

Working with Local Boards

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What Local Boards Can Do

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Set strategic priorities for their areas

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Plan and set transport and connectivity directions

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Keep Auckland Transport (AT) and others on track

04

Support community engagement

05

Advocate to the Governing Body and Central Government

06

Undertake small projects themselves



Māngere- Ōtāhuhu
Local Board and Cycling



Patron Saints of Cycling in Māngere

Mr T

Lemauga Lydia
Sosene – now
MP



Major cycling initiatives
since 2010

Since 2010 —
Leading
Everyday
Cycling in
South
Auckland

One of Auckland's most
active local boards for
everyday cycling

Several initiatives were South
Auckland 'firsts'

Strong focus on community
programmes and
neighbourhood street design

Te Ara Mua
– Future
Streets
(2014–2017)

Large neighbourhood redesign
around Māngere town centre

First neighbourhood-scale active
transport redesign in South Auckland

First behaviour-change transport trial
in a lower-income Auckland suburb

Early integration of urban design,
public health and cycling

Extensive engagement: bike training,
themed rides, car-free days

Community Cycling Activation Programmes

Adult learn-to-ride programmes

Refugee and new migrant cycle training

Children's bike education

Guided community rides

Women's cycling events

One of the first large-scale cycling
behaviour programmes in South Auckland

Māngere Triple Teez & BikeFit Hub (2016)

Community hub for bike repair,
learning and access

Borrow or buy low-cost bikes

Workshops and group rides

Thousands of visitors and hundreds
of repairs annually

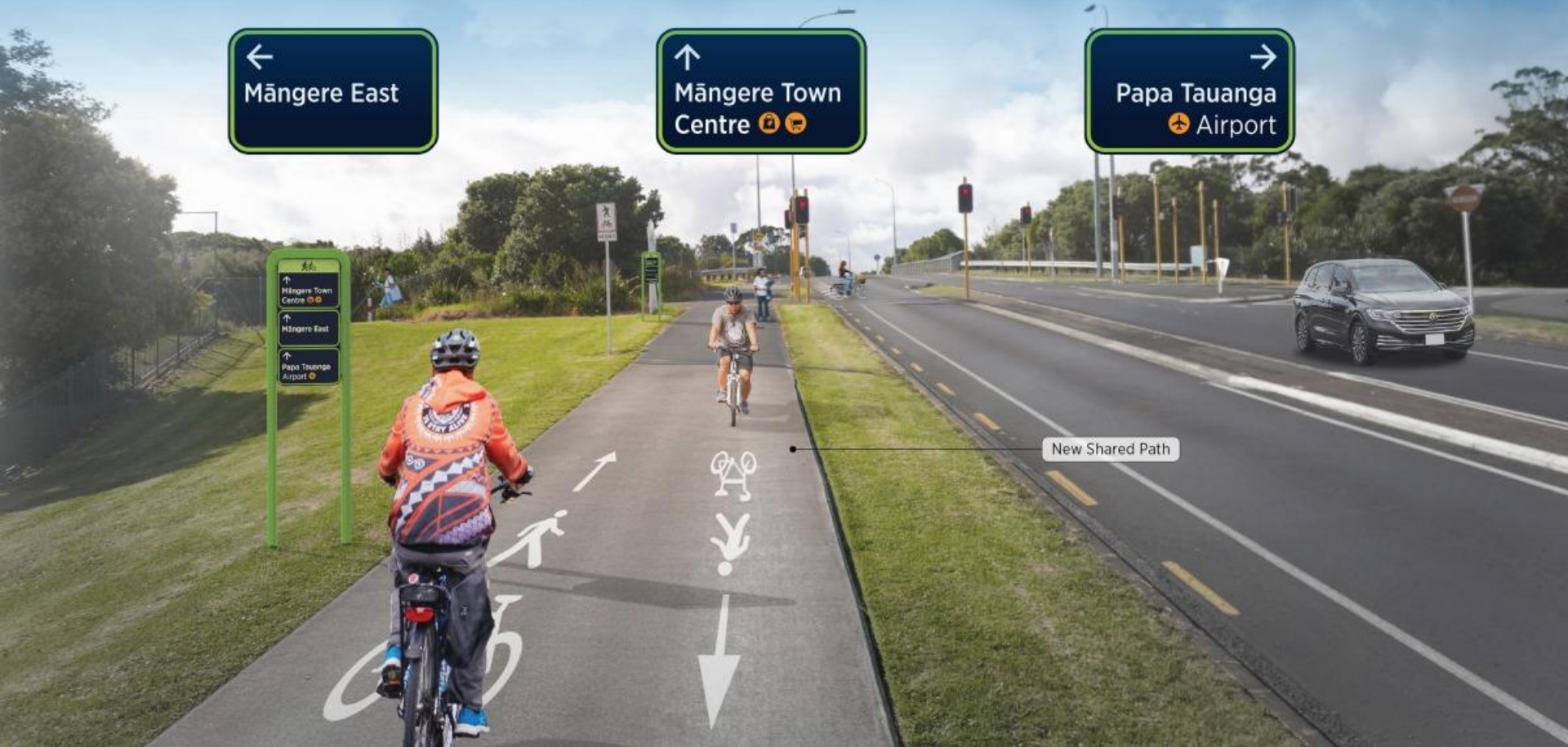
Volunteer-led bike refurbishment
and gifting

First South Auckland local-board
funded bike hub

We're making changes to streets around Māngere to give people more options for getting around their neighbourhood - and beyond.



New Shared Path



Streets for
People
Cycling Trials
(2022–2024)

Robertson Road cycleway

Coronation Road cycleway

Community pump track and
bike parking

Some trials endorsed to
become permanent

First Streets for People trials in
South Auckland

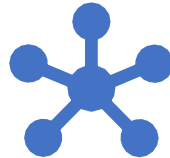
Māngere West Cycling Improvements (2020s– Present)



Links Māngere Town Centre,
Māngere Bridge, airport
shared path



Mix of protected cycleways
and quiet streets



One of South Auckland's
largest connected cycle
networks



Connects schools, jobs,
parks and transport hubs

School
Cycling
Initiatives

School bike trains
with supervision

Cycling education via
the bike hub

First organised school
bike train in Māngere

South
Auckland
'Firsts'

Neighbourhood-scale cycling
street redesign

Large behaviour-change
cycling programme

Local-board funded
community bike hub

Quick-build cycleway trials

Organised school bike
commuting

Overall Impact

Shift from isolated paths
to a complete cycling
ecosystem

Infrastructure,
programmes, bike access,
education and events

Māngere described locally
as aiming to be the 'cycling
capital of the Pacific'



Working with your
Local Boards

Bike Auckland – Key Considerations

Understand

Understand local board plans, priorities and work programmes

Be

Be clear on outcomes you want to influence

Align

Align with transport, health, environment and financial priorities

Bring

Bring funding, partnerships or opportunities

Identify

Identify local champions and engagement pathways

Auckland Transport & Local Projects

AT responsible for local
transport and public
transport

Legislative changes
underway affecting
decision-making

Local board priorities:
MOLB - connectivity, safety,
employment, wellbeing

How
Auckland
Transport
works with
Local Boards

Project proposals

Kōkiri – LB & Auckland
Transport's agreed plan for
engaging on projects

Levels: Engage; Consult; Inform;
Advocate

Capital Transport Fund

Formal
engagement
with Local
Boards

Formal: Public forums,
Deputations, Petitions

Council processes: HYS,
submissions, community
engagement

Annual plans/Agreements,
Three Year plans, project and
neighbourhood consultations

Complaints

Use council systems
so issues are recorded

Data and paper trails
matter

CC your local board
contact

Community
Engagement
Approaches

Transport portfolios or
cycling champions

Community events and
networks

School and community
group partnerships

Bike hubs and local
cycling organisations

Community
Activism

Campaigns &
advocacy

Media strategies
must tailored to
local audience &
channels

Advice
from Local
Board
Members

Understand the
community

Build genuine
relationships

Partner with trusted
local champions

Meaningful engagement
builds trust

MOLB still
advocating
at every
opportunity

Last Wednesday's submission of **Local board input on the Auckland Council Transport Policy Statement** included:

Proposed Strategic Investment Priorities

"The board advocates for initiatives to reduce public transport costs, including free or capped fare trials, to increase accessibility for high-deprivation communities. Investments in active travel, walking, cycling, and connections to public transport hubs must also be prioritised to enhance equitable mobility and reduce reliance on private vehicles."

Final Words
– Lemauga
Lydia
Sosene MP

