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Stokes Valley Short and Long Term Resilience

Tēnā koutou katoa,

We received an email from Cr Brady Dyer requesting a response to the questions below from a Stokes Valley resident:

Suggestions for the short and long term resilience of Stokes Valley

- 1) make the pedestrian/cycling/scooter route out of Stokes Valley across to the River paths very clear and safe - at the moment its neither - and do the same for getting from the river across to Pomare - at the moment if you want to avoid the traffic jam by walking/cycling/scooter to Pomare to catch the train - you have to navigate a dangerous crossing through busy roundabouts that's not easy to find when you're doing it for the 1st time - to get across to the river from Stokes Valley - then it's also dangerous crossing back at Pomare
- 2) much as a bridge to the motorway is needed and overdue it won't help resilience much - we need alternate routes out of Stokes Valley e.g. over the hill to Naenae/Taita etc

Is this something we can look at? It is a good opportunity to do so with more people ditching the car to get around the congestion.

The response from officers follows:

Officers have started looking at a cycleway from the Stokes Valley shopping area to connect to the Hutt River Trail in order to provide a safer cycling environment, provide sustainable transport options and reduce emissions.

While there are currently no plans for a new bridge to be constructed linking Stokes Valley and State Highway 2 or plans for a second access road, officers will consider all options when we look at the long term solution for Stokes Valley.

Ngā mihi nui,

Democratic Services Team