with our Transport Choices team if you have questions, or want to discuss concerns, or suggest changes to the plans.

Email TransportChoices@Stratford.govt.nz, call us on 06 765 6099, or come to one of our Transport Choices drop-in sessions. There's no need to book, and people can come and leave at any time during the sessions.

- 9am - 1pm Friday 8 and Friday 15 September in the Kowhai Room at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre.

Public Notices

Upcoming Council Meetings - September 2023

- Workshop:** Tuesday 12 September at 1.30pm
- Public Forum:** Tuesday 12 September at 3pm
- Ordinary Meeting:** Tuesday 12 September at 3.30pm
- Farm and Aerodrome Committee:** Tuesday 19 September at 12pm
- Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 19 September at 2pm
- Workshop:** Tuesday 26 September at 2pm
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 26 September 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



We're hiring. Join the whānau!

We've got an energetic work environment with plenty of laughter, ongoing development opportunities, and a great staff culture. We're after awesome people for the following positions.

- Community Engagement and Development Lead**
- Finance Officer**

Find out more at Stratford.RecruitmentHub.co.nz

Congrats to local Green Queens!

Addison and Milly, students from Stratford Primary School, have won first prize in the Junction - Zero Waste Hub's Taranaki Schools Upcycling Competition, Primary School division, with their "Green Queen" design for planters made from animal feed bags, coffee sacks, scraps of fabric and old drinking glasses and jars. We love to see creative ways to reuse waste.

Do you have an idea that could avoid, reduce, recycle, recover, or reuse waste in Stratford district? Our Waste Levy Fund might be able to help. Applications open later this year, but visit Stratford.govt.nz/WasteLevyFund now for all the info and to get planning!



Awesome mahi, Milly and Addison!

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Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm
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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
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Saturday 7.00am - 5.00pm
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