

# ACTIVE MODES QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2019



ACTIVE MODES ARE A **VIABLE TRANSPORT CHOICE** FOR AUCKLANDERS. WITH THE **CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT** OF AUCKLAND'S NETWORK AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, AUCKLANDERS HAVE BEEN **CYCLING IN RECORD NUMBERS**, AND MAKING **USE OF MICRO-MOBILITY OPTIONS** SUCH AS E-SCOOTERS.

## HIGHLIGHTS



### Better Travel Choices Plan

launched in December



### 2019 TravelWise and Walking School Bus

end of year celebrations



### Auckland Walk Challenge

throughout November



### High Street

The first trial started in October and transformed High Street between Shortland Street and Vulcan Lane into a more pedestrian-friendly environment.



### 3.5 km of new cycleway

were added to the network by NZ Transport Agency with the opening of the of the Northwestern Path from Lincoln Road to Westgate/Massey.



### Three new e-scooter operators

(Neuron, Beam and Jump) joined the existing e-scooter operator (Flamingo) for the next 6 months.



## DEVELOPING AUCKLAND'S NETWORK

We are committed to creating safer streets for the people of Auckland. Working with our partners, we continue to create spaces for people to enjoy and move through safely and with ease, whatever way they chose to travel. More cycle and walking connections have been completed and others started construction between October and December 2019 to give more people more access to the cycle network. Some big milestones have also been reached in the development of the network.

### Completed

Northwestern Path extension between Lincoln Road to Westgate/Massey by NZ Transport Agency.

### Construction began

- Northcote Bridges
- New Lynn to Avondale Path
- Victoria Street Cycleway

### Milestones reached

- Consultation on Point Chevalier improvements completed
- Construction tender awarded for the:
  - o Tamaki Drive Cycleway
  - o Herne Bay to Westhaven walking and cycling improvements
- Detailed design completed for Section 2 of Glenn Innes to Tamaki Drive Path
- Scheme design completed for Links to Glen Innes Cycleways

## NEW LYNN TO AVONDALE PATH SOD TURNING

Minister for Transport, Hon. Phil Twyford and Mayor of Auckland, Phil Goff joined us and mana whenua to celebrate the beginning of construction of the 2.9km path between New Lynn and Avondale.





## IMPROVING YOUR SAFETY

We've been working hard to make the network safer for Aucklanders to walk and cycle.

- The Speed Limits Bylaw was passed on the 22 October:

The new Speed Limits Bylaw will improve road safety and reduce trauma by reducing speed limits of more than 700km of high risk roads across the region to safe and appropriate speeds, protecting vulnerable road users such as people walking and people cycling.

- AT Road Safety Programme Business Case was endorsed by NZ Transport Agency on the 27 November.

This programme has an estimated implementation cost of \$604 million between 2021/22 and 2027/28, with funding to be approved on an individual project basis. The first three years includes a substantial investment in speed management, supported by investment in the highest risk rural and urban intersections and corridors, as well as vulnerable road users.

- We delivered road safety education campaigns, events, and trainings.
- Initiatives to lower speed around schools and improve safety of people walking and cycling to school were carried out: 287 community events, including 116 speed reduction activities and 1 campaign.

## SAFE SCHOOL STREETS PILOT AND PLAY STREET EVENT

On the 4 and 11 December, we worked with Milford Primary School to roll out the first phase of their Safe School Streets Pilot. Students, parents, whanau and local residents had a little bit of fun with a series of game activations and a bike course by closing off Otakau Street in the afternoon.

By re-designing a residential street, we were able to trial Park and Walk locations from Milford Mall and neighbouring streets, and students were encouraged to travel by active modes such as walking, cycling and scootering. The purpose of this event was to look at ways to improve safety, increase active school travel and reduce vehicle congestion on the network.

## PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

We continue to improve the safety of people on foot with various new pedestrian crossings and new footpaths being completed during this quarter.

### North/West

**New pedestrian crossings**  
Albany Highway & Rothwell Avenue Intersection

### Central

**New pedestrian crossings**  
Queenstown Road  
Kelmarna Avenue

**New footpaths**  
Great South Road  
Marmion Street

### South/East

**New pedestrian crossings**  
Porchester Road  
Walters Road (2)  
Portage Road  
Gray Avenue  
Station Road  
Takanini School Road  
Manuroa Road



# WALKING AND CYCLING PROGRAMME INITIATIVES

This quarter was eventful with various walking and cycling initiatives, events and major milestones celebrations. Over the past quarter, we delivered or supported 41 community and group events, and 2,921 students were trained through our cycle training programme. We also ran a campaign targeted at motorists to improve the safety of people cycling ('Think Bike Bike Bike') and launched the spring/summer campaign which aims to encourage more Aucklanders on to bikes ('Live the Bike Life').



## Travelwise School programme activities:

- 35 cycle activities, including 9 bike ambassador workshops
- 16 scooter training sessions
- 98 Walking School Bus events
- 13 new Walking School Bus routes developed

1

Bike Ready instructor training course



4

Kids Learn 2 Ride drop in sessions



2

new Bikes in Schools tracks opened



2

refugee cycle training courses



## Travelwise Choices programme activities:

- 11 e-bike tours for businesses
- Auckland Walk Challenge – 8404 registrations
- 2019 Travel Choices Awards took place on 13 November



## 2019 Travelwise School Celebration

Another successful year of the Travelwise programme was celebrated at Spark Arena with around 900 people from participating schools in November. It was a fantastic carnival event, with a scavenger hunt and the Bronze, Silver and Gold Travelwise awards ceremony. Thank you all for another great year!



## 2019 Auckland Walk Challenge

Over 8,000 Aucklanders signed up to the 2019 Auckland Walk Challenge and collectively walked 1.14 billion steps - that's the equivalent to walking to the moon 2.4 times.

We partnered with Papaya Stories to offer three silent disco city walks to 125 Aucklanders as a way to promote the challenge and encourage more people to walk.



## Walking School Bus - End of year Celebration

We celebrated another year of Walking School Bus (WSB) success across the Auckland region with a wonderful day full of fun activities at MOTAT for 1,100 WSB children and volunteers (three times as many people attended previous year). A huge thank you to all families for their amazing support and involvement in the programme. Without you we wouldn't have WSBs!



**-0.7%**  
Upper Harbour

**9.5%**  
East Coast Rd

**7.8%**  
Orewa

**10.8%**  
Lake Rd

## WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS TELLING US?

**8.3%**  
Northwestern Path (Te Atatu)

**16.4%**  
Twin Streams

**-10.9%**  
Curran St

**-10.5%**  
Te Wero Bridge

**-10.4%**  
Quay St (Spark Arena)

**-0.1%**  
Tāmaki Dr

**21.1%**  
Victoria St West

**-2.7%**  
Beach Rd

**-9.3%**  
Hopetoun St

**1.8%**  
Grafton Rd

**-19.0%**  
Karangahape Rd

**15.9%**  
Grafton Gully

**-3.8%**  
Grafton Bridge

**13.3%**  
Northwestern Path (Kingsland)

**-14.3%**  
Symonds St

**34.0%**  
Nelson St Lightpath

**36.6%**  
Upper Queen St

**9.5%**  
SW Shared Path

**27.8%**  
Lagoon Dr

**-10.8%**  
Mangere Bridge

**-5.2%**  
Great South Rd

**-19.7%**  
Highbrook

Quarter 2 Oct - Dec		
Count Sites	2018/19	2019/20
Beach Rd	29,122	28,329
Curran St	26,830	23,893
East Coast Rd	10,213	11,181
Grafton Bridge	52,075	50,094
Grafton Gully	35,431	41,082
Grafton Rd	7,344	7,479
Gt Sth Rd	7,741	7,335
Highbrook	3,903	3,135
Hopetoun St	15,196	13,785
K Rd	44,658	36,193
Lagoon Dr	21,911	27,999
Lake Road	32,073	35,543
Nelson St Lightpath	44,509	59,645
Mangere Bridge	35,883	32,010
NW Cycleway (Kingsland)	87,780	99,440
NW Cycleway (Te Atatu)	63,721	68,994
Orewa	25,440	27,425
Quay St (Spark Arena)	101,753	91,124
SW Shared Path	18,159	19,878
Symonds St	31,875	27,314
Tamaki Dr	118,889	118,735
Te Wero Bridge	70,762	63,322
Twin Streams	11,573	13,468
Upper Harbour	16,191	16,070
Upper Queen St	15,832	21,628
Victoria St West	12,530	15,173

The cycle movements fluctuated this Spring. Overall there were more than 806,000 cycle movements during this quarter; an increase of 5.1% when compared to last quarter. Cycle movements recorded in November 2019 and December 2019 showed an increase when compared to the same months in 2018. October 2019 however registered a decrease when compared to October 2018. This is likely due to the disruption in the city centre, such as the fire at the Convention Centre; and popular routes as K'Road and Quay Street had around 19% less movements during this quarter when comparing to the same period in 2018. Nevertheless, overall growth shows that you are still cycling and our work is paying off.

### LEGEND

Comparison to previous year

- increase
- decrease



## Spring Cycling in Auckland

**3.77**

million cycle movements were recorded for the year of November 2018 to December 2019, and increase of 6.2% on the previous 12 months

The 12 month average number of people cycling entering the city during the morning peak has remained steady at

**1,800**



### Quarter Two monthly cycle counts:

October 2019

**7.3%** ▼

lower than October 2018

November 2019

**9.3%** ▲

higher than November 2018

December 2019

**4.5%** ▲

higher than December 2018

## Pedestrian counts

This quarter saw an average of

**3,963** people entering

the city on foot in the morning peak, comparable to count of the period October – December 2018.



## THE NETWORK EFFECT

People on bikes made up

**20%**

of all inbound morning peak traffic via Upper Queen St

Lightpath and Nelson St cycleway

We continue to see the network effect. As the network of interconnect paths and cycleways continues to grow, cycling becomes more convenient for those riding a bicycle – we call this the network effect. For example, since Ian McKinnon Drive Cycleway (an improvement to the connection of the Northwestern Path and the city centre) opened in November 2018, cycling movements at Upper Queen Street have seen a 56% increase since 2017.

Northwestern Path - Ian McKinnon Drive

UPPER QUEEN ST

78

392

610



**682%**  
CHANGE  
SINCE 2013

TO CITY CENTRE

2013

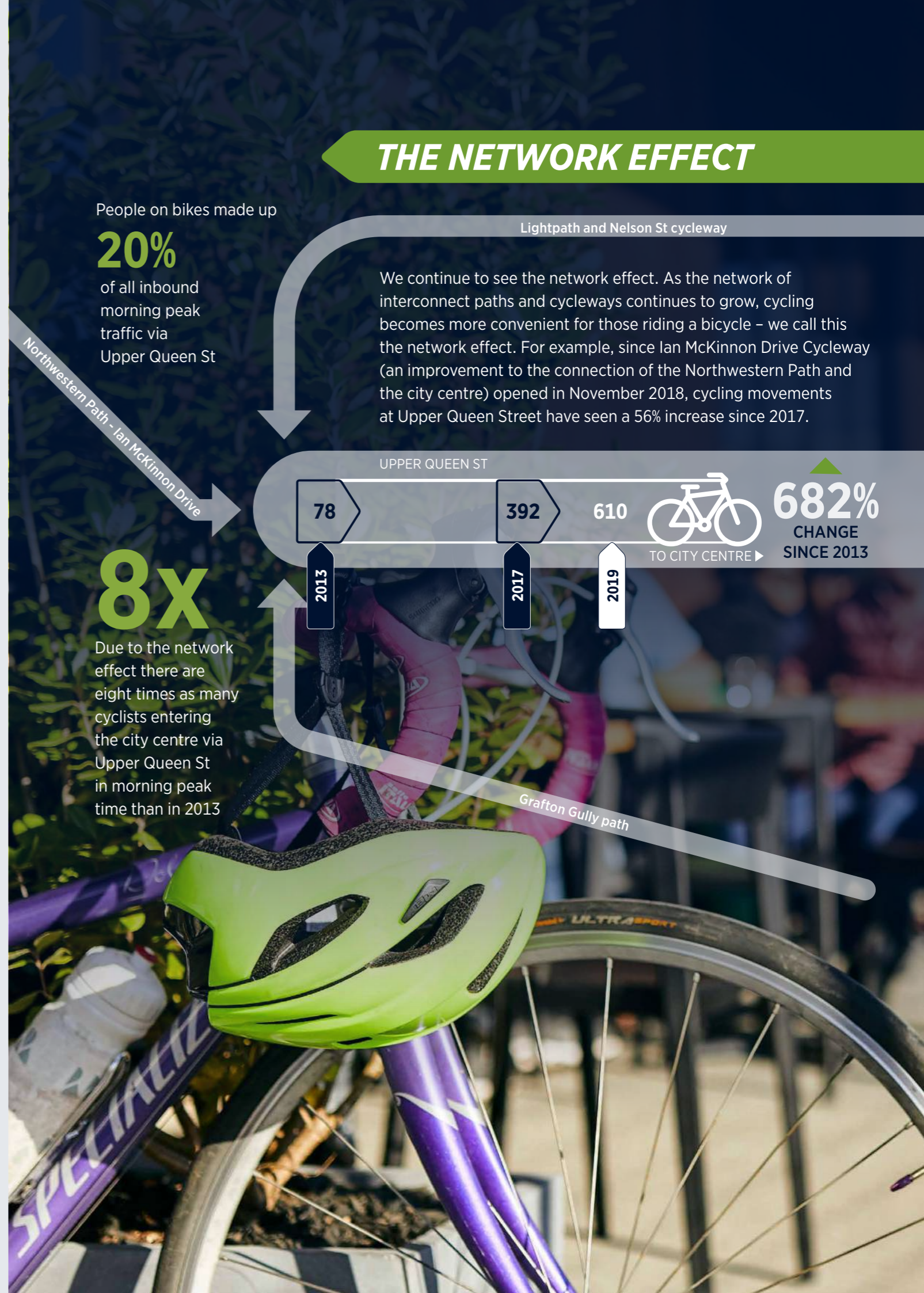
2017

2019

**8x**

Due to the network effect there are eight times as many cyclists entering the city centre via Upper Queen St in morning peak time than in 2013

Grafton Gully path





## WHAT'S COMING UP

- 20 e-bikes tours scheduled
- 13 schools scheduled for cycle training
- weekly kids learning to ride sessions will be runned in March
- We will provide valet Bike Parking at five major Council events



Several **pedestrian improvements** projects will start construction across the region

### Construction begins

on the new cycleway along Tamaki Drive between Quay Street and Ngapipi Bridge and on Victoria Street between Nelson Street and College Hill/ Beaumont Street, and Herne Bay to Westhaven cycling and walking improvements



### Aotearoa Bike Challenge during February

The Aotearoa Bike Challenge is designed to encourage more people to cycle, more often. It is about encouraging people to give cycling a try.

