

Draft Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy

Council is seeking feedback on the draft Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy before deciding whether to adopt the final strategy.

The strategy sets a long-term direction for improving walking, wheeling and cycling across Ōtepoti Dunedin.

Vision

In Ōtepoti Dunedin, it is safe and easy for people of all ages and abilities to walk, cycle or wheel for everyday travel.

Goals

- Safety and accessibility
All people in Dunedin can travel safely and independently to where they need to go in their everyday life and when visiting destinations across the city.
- Choice and wellbeing
Our active transport system is safe, well-connected, attractive and easy to navigate, giving people a genuine choice to travel in ways that support their wellbeing and the environment.
- Economic prosperity and tourism
Our city has strong active transport connections to tracks, trails and key destinations, which will strengthen tourism and support local businesses and our economy.
- Traffic reliability and resilience
Our transport system continues to support reliable traffic flow while our city grows and is resilient to local and global disruptions.

Before the strategy is finalised, we want to know:

- Have we got the direction right?
- Have we missed anything important?
- What should Council consider before adopting the strategy?

Submissions are due by 5pm on 16 October 2026. Late submissions may not be accepted.

Online: www.dunedin.govt.nz/consultation

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Dunedin

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Please note that submissions are made public as part of the DCC’s decision-making process and will be included on the DCC website. Your name and submission will be included in papers available to the media and the public. Your feedback will only be used for purposes of the Draft Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy 2026 consultation.

Your submission

Overall, do you support the vision and goals of the draft Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy?

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Strongly do not support

Please tell us why

Have we missed anything important?

This could include opportunities, challenges, user groups, destinations, community needs and emerging trends

What barriers make it difficult for you or others to walk more often?

Select up to three:

- ☐ Traffic safety concerns (e.g. traffic volumes or speeds)
- ☐ Lack of safe or well-maintained footpaths
- ☐ Difficulty crossing roads safely
- ☐ Personal health or mobility limitations
- ☐ Poor lighting or personal safety concerns
- ☐ Lack of amenities (e.g. seating, shade, traffic noise or fumes)
- ☐ Distance is too far
- ☐ Hills or steep terrain
- ☐ Weather conditions
- ☐ Time constraints (e.g. dropping off children or making stops along the way)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Other barriers to walking

What barriers make it difficult for you or others to wheel or cycle more often?

Select up to three:

- ☐ Safety concerns (e.g. driver behaviour, traffic speeds or road conditions)
- ☐ Lack of safe cycle routes or safe places to cross
- ☐ Lack of secure bike parking
- ☐ Personal health (e.g. fitness or injury)
- ☐ Lack of confidence or skills
- ☐ Distance is too far
- ☐ Hills or steep terrain
- ☐ Weather conditions
- ☐ Time constraints (e.g. dropping off children or making stops)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Other barriers to cycling

What opportunities should the strategy place greater emphasis on?

Select all that apply:

- ☐ Transport choice and independence
- ☐ Reducing household costs
- ☐ Safety and Accessibility
- ☐ Tourism and economic development
- ☐ Health and wellbeing
- ☐ Community connections
- ☐ School travel
- ☐ Environmental outcomes
- ☐ Resilience to climate change and other disruptions
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Other opportunities

In 30 years, what should walking, wheeling and cycling in Ōtepoti Dunedin look like, and what changes would you make to the proposed routes and connections?

Would you like to make any comments on anything Council should consider before adopting the final strategy?

Yes / No

Your comments

Your details

Name _____

Organisation (if applicable) _____

In what capacity are you providing your feedback? *(e.g. As a manager representing the company/business, as a property owner or resident, as a visitor to the area, etc.)*

Email _____

Postal address and /or contact phone _____

About you

The Council is also asking about your age group and ethnicity. This information will be used to help us understand where we get our feedback from and help us plan for the future.

Which best describes you?

Select all that apply:

- ☐ Walk regularly
- ☐ Cycle regularly (pushbike or e-bike)
- ☐ Use a mobility aid
- ☐ Use a scooter
- ☐ Motorist
- ☐ Vehicle passenger
- ☐ Public transport user

Age group

- ☐ Under 30
- ☐ 30 to 49
- ☐ 50 to 64
- ☐ 65 or over

Gender

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Gender diverse

Ethnicity

- ☐ Māori (please tell us your iwi/hapu) _____
- ☐ New Zealand European
- ☐ European
- ☐ Pacific People
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Middle Eastern
- ☐ Latin American
- ☐ African (MELAA)
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Community area you live in _____

Privacy statement

The provision of your personal information is optional, however, should you provide this information please note your name and organisation may be included in papers for the public and media. Information you have provided will only be used for the purpose of the Draft Ōtepoti Pathways Strategy. The Council is also asking for your age (in age bands), ethnicity and locality. This information will be used to help us understand where we get our feedback from and help us plan future engagements.

Use of artificial intelligence (AI)

To help summarise and identify common themes across consultation responses, the Dunedin City Council may use artificial intelligence (AI) tools as part of the analysis process. All feedback will be reviewed by Council staff, and decisions will not be made by AI.

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