



Maru Streets for People

Project Update
Wainuiomata Community Board meeting

10th April 2024



Overview

- Current problem: Heavy traffic on narrow local streets outside 3x schools, unsafe to walk/cycle to school
- Opportunity: Safety improvements and mode shift
- Speed bumps, intersection narrowing, chicanes, removing on-street parking



Site plan




Works complete



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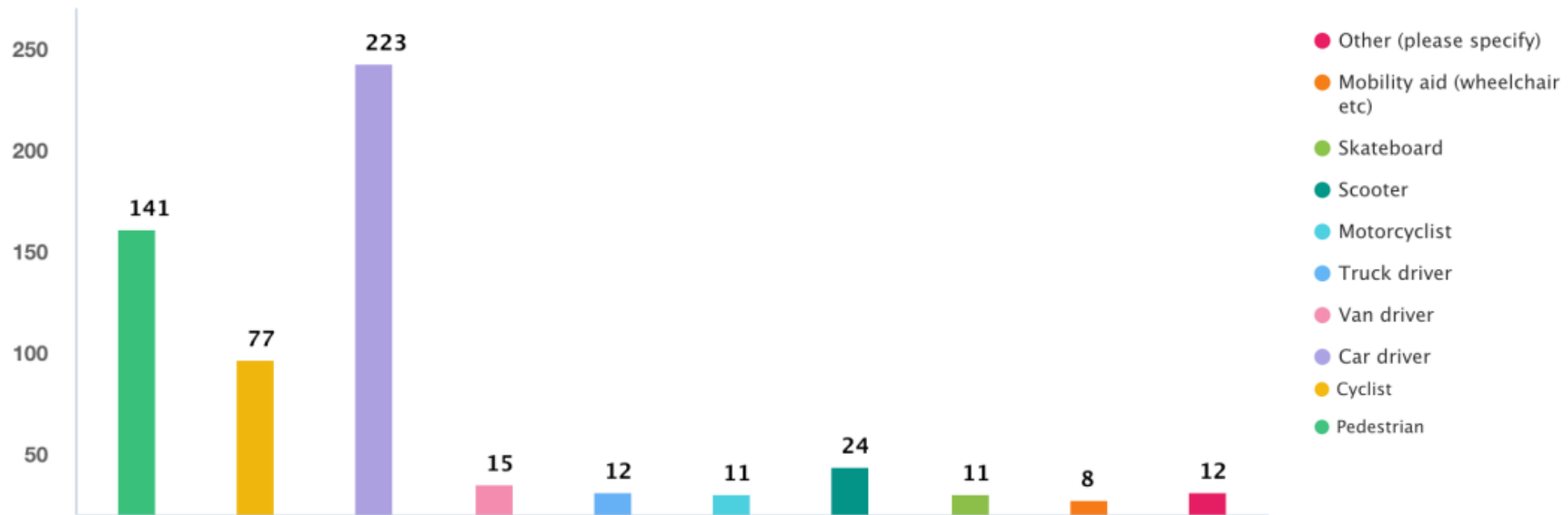


Timeline

- **January:** Construction
 - **February - April:** Public engagement and adaption
 - **June:** Present to traffic subcommittee
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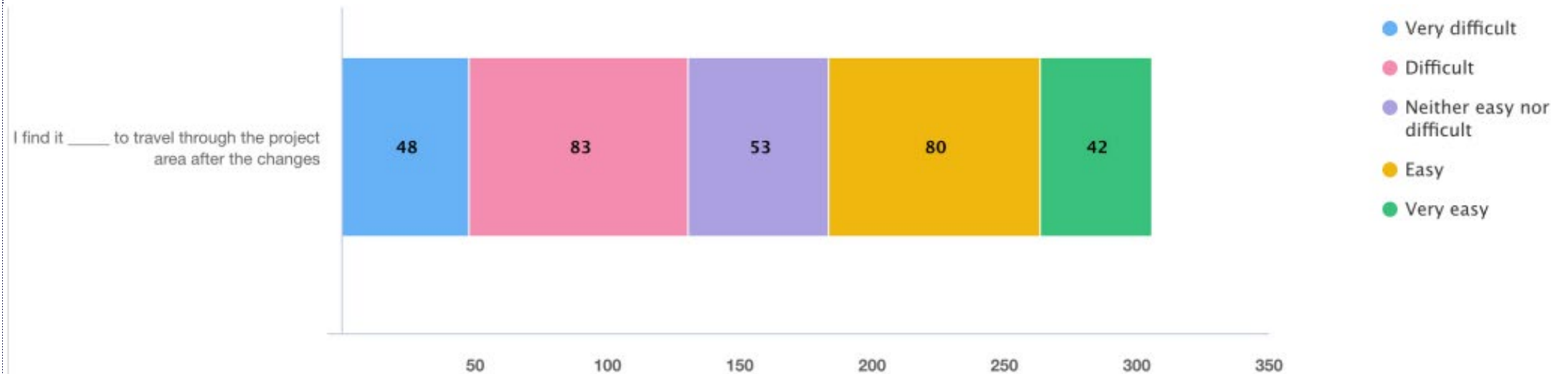
What the community said

- Online survey + door-knocking – 306 responses total
- Interim report, full analysis to come



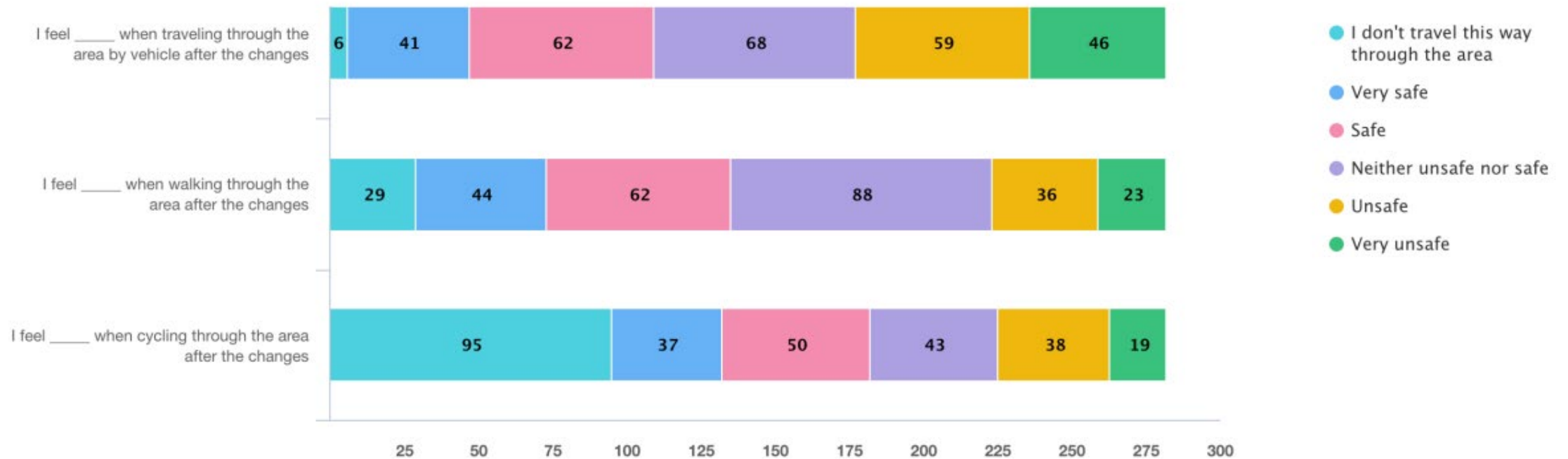
What the community said

Traveling through the area



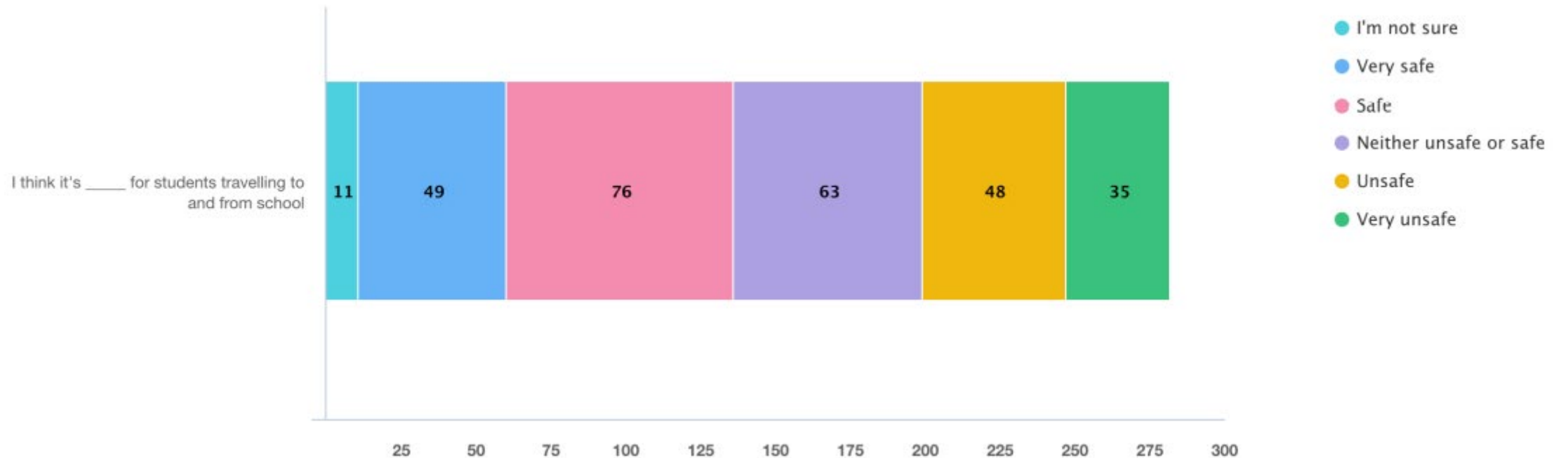
What the community said

Perception of safety by transport method



What the community said

Perception of student safety



Community event

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Wainuiomata *NEWS*

Good turnout to Streets for People event

By Frank Neill

A good number of people attended an event to celebrate the start of Movin' March and to mark the launch of a two-week engagement period on the Maru – Streets for People project.

More than 200 people attended the celebration, held in the new seating area at the end of Rata Street next to St Claudine Thevenet School on 1 March.

Tamariki were at the event in big numbers, as were three Hutt City Councillors – Wainuiomata Ward Councillor Keri Brown, Cr Naomi Shaw, who chairs the council's Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee, and Cr Andy Mitchell.

Movin' March is a free New Zealand-wide celebration of walking, biking and scooting to school.

This is the 15th year the initiative has been happening.

Registrations for this year's event opened in November 2023 offering prizes for schools that registered early. Arakura School was one of the five

early bird winners selected.

The launch of the two-week community engagement on the Maru – Streets for People project began on a high note at the 1 March celebration, with the Maru team receiving a good amount of feedback from those who attended.

The engagement is continuing as the Maru team asks for feedback on the semi-permanent design to evaluate how it is performing and see if any changes are needed.

Construction of the semi-permanent design of the Maru – Streets for People project began on 25 January and most of the work is now complete.

The project aims to make it feel safer, more inviting and accessible for residents of all ages to walk, skate, scooter or bike through the area and to spend time in public spaces.

It has involved a series of changes to the current street, footpath and lane areas in central Wainuiomata.

These include:

- changes to crossing points to improve visibility of pedestrians;
- narrowed intersections to reduce

turning speeds and improve safety;

- lowered speeds within the project area to 30km/hr;
- removing the metal barriers at the entrances to the laneways between Himatu Grove and Wainuiomata Road and Totara Street and Konini Street and installing planters in their place.

This improves access to these laneways for people with prams, bikes, and mobility scooters while maintaining safety by preventing larger vehicles from entering and preventing people emerging from the laneway onto footpaths at higher speed;

- installing seating in the green spaces off the laneways, improving accessibility and walkability for people who may need to stop and rest; and
- increased opportunities for having fun down the laneways by installing play elements.

Signage, wayfinding and artwork has also been put in place to make the laneways more attractive and inviting.

There will be minimal impact to road users and pedestrians, the council says.



Some of the students who celebrated Movin' March last Friday. Photo: Supplied.

Celebrate Maru | Streets for People!

Join us on **Friday 1 March** to celebrate the Maru | Streets for People Project and Movin' March.

With the new safety and accessibility improvements in place in the area, we're encouraging tamariki and their whānau from local schools to travel to school by foot, bike or scooter on the day. Spot prizes available in the morning!

Then join us at the end of **Rata Street** (next to St Claudine Thevenet School) from **2:30pm-4pm** to cool off with an ice block and enjoy a sausage sizzle. There will be activities for tamariki as well as free bike checks to make sure your ride is in tip-top shape.

Find out more:

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What is happening next

More restricted parking signs on Konini St

Totara St chicanes

- Adjusting bollards to ease tightness,
- Adding yellow dashed / no parking lines at approach

Raised courtesy crossings on Totara St and Karamu Cres

- Adding yellow dashed / no parking lines at approaches



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