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Marine Drive: Proposed shared path improvements

Hutt City Council is proposing upgrades to improve the shared path connection along Marine Drive between Sunshine Bay and Days Bay.

These upgrades build on the Tupua Horo Nuku shared path project in the Eastern Bays and would replace the interim measures currently in place from Sunshine Bay to Days Bay.

To ensure an improved and safe link in this area, we are approaching the project in two distinct sections. We are ready to proceed with the first section, while the second section is still in the early investigation phase.

What we are proposing

Section 1: Sunshine Bay to the existing Days Bay timber boardwalk (starting near 603 Marine Drive)

- We intend to start this section of work soon.
- We are proposing an "at-grade" (road level) 3m wide shared path, for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Concrete buffers will provide separation between the path, with gaps and low-speed humps to maintain safe access to adjacent properties.
- To accommodate the new path, we will formalise the currently unmarked, ad-hoc parking area near the Wellington Water pumping station. The proposed layout will introduce six angled car parks and three parallel car parks. As the area does not currently have a formal layout, this will result in an estimated net loss of just one car park.
- Until the existing timber boardwalk is upgraded, we will install "please dismount your bike and walk" signage at either end of the boardwalk to ensure safety.
- A proposed layout (Attachment 1) is included with this letter.

Section 2: Timber boardwalk to opposite Ferry Road

This section is still being investigated and is not yet committed to being built due to cost and funding uncertainties. However, we are keen to seek your early feedback on the concept.

- The existing timber boardwalk is 1.1m wide, which is too narrow to safely allow two bikes to pass in opposite directions.



- We are proposing to lift the path to road level and continue the shared path south, past the existing citybound bus stop, ending directly opposite the triangular parking bay.
- This design would require the citybound bus stop to be relocated approximately 40m south of its current location.
- Detailed design for this section will consider construction options that build for resilience against the sea and minimise future maintenance, such as using concrete seawall blocks or a cantilevered path.
- A layout concept (Attachment 2) is included with this letter.

Have your say

We want to make sure the design of the shared path works for the community, and to understand any effects on nearby residents, businesses, and path users.

Proposed designs for both sections are included with this letter, or you can view them online at **hutt.city/haveyoursay**

Please share any comments, questions, or concerns by emailing:

TRSubmission@huttcity.govt.nz or calling **04 570 6666**

Feedback closes on Sunday 21 June 2026. Your feedback will help us confirm the final design for section 1 before it goes to Council's Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee in July 2026.

What happens next

After consultation closes, we will review all feedback, update the draft plans where needed. If you have provided feedback we will share the outcome with you, along with the expected timing for implementation of section 1.

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