

Walking & Cycling in NZ & the draft NEECS

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There is a latent demand...

Cycling: For a short journey when the weather was fine and you have nothing to carry would you ...

Not even consider using a bicycle	41.1%
Realise that you could use a bicycle but wouldn't actually do it	13.6%
Think seriously about the pros and cons of cycling but rarely do it	8.0%
Try cycling on some occasions	17.6%
Cycle quite often	9.8%
Almost always cycle	4.7%
Not answered	5.2%
Total	100%

Walking:

For this question only: if you have a bicycle, please assume that it is temporarily unavailable. For a journey of 1.5 km (about 15 minutes walk at normal walking speed), when the weather was fine and you have nothing heavy to carry, would you...

Not even consider walking	5.8%
Realise that you could walk but wouldn't actually do it	6.0%
Think seriously about the pros and cons of walking but rarely do it	4.2%
Walk on some occasions	26.8%
Walk quite often	21.6%
Almost always walk	25.0%
Not answered	10.5%
Total	100%

Lots of action already happening:

For example:

- ARTA has an extensive workplace, tertiary, and school travel planning programme
- Walking school buses around the country
- Land Transport NZ directed and industry-generated research programmes
 - School-based cycle trains
 - Cycle commuting in the workplace
 - Infrastructure development
 - Understanding travel behaviour
- MOH & SPARC – Mission On & Walk the Talk

Integration Issue

- NEECS (EECA, MfE, MOT)
- NZTS (MOT, Land Transport NZ, local authorities)
 - Land Transport Management Act 2003 encourages integration of local & national actions to achieve NZTS
- *Getting There* ((MOT, Land Transport NZ, local authorities)
- Active Living (SPARC)
- NZ Health Strategy (MOH)

While the overall goals and objectives often mesh well together, there doesn't always seem to be good communication & partnership

Comments on NEECS:

- Objective: Living and working – better mobility, lifestyles and communities
- Targets: to be developed – but definitely important
- Initiatives in this area to link in with - missing out some new and some old initiatives, such as:
 - SPARC – Push Play and other Active Living
 - MOH – Mission On, including trial Walk the Talk project (part of Healthy Eating Healthy Action)
 - Integration is important to achieving goals!

Comments (cont.)

- Increased investment in infrastructure has to be linked with travel behaviour change programmes so people know what to do with it – both present in draft, but not clearly tied together
- Important link made with *Getting There* implementation plan – but *Getting There* lacks specific targets – NEECS could provide an opportunity to remedy this

Haven't we heard this before?...

- “Promote greater consideration of sustainable energy in the development of land use, urban form and design and energy production”
- “Short vehicle trips (0-5 km) are also less fuel efficient (especially from cold starts) and can be more readily substituted with other more efficient modes.”