



Briefing: Streetscapes and Riverside Park

9 February 2026 – 4.00pm

Attendees

Elected Members: Mayor Faunon Laban, Cr Barratt, Deputy Mayor Brown, Cr Dyer (via audio visual link), Cr Edwards, Cr Lewis (via audio visual link), Cr Mitchell, Cr Parkin, Cr Puketapu (via audio visual link), Cr Shaw (via audio visual link), Cr Stallinger (via audio visual link), Cr Tonga-Grant (via audio visual link), Cr Yung.

Staff: J Miller, Chief Executive; A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities; J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development; K Stannard, Head of Democratic Services; A Darby-Braddock, Head of Mayors Office; S Gola, Project Manager – Streetscapes (via audio visual link); R Oliver, Senior Consultant; L Desrosiers, Head of Business and Urban Development; B Gale, Urban Design Lead and V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor (via audio visual link).

Non-Attendance

Cr Ravi

Presenters

L Desrosiers, Head of Business and Urban Development;
B Gale, Urban Design Lead; and
J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development

Introduction

The purpose of the briefing is to present the proposed streetscape strategy and Riverside Park project as part of the wider Te Awa Kairangi programme.

Key Objectives of the Briefing

The key objectives of the briefing are to:

- present the proposed streetscape strategy and recommended priority areas for investment within the city centre;
- summarise engagement undertaken to date and key themes identified from community and stakeholder feedback;
- explain how the Streetscapes and Riverside Park projects align with the wider Te Awa Kairangi flood protection works and city centre regeneration programme;
- outline the early design approach for Riverside Park and its coordination with streetscape improvements; and
- confirm next steps, including planned community engagement and future committee approvals.

Presentation by L Desrosiers, Head of Business and Urban Development; B Gale, Urban Design Lead; and J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development

Slide 1 – Streetscape Upgrades (Header)

Slide 2 – Streetscape Upgrades – Purpose

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Slide 4 – Engagement Activities to Date

Slide 5 – Feedback on street experience & ideas

Slide 6 – Engagement on Investment Scenarios

Slide 7 – Feedback on Investment Scenarios

Slide 8 – Technical Assessments of Potential Upgrades

Slide 9 – Recommended Programme

Slide 10 – Daly, Margaret & Bunny Streets

Slide 11 – Andrews Avenue

Slide 12 – High Street South

Slide 13 – Streetscape Upgrades – Budget

Slide 14 – Next Steps

Slide 15 – Riverside Park (Header)

Slide 16 – Purpose & Function

Slide 17 – Timeline

Questions and discussion points

- Streetscape works will be coordinated with Tiaki Wai programmes once these are confirmed. A “dig once” approach will be applied to minimise disruption and avoid the need for recently completed works to be reopened.
- The streetscape design aims to support future hospitality and dining opportunities, particularly along the City Link Bridge arrival corridor and in

sunny areas such as Margaret Street, with the stopbank promenade identified as a complementary location.

- The project will examine international examples of safe and inclusive city centres in a later engagement. Streetscape works will be designed to allow changes or additions to be built on in the future as the city centre grows.
- Public art will be integrated into streetscape elements such as paving, seating, and lighting, where possible to manage capital and maintenance costs, with standalone artworks also considered.

Next steps

City Link Bridge

- **5 March 2026 – Seek committee approval** (Infrastructure and Regulatory) of recommended Streetscape Upgrades Programme.
- **March / April 2026 – Community and business engagement** on concept design.
- **September 2026 – Seek committee approval** (Infrastructure and Regulatory) of concept design and traffic resolution.
- **October 2026 onwards – Detailed design**

Riverside Park

- **September 2025** – Park design started to inform GWRC's stopbank design
- **November 2025** – Targeted engagement with event organisers, active mode advocates, rangatahi and disability groups
- **December 2025 to March 2026** – Concept design incorporating early feedback
- **March / April 2026** – Community engagement combined with Streetscape Upgrades.

Briefing materials

Attachment 1 – Presentation: [Streetscapes and Riverside Park.pdf](#)

The briefing closed at 4.30pm