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Tēnā koe Catherine

Masterton District Council/Te Kaunihera ā-rohe o Whakaoriori Long-Term Plan 2018-28

Thank you for taking the opportunity to make a submission on the Masterton District Council/Te Kaunihera ā-rohe o Whakaoriori (MDC) draft Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2018-28.

We received 339 submissions in total and 66 submitters were heard at the hearings held over 29-31 May 2018. All submissions were considered by the Council and decisions were reviewed and confirmed at a Council meeting on 27 June 2018.

The final Long-Term Plan 2018-28 has resulted in an average rates increase of 4.8% in Year 1 and 5% in each of Years 2 and 3. A summary of Council's decisions on the key issues presented in the consultation document is attached to this letter.

In response to other points raised in your submission, Council resolved:

- To note your suggested themes and advise that these will be taken into account when planning cycling-related matters.
- To advise that the 2017 Cycling Strategy outlines proposed cycling improvements, priorities and funding allocated over the 10 years of the Long-Term Plan to implement these.
- To advise that MDC provides funding to the Wairarapa Road Safety Council for education, including safe cycling.
- To note that you advocate that cycling is a multi-disciplined activity that is inclusive of all forms of cycling and supports the promotion of good health and well-being.
- To advise that MDC's Cycling Strategy provides for improvements to road surfacing and cycle facilities/routes as roads come up for renewal, including cycle lanes.
- To advise that MDC are installing additional shared paths on Upper Plain Road (2.5km) and Gordon Street (2km) between June and October this year. These are in addition to existing shared paths already existing on Upper Plain Road and Colombo Road.
- To advise that it is not Council's intent to prohibit bikes on any of its local roads.
- To advise that the community can apply to Council for funding towards youth and cycling events.
- To note your comments regarding promoting Masterton as bike-friendly, improved connectivity and support for cycle tourism. This will be passed on to Destination Wairarapa and the Wairarapa Regional Economic Development Strategy working group for consideration when defining priorities.
- To advise that MDC currently provides support for the Wairarapa Trails Meetings.

- To advise that Council agrees that a collaborative approach will achieve the best outcomes for cycling in the Wairarapa region.
- To advise that existing and future recreation trails will be a key part of ongoing marketing and communications planning.
- To advise that to offer 'in kind' consents for community projects, MDC would need to increase rates input. Please note that groups can apply for funding to assist with community projects, including associated consent costs, via the Community Grants scheme. For 2018, grant applications close on 3 August 2018.
- To confirm that MDC does not have a specific role focused on lobbying for funding from central government or applying for funding from philanthropists. MDC would consider providing a level of support to lobby for funding where appropriate.

The LTP will be available on the Council website www.mstn.govt.nz in July 2018. To request a hard copy of the LTP, please contact us on 06 370 6300 or email admin@mstn.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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