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Mark

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Tēnā koe Mark

Thank you for your request of 20 December 2024 which was partially transferred to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) from Waka Kotahi | NZ Transport. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). You originally requested:

I would like to enquire on the following (in greater wellington):

- *what the length of roads are*
- *what is the length of dedicated Cycle ways, what is length or shared Cycle ways what is the Length of pedestrian walkways*

On 15 and 27 January we contacted you to request a clarification of your request for official information, however we did not receive a response from you.

On 30 January we let you know that with the way your request was worded, we were unsure what information in you were seeking and that your request as framed lacked 'due particularity' as required by section 10(2) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

On the same day you let us know that you would like to continue with your request as it was written and asked for the following updated information. Please find my corresponding answer to each question:

- *length of roads in wellington*

The total length of roads in Wellington that are maintained by the Wellington City Council is 700.6 km.

- *length of walkways/pavements in wellington*

The total length of pathways in Wellington that are maintained by the Wellington City Council are:

- Roadside Footpaths: 906.1km
- Pedestrian Malls: 0.5km
- Access paths: 76.9km (off road connections from one road to another).

- *length of shared cycle/walkways*
- *length of dedicated cycleways*

The total length of cycleways in Wellington that are maintained by the Wellington City Council are:

- Cycle Lane 28.6km
- Cycle Path 11.9km
- Shared Paths 16km

Please see the below table for information regarding cycle lane definitions.

Cycle Path/Lane Classification	Cycle Type Description
Cycle Path	'Cycle path' is a path that is physically separated from the roadway that is principally designed for, and used by, cyclists.
Shared Path	'Shared path' is a path that is physically separated from the roadway that is intended for the passage of pedestrians, cyclists, riders of mobility devices, and riders of wheeled recreation devices.
Cycle Lane	'Cycle lane' is a longitudinal strip within a roadway designed for the passage of cyclists. Marked with paint is minimum level of service.

- *number of cyclists using cycleways*

Approximately 4% of Wellingtonians commute by bicycle. This means about 16,740 Wellingtonians use cycling infrastructure daily, however there are also numerous Wellingtonians who commute daily from adjacent councils. The business case for Te Ara Tupua found on the NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) website [here](#), expects to see an additional 2100 daily trips to and from the Hutt Valley once completed in 2026.

The Council uses multiple sources to derive the city-wide proportion of Wellingtonians who cycle and specifically commute by bicycle. The latest analysed data was collected in the [2021 Cordon Survey](#), 2023 Census and the three rounds of [Pōneke travel survey in 2023](#).

You may also be interested in information regarding automatic counters found [here](#). This includes information of the locations of counters and monthly counts from 2018 through to June 2024.

- *number of licenced vehicles in wellington*

You were notified by Waka Kotahi on 20 December 2024 that this question will be responded to by their agency. Please contact Waka Kotahi for more information. They can be contacted at official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura McIlhone', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Laura McIlhone
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