

We fully support the funding to be allocated to this project to complete the project and fulfil the promise made to complete the entire shared path of the Te Awa Otākou.

My husband and I are long term (over 30 years) residents of Macandrew Bay. We wished and advocated for the shared path and have been avid users of it since its completion (walking, cycle commuting/active transport and recreational biking).

We argue that it has been some of the best money the DCC has spent, with health, social, environmental and economic benefits across demographic groups and for residents and visitors to the city. These include:

- The benefits of an accessible, safe and free amenity for active transport, physical activity, learning new skills (such as children learning to ride a bike or scooter).
- Enabling emissions free active transport to work, educational institutions and for other activities.
- Enabling affordable leisure and transport options.
- Being a catalyst for hospitality and other businesses (e.g., cycle hire, Port to Port boat) to be established and sustainable.
- Adding a visitor attraction that encourages repeat visitation across demographic groups.
- Enabling residents of the Peninsula to connect (and we envision the same is happening on the west harbour shared path).

We have recently returned from an extended trip in our motorhome to the Far North. We met many people who have enjoyed visiting Otepoti Dunedin. Without prompting, Te Awa Otākou was highly rated as a drawcard and reason to return to the city. We have travelled widely and choose to cycle in as many places as is possible. Te Awa Otākou is a world class asset.

It is crucial that the final 3 stages of the Te Awa Otākou - Peninsula Connection are completed in Years 2, 3 and 4 of the 9 Year plan. The enhanced safety, connectivity in the affected communities will extend the benefits mentioned above to the whole community and future visitors. Once completed and with attention to maintenance and promotion, it will be a high value amenity for residents and also will become one of New Zealand's Top 10 recreational bike rides as well as being a high value.

I trust that you are able to forward this to the appropriate recipient. Thank you for doing so and for your advocacy for this project completion.

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