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Kia ora

I am writing to let you know that Hutt City Council has been awarded funding to trial a temporary cycleway on Knights Road.

The project is one of two initiatives Council received funding for from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's Innovating Streets for People fund. The national $13.95 million fund aims to create opportunities for communities, businesses and councils throughout New Zealand to partner and lead the trialling of temporary changes to their streets to improve cycling and walking transport, and provide more usable public spaces for recreation and social gatherings.

Knights Road was chosen because it provides an important link between Waterloo Railway Station and the central city. Another factor is that Knights Road will eventually be a critical connection between the Beltway Cycleway and the central city. It is also wide enough to accommodate a cycleway and retain parking spaces.

The project will be an active partnership between Council, the community and Waka Kotahi. It will be designed with local businesses and residents. The community will be asked for feedback and to take part in the testing, leading and monitoring of the project during its 12-month trial period.

As a resident living on or near Knights Road, we invite you to be part of this opportunity. We are keen to work with you, to learn and adapt to ensure the best outcomes for local people and the wider city. If the results of the trial show a positive impact, we will be in a good position to work together on a more permanent solution.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting opportunity, please let us know by emailing your contact details to innovatingstreets@huttcity.govt.nz

Once we have gauged community interest, we will arrange an appropriate time and venue for a meeting.

Hutt City Council is proud to be a partner in creating safe and vibrant streets and spaces in our city. We hope that you will join us so together we can explore how we can make Knights Road a safer and more usable street for all residents and users.

Ngā mihi

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