



Porirua Development

Share Your Voice – Getting around

Thanks to everyone who came along to the “Share Your Voice” sessions about development in eastern Porirua. People talked about what was important to them and what they valued – and shared their ideas and concerns, and hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future.

We’ve put together what you said under topic headings: getting around, parks and open spaces, environment (plants and wildlife), town centres, housing, community facilities, hot topics, bright ideas and accessibility.

This document outlines what people said about getting around – some of this may also overlap with other topics or belong in more than one place. All of the feedback will be used to inform planning and design and will be added to as more sessions are held.



Cannons Creek

- Cheshire St: streets quite isolated. Poorly connected
- More lighting – also in Mephram St – safety
- Champion St: speeding false sense open road and speed slowing islands
- No strategic routes between centres/schools for disabled pedestrians

- Streets need to be better lit, they are still too dark
- Poorly designed and constructed crossings for the disabled
- Kneeling buses required for disabled/elderly
- Thompson Gr: dumping area and potential for connection
- Pedestrian underpass feels a bit dodgy – open up more people
- No ramp for cycling from town into train station, needs better access
- Poor lighting and steps (narrow) by Holy Family School
- Mungavin Ave between Bedford and Hampshire: steep steps, potential reduce grade
- Cannons Creek roundabout: traffic backs up during rush hour/peak hours
- Warspite Ave: speed going this way (towards Cannons Creek from Waitangirua)
- Cannons Creek town centre: poor access for differently abled
- Trust Porirua Park: cycling on road network or green space
- Pedestrian access from Gear St to Mungavin Ave
- Cannons Creek lake open area, safely walking through
- Bus access to Hampshire St if possible. Disabled access issues
- Improve walkway pathways safety concerns in trees near Porirua Alternative School area of the Cannons Creek lakeside reserve
- Separate cars and people in town centre
- Bigger walking pathways, more street lights in Cannons Creek, more police, more public transport, safety light and security at train station
- Cannons Creek town centre: foot path width scooters, feels narrow
- Gear Tce: steep access and no bus service
- Aotea: bus and train connection 5.30 am onwards
- More public transport within suburbs, not just through and put maybe vans rather than buses and more frequent shortcuts! / roads very windy/ cycleways walking links accessible
- Need for regular rest stops on pedestrian pathways – older disabled
- Need for closer connections to public transport
- Metlink buses are never on time and they are always a bit late. Please bring back Mana Coach Services
- Cycling walking and public transport – reduce car traffic – less pollution, less noise, less greenhouse gas emissions
- Accessible footpaths
- Traffic build-up Warspite Ave and Omapere St
- Buses security – sometimes does not feel safe for old people and children have a special place on the bus
- Disabled access a key issue, specifically wheelchair is poor. Two aspects: 1 pathways are poor wheelchair access themselves
- Corners of Champion St, York Place and Cromwell Cres: blind spots difficult turning in and out. Might get hit from behind
- Elderly public transport. Castor and Drivers Cres. More 70–80 yrs range now
- Buses currently running do not have disability access. Only about 3 can meet up with kerbs
- Belmont's access to Belmont start of track can be muddy. Maybe concrete? In the park, posts to give better direction. Maps on ground don't match online
- Need for cycles and wheelchairs or pathways – limited cycling – a lot of wheelchairs
- TG link road should open up more new commercial land



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- Mungavin Ave steps to roadside being built by PCC – without consulting nearby residents. These steps were needed 20 years ago! but PCC have ignored/disregarded resident input + carried on building steps. The gradient is very steep presenting health and safety issues for the last 20 years so residents still walk/run/slide down the bank to get to their vehicles

Waitangirua

- Public transport needs to be enlarged as it is being congested
- Transportation, affordability and coverage
- Alternate bus/public transport vans or circle loops. Links to town and between cafes
- Charging stations in central areas and at houses. Bothamley is good way to get around Porirua – faster and nicer than public transport (not at night)
- More mobile businesses, food trucks (healthier choices for our people), promoting healthy options, arts and crafts - harakeke - korowai - taonga – others
- Roads and paths need to be much improved quality materials and smoother surfaces for biking, lime scooters, exercise, walking/running so that attracts tourism in these activities, as well as providing incentive for locals; safer for children & elderly to bike/walk
- Consideration of ease of public access to public transport for older people
- Public transport, limited busses (not enough), long way to walk to bus stops, limited rest stops. Too far apart to bus stops
- Safety of increased traffic at Warspite Ave key
- Government funding - recommend: all kindergartens / kohanga and day-cares have their own means of transport available for our tamariki - tautoko this from the government for our kaiako and tamariki to be more mobile, interactive active, engaged
- Over/underpass at Warspite / Bothamley would connect Samuel Marsden Whitby all the way to Porirua West
- Lime scooters and yellow bikes, so need painted green bike lanes on road, and part of Bothamley walkway to be sealed. Aotea block needs more connections to east –walkway/parks/road so we can have great bike circuits, running circuit access to make better tramping, walk circuits (longer)
- Over/under pass at Warspite linking Ascot Park football area to Bothamley Park
- Charging spots for bikes & wheelchairs
- More speed calming measures on roads and streets where there are significant numbers of children and those with disabilities. Bring down speed limit for traffic on Castor Cres, Champion St and Kokiri Cres
- Make Westmeath better for local foot traffic to access mall and keep clear of Warspite traffic
- Hard to get around on wheelchairs, obstructions by bus and crossings key. Potential improvement opportunity
- Lighting in some of alleyways or near McKillop St
- Bring back Castor/Driver loop bus run
- Look at park and walk options for kids dropped off at Ascot Park turf and walk to Tairangi
- Car parking in town centre – small & damage to other cars

- Use of art to calm traffic. For example look at Tāupo to Rotorua, at roundabouts
- Paving in the Cannons Creek area (shopping used to be able to drive in to the shops one way and drive out the other way – now one end is blocked. Difficult to turn around to exit carpark.)
- Parking in Porirua CBD. Perhaps on separate parking block
- Pedestrian access for kids at Waitangirua mall / marae
- More walking trails, clear pathways, clean rubbish on streets
- Bus stops on Waihora Crescent
- Focus on road safety in particular please, addressing speed and reckless driving, road crossing need more calming areas on Mungavin, Warspite and Champion Streets
- The footpaths need attention
- Having public transport that take wheelchairs and mobility scooter
- Bus doors wide enough to take chairs and mobility scooters
- Flatter areas (calming and safe zones) at the same level
- More pedestrian crossings in the town centers especially Warspite and Mungavin Ave
- Closer pedestrian crossings

Rānui

- Transmission Gully link road 1 crossing by Marae: speed limit 50kmph here. Children have trouble crossing the road here as cars go faster than they should
- Transmission Gully link road entry to Warspite Avenue. The Marae regularly has tangis (nearly every day). During this time it is hard to drive/walk/ and for mobility chairs too hard to get around the area
- Promote walking, attractive shops + local community hubs that mean people can walk to things that they like to do in the community eg sports, social events arts/culture rather than need to go in a car out of the area
- Can we try taxi vans that leave every 10 mins from Waitangirua/Cannons Creek to the centre. May replace the need for buses and provide an ultra regular option - people will use them as they are so regular eg Middle East works like this
- Kids bike parks and skateboard park walkways
- Lights - more. Accessible pathways pedestrian crossing on lower Mungavin bad. Disability parking more - shops - leaking pipes - messy
- More buses. More frequency. Smaller buses. Cheaper
- Bus system - good + link to train -increased parking at train station also noticed. Bike lanes on main road - wheelchair accessibility - shops, parks, open spaces, new houses, keep Bothamley Park family friendly. Don't pave it. I've seen too many accidents + near misses with kids/adults/speed of bikes already
- Warspite Avenue: street view in the mall area. Lighting is not bright enough, cannot see the footpath clearly at night. The footpath is uneven. Wheelchair access at crossing by Marae entry Points is steep and difficult with a wheelchair at both ends. Dangerous for me + speed of vehicles
- Waitangirua community park - for exercise needs a proper walking pathway - need to encourage all people to come out of their homes and enjoy the environment including elderly - needs updating + refurbishing -> interactive village life of all generations
- Accessibility. Waitangirua mall only one shop in the mall can we go into with a wheel chair
- Buses, wheelchairs are too heavy. They only have 3 buses that we can use with these wheelchairs. Bus drivers do not have any safety thoughts to help us get on the bus. Need to be a lot more thoughtful. They often go before we are in place.



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- Waitangirua needs a full audit on pathways – same & uniform quality surfaces. Gradients from the road to driveways are variable. Parking on the grass or over footpaths so people with mobility issues can not travel far without walking onto a road. Resting place for walkers
- My kid has been at Brandon for almost 2 years - almost been hit on pedestrian crossings loads of times because cars go too fast & people are too impatient driving - try to overtake on pedestrian crossing
- Encourage green bikes and local cycle tracks that join up with other parks.
- Proper plan for exercise machines for adults.
- Improved access way to Bothamley Park from Waitangirua Village i.e. Niagara Waihemo + Kokiri = these access ways should be in PCC promotion on walkways* inclusive of people with disabilities
- Denser housing eg apartments and townhouses that are walking distance to train station
- Easier access to Bothamley Park. Biking in Bothamley park with rough track in places. Passive bike and walking areas along Warspite Avenue. Encourage village feel but people can easily work in the area & develop business sustainability
- For good walking, scooting etc on footpaths and roads need to be WAY better. Not enough money invested in roads & footpaths all over the East - it's the basics. Alleyways are narrow & overgrown, it's ugly & unnecessary
- Bus stops with solar lighting. Hooks for prams on outer bus (like the old days) - bike racks to park in
- All crossings & roundabouts need to be raised above surface of road
- In Auckland they have the "link" for \$1 for a loop - this could go round the eastern ward?
- Collaborative taxis/buses by locals for locals.
- Aunty Daisys for elderly wheelchair friendly buses (not every second one)
- Walkable access to facilities is important
- Traffic concerns around Marae – unsafe crossing + not suitable for wheelchairs

Ascot Park

- The south of Sievers Grove is the most isolated area from walking perspective
- Connecting all the disconnected suburbs through Bothamley Park
- Invent a new way of getting around town that doesn't exist anywhere in NZ. Look for local engineers or people that could contribute their ideas
- Accessibility for disabled people on bus transport
- 1. Increased residential densities but encourage the use of a good reliable public transport system. 2. Offer a range of house types where not every dwelling unit gets a dedicated parking place - group parking in well designed cluster developments - combine space with community facilities - accessible and safe. 3. Integrate bus & trains 4. Provide safe pedestrian paths & cycleways linking community/commercial amenities/schools etc
- Cycling friendly tracks & access. Walkway over motorway at Meehan north city end

- Investing more money in public transport, less in roading. Bike/scooter lanes & encouraging their use
- Paved walkway from/between Conclusion Street and Whitford Brown (where the green area is) to get to Countdown
- Electric light rail/tram loop through main suburbs every 20mins with jump on-jump off policy
- Better street lighting - for safety. People may be more willing to look at alternative transport options
- Getting/driving out of Desert Gold St during peak times solution; around a bay
- Better lit walkways and alleyways (eg under the motorway by the Porirua station car park). More transport options later at night
- Train station parking remaining free. Growing population & carpark is already full. Need to make access to the train station easier from suburbs
- Express buses from Cannons Creek during peak hours
- STOP! Transmission Gully from going through

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- Pedestrians – prioritise and crossing at appropriate places
- Traffic calming – speed zones
- Traffic flow has to be taken in to consideration – traffic safety
- Walking school buses
- Better understanding of public transport – need to be fit for purpose – buses are too big
- Review speed zones
- Mobility and accessibility of transport – connected to city centre
- Connect Aotea to Cannons Creek
- Want scooters, bikes, cycling. Fit for purpose
- Safety areas on the road especially at night
- Wider foot paths and shared pathways
- Transport roading – there is no connection

New migrants

- Not enough bus stops – 40 mins walk to train station
- Fixing roads and driveways
- Better transport, using buses with free wifi
- More and better space and covered seats at the bus stops during windy and rainy days
- More parking spaces in town
- Reliable and improved timetables for buses – sometimes buses leave early
- Better bus service – picked up on time so I'm not late
- I like it as it is
- Wider road on motorways
- Surface water – bad flooding on Mungavin Av/near Windley
- Happy with buses, but more would be good
- The train station is far