

ACTIVE MODES QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT

JANUARY – MARCH 2020



THIS QUARTER HAS BEEN **EXTREMELY POSITIVE** FOR ACTIVE MODES. WE CONTINUE TO EXPAND AUCKLAND'S CYCLE NETWORK, COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMMES; AND WITH A **NEW E-BIKE SHARED SCHEME** BEING LAUNCHED, THERE ARE **MORE ACTIVE MODES** TRAVEL CHOICES THAN EVER. ALL OF THIS, ALONG WITH SOME GREAT WEATHER, HAS SEEN 408,000 TRIPS IN FEBRUARY – THE **GREATEST NUMBER OF CYCLING TRIPS** RECORDED IN A SINGLE MONTH AND A STAGGERING 11% ON FEBRUARY 2019!

This is our fourth Active Modes Quarterly Snapshot, highlighting our progress, between January and March 2020, in making active modes a real transport choice for Aucklanders.

Towards the end of this quarter we saw the COVID-19 pandemic having a major impact on all aspects of life for Aucklanders. While Aucklanders have been severely limited in how far they can travel, they have still stayed active by walking, cycling, skating and scooting within their neighbourhood. Active modes will continue to be an important way to stay active and get outside for many beyond lockdown during Alert Level 4.

HIGHLIGHTS



Every year more Aucklanders participate in the **Aotearoa Bike Challenge**. This year almost 6,000 people participated in the Auckland region challenge with around 1,200 new riders - an 11% increase on last year's number. When compared to 2016 (the first year of the Bike Challenge), it is an increase of 157%! More rides were also logged this year than in previous years, up a staggering 14% on last year; and 235% on 2016.



New Zealand's first ever licensed shared **e-bike scheme**, operated by Uber (Jump Bike) launched in February, giving even more choices for Aucklanders to travel around the region



Auckland Transport Accessibility Plan launched in January, setting out the actions AT will undertake over the next three years to make Auckland easier for everyone (especially those with accessibility requirements) to move around the region. This will be a 'living' plan that will be updated regularly to reflect the successful completion of actions, and to add new actions over time. We will work towards the ambition of being accessible for all people. This means our transport facilities, vehicles, information and services are easy to find, understand, reach, and use, for people with accessibility requirements, and therefore for everyone, as part of our day-to-day lives.



Around 2km of cycleway were added to our **cycle network**

DEVELOPING AUCKLAND'S NETWORK

We are committed to creating safer streets for all Aucklanders. Working with our partners, we continue to create spaces for people to enjoy and move through with ease, whatever way they chose to travel. This quarter saw:

Completion of:

- Upper Queen Street Cycleway (part of the Karangahape Road Streetscape Improvements project)
- Daldy Street shared path
- Hingaia Road shared path (part of the Hingaia Road Improvements project)
- Station Road shared path (part of the Otahuhu Town Centre Transformation project)

Construction began

- Herne Bay cycling improvements
- Tāmaki Drive Cycleway
- Victoria Street Cycleway
- New Lynn to Avondale – section four
- Murphy's Road upgrade

Milestones reached

- Consultation on the Northwestern Path upgrade completed
- Consultation on Nelson Street Cycleway phase three (Market Place) completed

Meanwhile, next quarter we expect to see construction starting on:

- Church Street and Meadow Street (part of the Mt Wellington Highway, Meadow Street, Church Street, and Avenue Road Improvements project)
- Ashgrove Reserve cycle routes
- Barry Curtis Park shared path



IMPROVING YOUR SAFETY

We've been working hard to make the network safer for Aucklanders to walk and cycle. Safety improvements undertaken in the past quarter have included:

- **Nine high-risk intersection improvements** were completed, with six more under construction.
- **Eight high-risk corridor improvements** were completed, with six more under construction.
- 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 one campaign.



2 pop-up cycle lanes protection

We quickly responded to safety issues by installing two pop-up cycle lanes at Ian McKinnon Drive (on the on-ramp from New North Road) and at the intersection of Nelson Street and Cook Street to prevent illegal left-turns.

PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

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

North/West

New pedestrian crossings

- Constellation Drive
- Jutland Road

New footpaths

- Metcalfe Road

Central

New pedestrian crossings

- Princes Street and Eden Crescent Intersection
- Kupe Street, Takitimu Street and Te Arawa Street Intersection

New footpaths

- Marmion Street

South/East

New pedestrian crossings

- Porchester Road and Walters Road
- Scotsmoor Drive (Reremoana School)

New footpaths

- Airfield Road
- Ormiston Road

WALKING AND CYCLING PROGRAMME INITIATIVES

This quarter had plenty happening with cycling and walking events. Although several events in March had to be cancelled, over the quarter we still delivered or supported 21 community and group events.

18

maintenance and ice block pit stops

2

Valentine's try-a-bike sessions

18

sessions of Adult Bike Skills

1,344

students trained through cycle training programme

4

Kids Learn 2 Ride drop in sessions

3

new Bikes in Schools tracks opened and 2 additional schools have tracks built with official openings to come





Auckland Bike Challenge

- 618 organisations
- 5,937 participants
- 1,203 new riders
- 1.2 million kilometres ridden
- 78,418 trips

Bike Challenges Events

- 4 expos at businesses to promote the challenge
- 25 public events

Auckland Walking School Bus Month 2020

was a great success. 2,068 children registered to take part and submitted 177 creative Facebook entries.

With new themes and competitions, plus some all-time favourites, we encouraged everyone to be part of a walking school bus. Children were involved in fun activities and had the opportunity to win awesome prizes in weekly competitions, including rewards to participants who completed online safety audits, started new walking school buses, or came up with innovative ways to grow walking school buses.

It was great to see some of the walking school buses joined by a police dog and handler, local board representative and coffee van for a well-deserved brew for parents/whanau.



Travelwise School programme activities:

- 137 cycle activities including bike ambassador workshops
- 10 scooter training sessions
- 150 Walking School Bus (WSB) events
- 14 new WSB routes developed

Travelwise Choices programme activities:

- 23 e-bike tours for businesses



2.4% ▲
Upper Harbour

WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS TELLING US

5.5% ▲
Twin Streams

13.2% ▲
Northwestern Path (Te Atatu)

3.5% ▲
Curran St

-2.7% ▼
Victoria St West

15.5% ▼
Hopetoun St

-19.4% ▼
Karangahape Rd

21.8% ▲
Northwestern Path (Kingsland)

4.7% ▲
Nelson St Lightpath

5.2% ▲
SW Shared Path

Overall there were more than 1,122,000 cycle movements during this quarter;

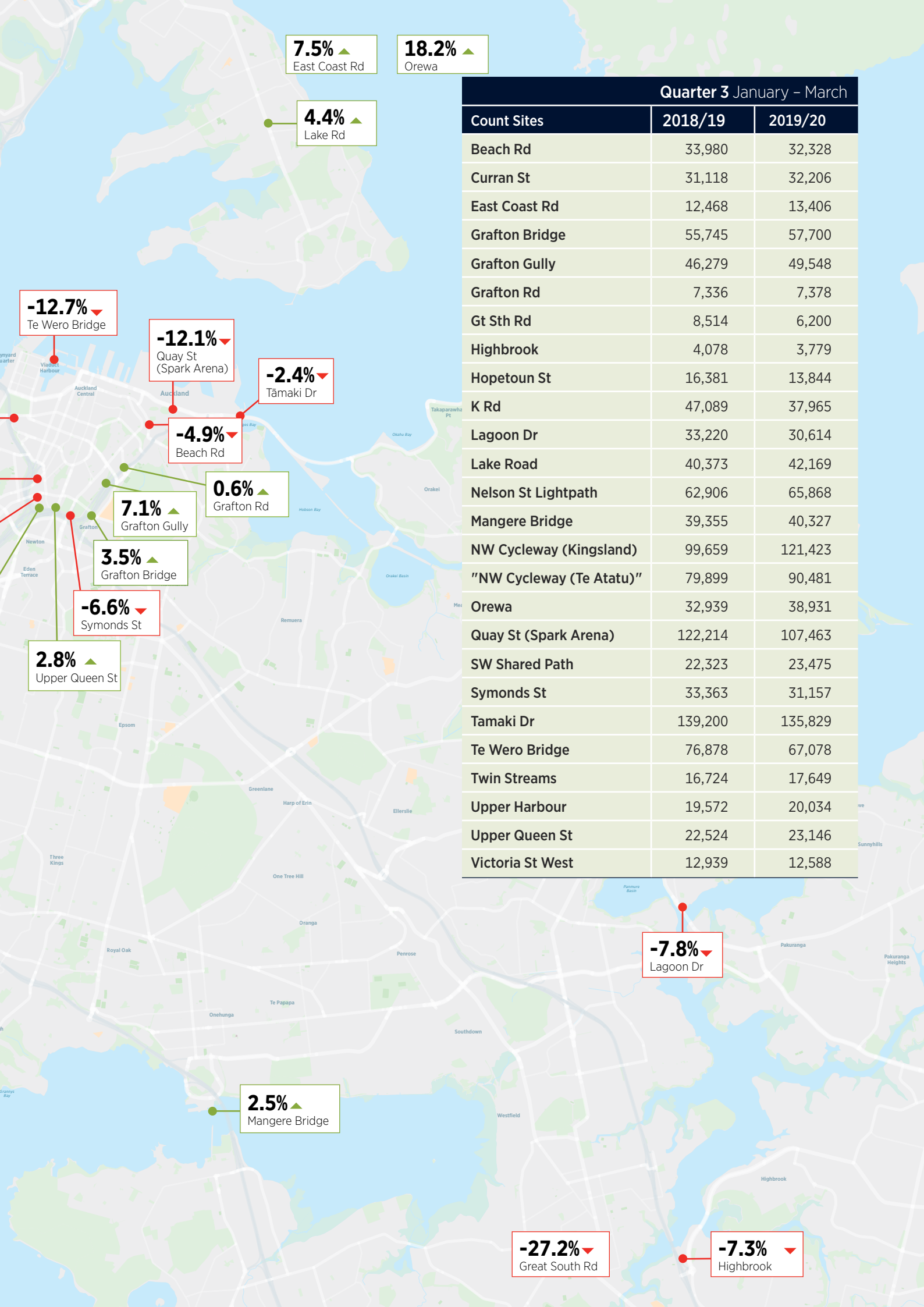
an increase of **16%** ▲

when compared to last quarter. Cycle movements recorded in February 2020 showed a great increase when compared to the same month in 2019. March 2020 however registered a decrease when compared to March 2019. This is likely due to COVID-19's impacts on our travel patterns and network issues (five count sites did not return data). Nevertheless, overall growth shows that you are still cycling and our work is paying off. Cycle movements recorded during this quarter showed a 0.5% increase in cycling movements when compared to the same period in 2019.

LEGEND

Comparison to previous year

- increase
- decrease



Quarter 3 January - March

| Count Sites | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Beach Rd | 33,980 | 32,328 |
| Curran St | 31,118 | 32,206 |
| East Coast Rd | 12,468 | 13,406 |
| Grafton Bridge | 55,745 | 57,700 |
| Grafton Gully | 46,279 | 49,548 |
| Grafton Rd | 7,336 | 7,378 |
| Gt Sth Rd | 8,514 | 6,200 |
| Highbrook | 4,078 | 3,779 |
| Hopetoun St | 16,381 | 13,844 |
| K Rd | 47,089 | 37,965 |
| Lagoon Dr | 33,220 | 30,614 |
| Lake Road | 40,373 | 42,169 |
| Nelson St Lightpath | 62,906 | 65,868 |
| Mangere Bridge | 39,355 | 40,327 |
| NW Cycleway (Kingsland) | 99,659 | 121,423 |
| "NW Cycleway (Te Atatu)" | 79,899 | 90,481 |
| Orewa | 32,939 | 38,931 |
| Quay St (Spark Arena) | 122,214 | 107,463 |
| SW Shared Path | 22,323 | 23,475 |
| Symonds St | 33,363 | 31,157 |
| Tamaki Dr | 139,200 | 135,829 |
| Te Wero Bridge | 76,878 | 67,078 |
| Twin Streams | 16,724 | 17,649 |
| Upper Harbour | 19,572 | 20,034 |
| Upper Queen St | 22,524 | 23,146 |
| Victoria St West | 12,939 | 12,588 |

7.5% ▲
East Coast Rd

18.2% ▲
Orewa

4.4% ▲
Lake Rd

-12.7% ▼
Te Wero Bridge

-12.1% ▼
Quay St
(Spark Arena)

-2.4% ▼
Tāmaki Dr

-4.9% ▼
Beach Rd

0.6% ▲
Grafton Rd

7.1% ▲
Grafton Gully

3.5% ▲
Grafton Bridge

-6.6% ▼
Symonds St

2.8% ▲
Upper Queen St

-7.8% ▼
Lagoon Dr

2.5% ▲
Mangere Bridge

-27.2% ▼
Great South Rd

-7.3% ▼
Highbrook

SUMMER CYCLING IN AUCKLAND

3,770,763 cycle movements were recorded for the year of April 2019 to March 2020, an increase of

2.1% ▲

on the previous 12 months.

The 12 month average number of people cycling entering the city during the morning peak has increased by

14% ▲



Quarter three monthly cycle counts

January 2020

0.6% ▼

lower than January 2019

February 2020

11% ▲

higher than February 2019

March 2020

8.3% ▼

lower than March 2019
(COVID-19 pandemic impacted March's figures)

PEDESTRIAN COUNTS

This quarter saw an average of

3,751 people entering

the city on foot in the morning peak, a 12% decrease when compared to the period January – March 2019. This is likely related to the impact of COVID-19 on our commuter trips.



MICRO-MOBILITY

This quarter 312,972 commercial e-scooters trips were recorded. This is a

6.5% ▲

increase in the number of trips when compared to last quarter.



Since the Jump e-bike share scheme was launched on 19 February 2020, a total of

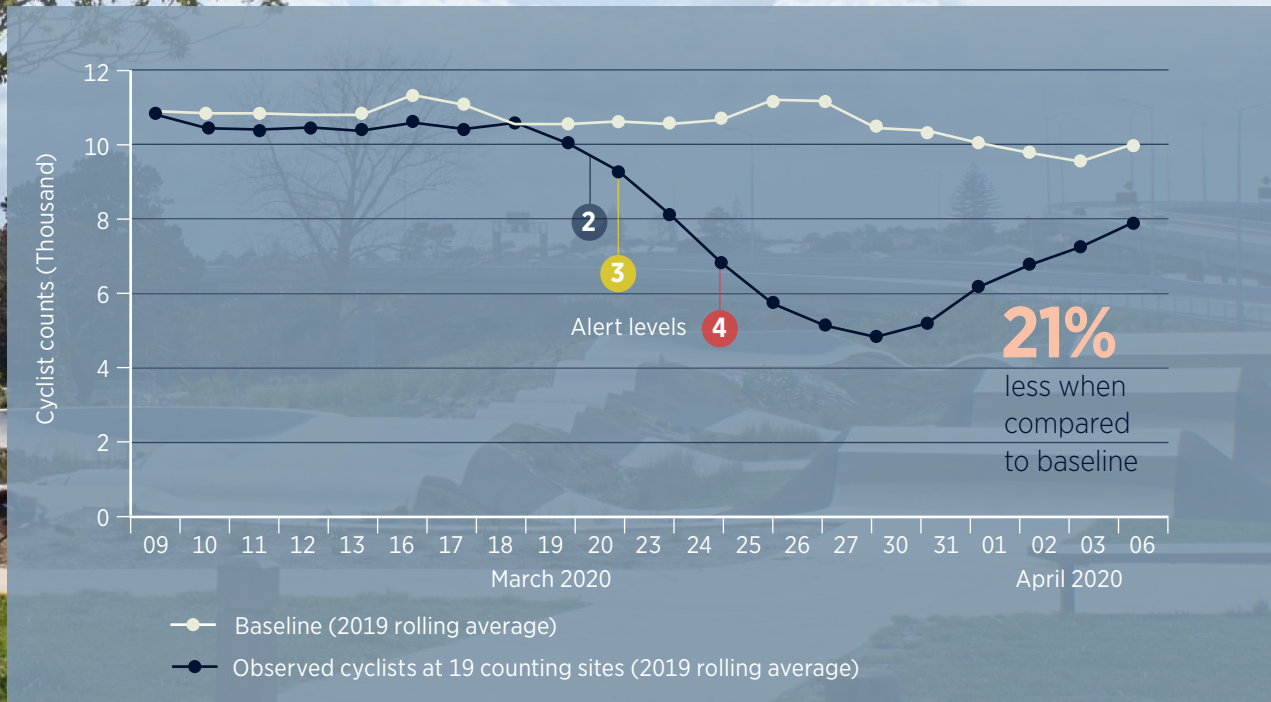
9,856

trips were recorded.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC IMPACT

We all started to change our patterns of travel even before our government declared the lockdown. As shown in this graph, cycle movements decrease between 19 and 27 March reflecting our path to the lockdown. However, from 30 March Aucklanders got back on their bikes, as more people took to the streets for exercise and fresh air during lockdown.

Cyclist count changes at 19 counting sites



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Now that the country has moved to Alert Level 3, work has started again on 160 AT project sites across Auckland, including cycling and pedestrian projects. Although it's not quite back to normal for workers at our sites, with extra safety precautions in place, it's certainly welcomed return and a major boost to the economy.

Temporary cycleways and wider footpaths have also been installed across the region. AT is trialling these as temporary measures, providing the ability to adapt available space on the road to reflect their use by Aucklanders during different alert levels.

The lockdown period saw many people heading outside to exercise, and with roads becoming busier during Alert Level 3, this initiative will help ensure people can stay safe and maintain physical distancing requirements while they're walking or cycling.

Meanwhile, our regular programme of active modes initiatives and events is ready to start as soon as we can. In the meantime, keep safe and healthy. Embrace the opportunity to explore your Auckland by foot, bike or scooting!

