

Stepping up for Walking



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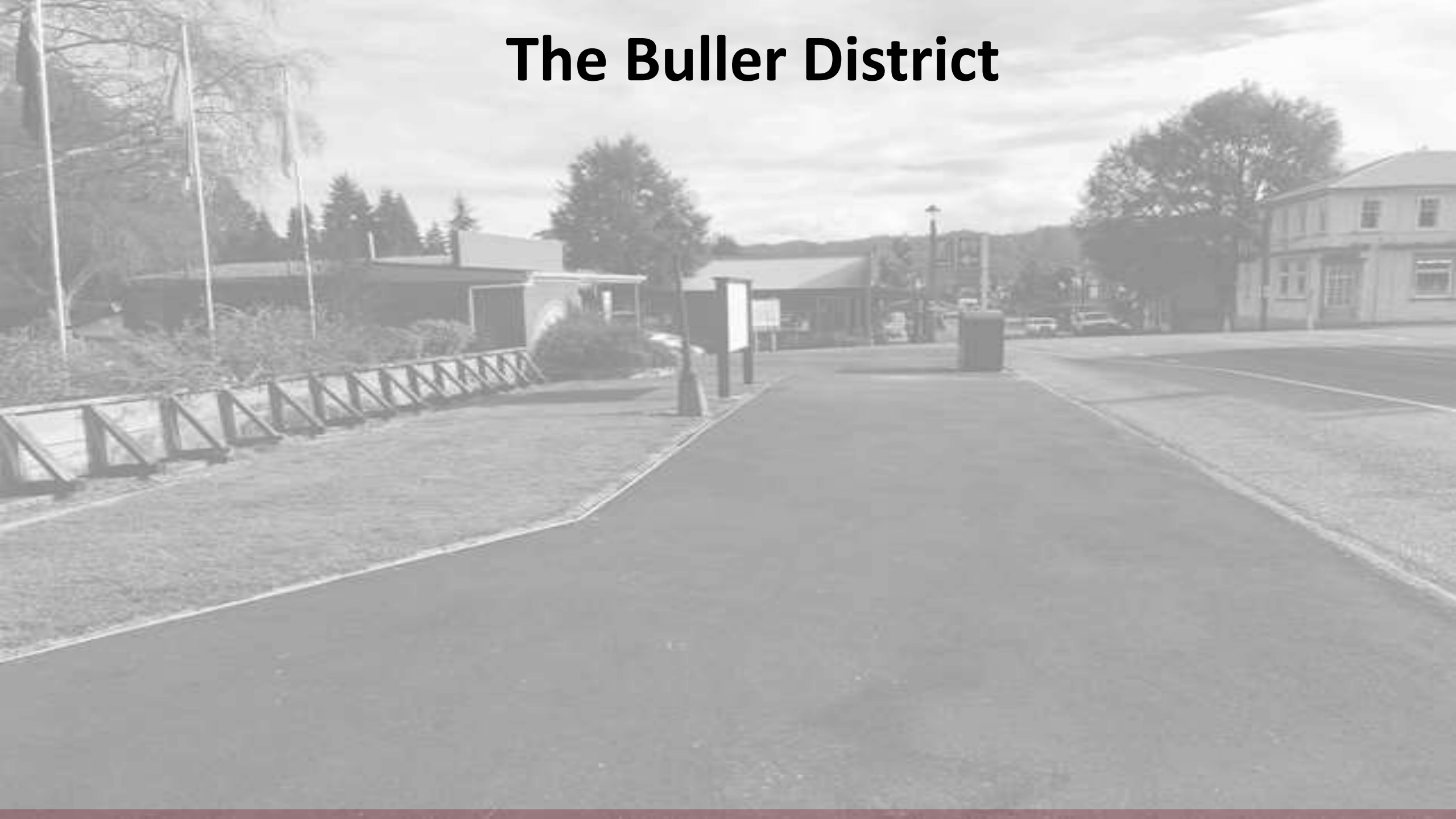
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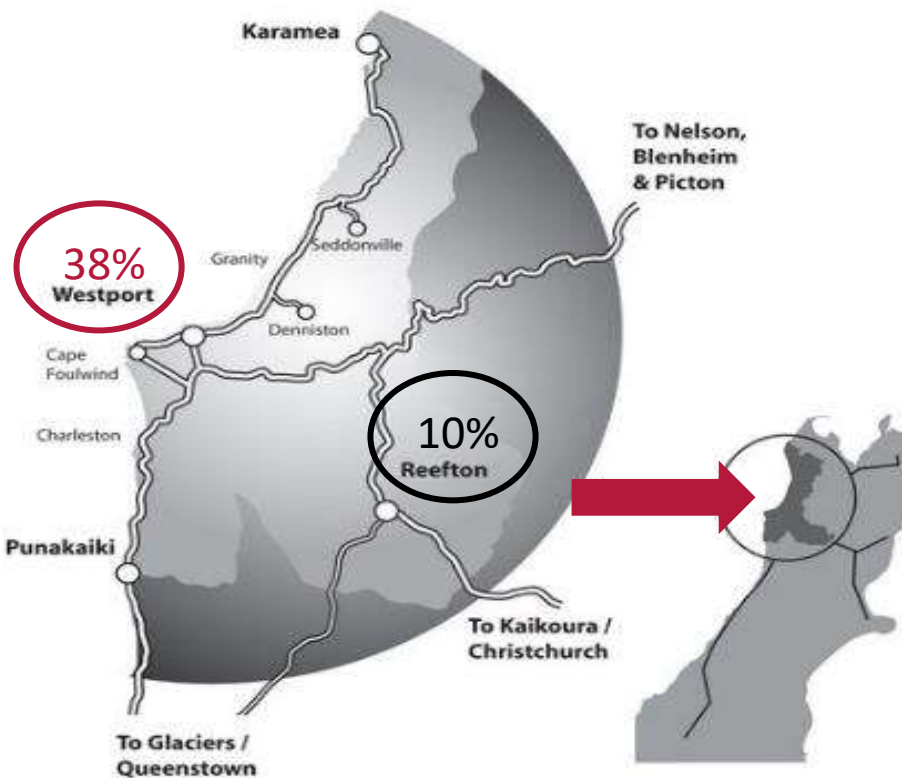
What will you learn today?

- Introduction to the Buller District
- Why develop an action plan?
- Developing the plan
- What are the outcomes?
- How could this approach benefit you?

The Buller District

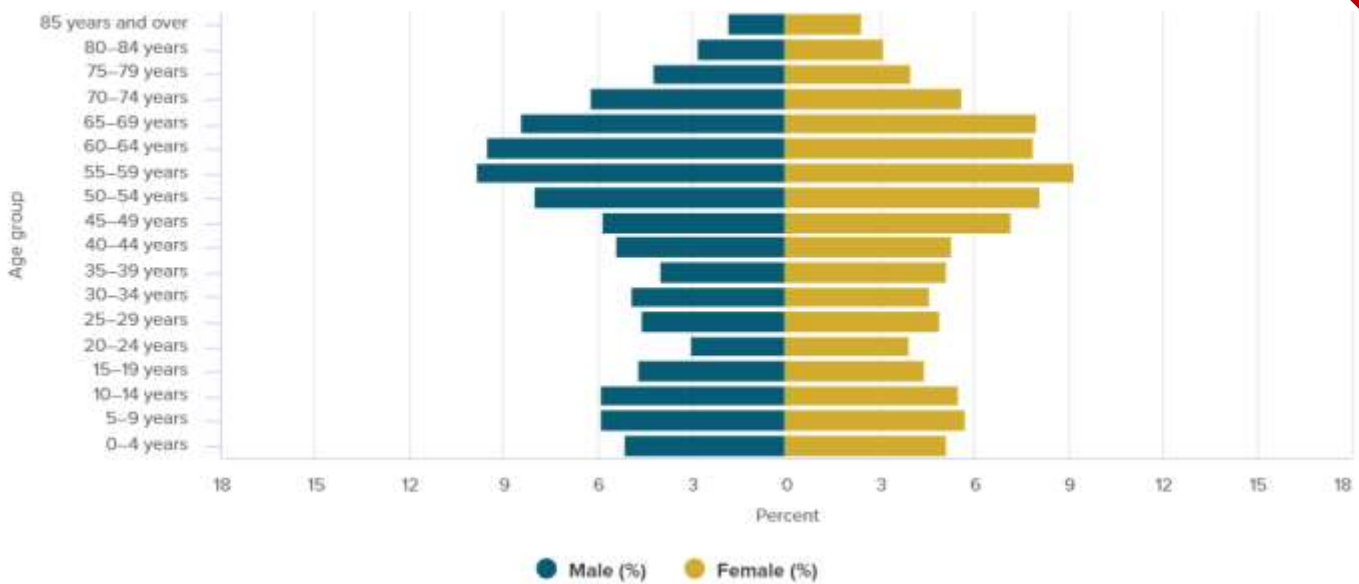


The Buller District



Population – 9,500 (2018 census)

Age and sex of people in Buller District, 2018 Census



973

Tourism & Recreation

Punakaiki



**The
Riverbank
project**



Paparoa Track



**Kawatiri
River Trail**

Why develop an action plan?

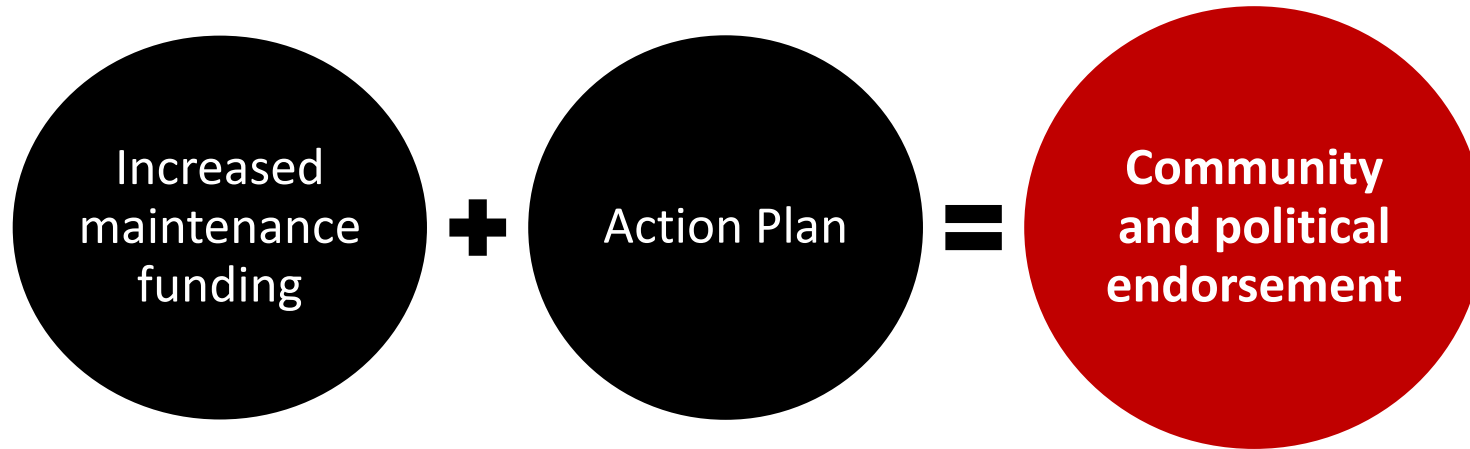


Why do we need a plan?

- Councils are required to provide a safe walking environment for pedestrians
- Long Term Plan submissions support improved walking environments
- Improvements signalled in local strategies



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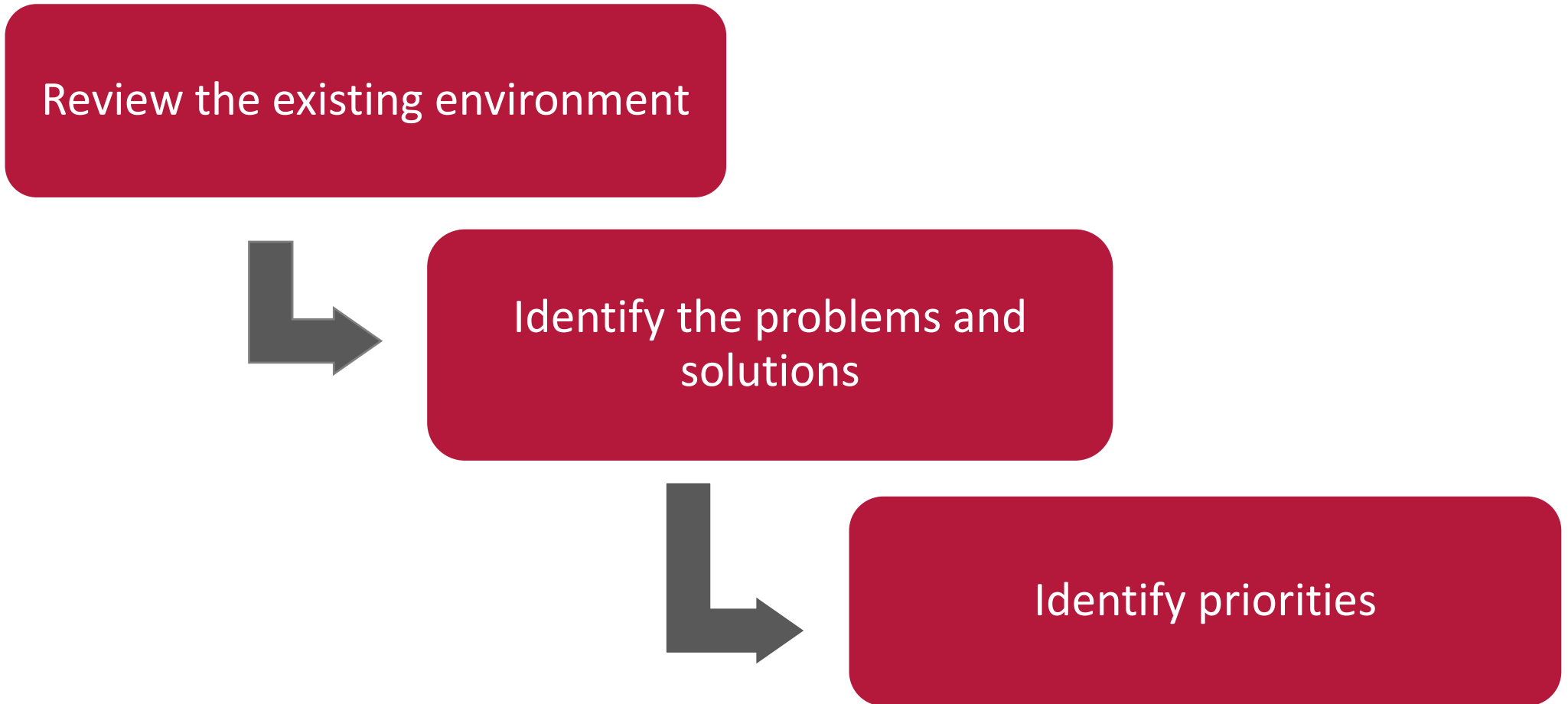
Who are we planning for?



Developing the plan



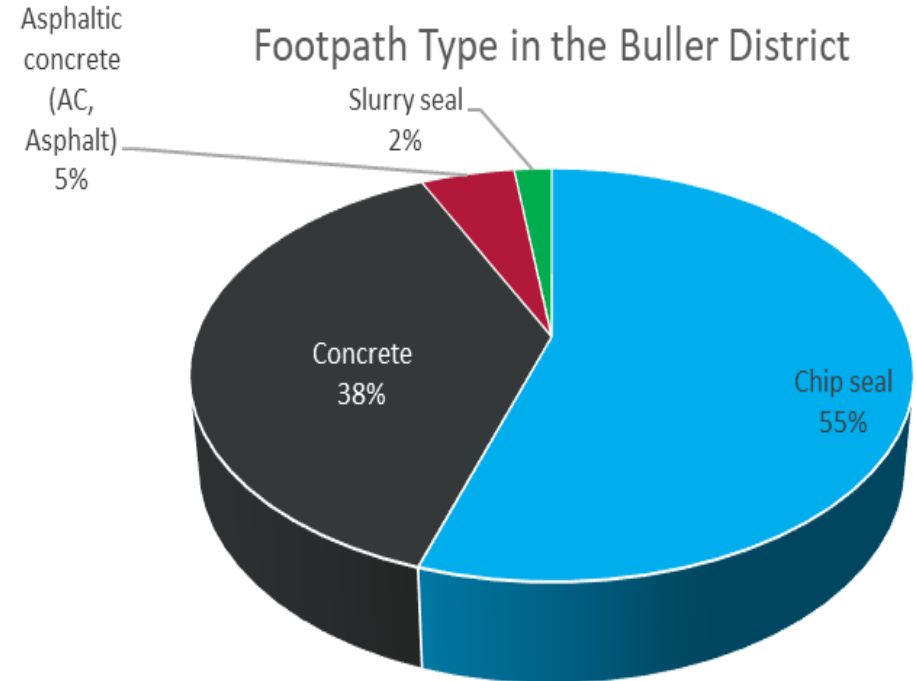
The process



Footpaths - what do we have?

86kms of footpath in the district and counting

- 61% are in Westport
- 9% are in Reefton
- 6% are in Carters Beach
- 9% in townships



Westport



Reefton



The problems



In all cases, the key element is safety. A pretty town is desirable. A safe town is essential, hence the need for reasonable footpaths.

(Resident feedback, May 2019 workshops)

The solutions

Vision

A walking environment that is safe, convenient, attractive and accessible for all

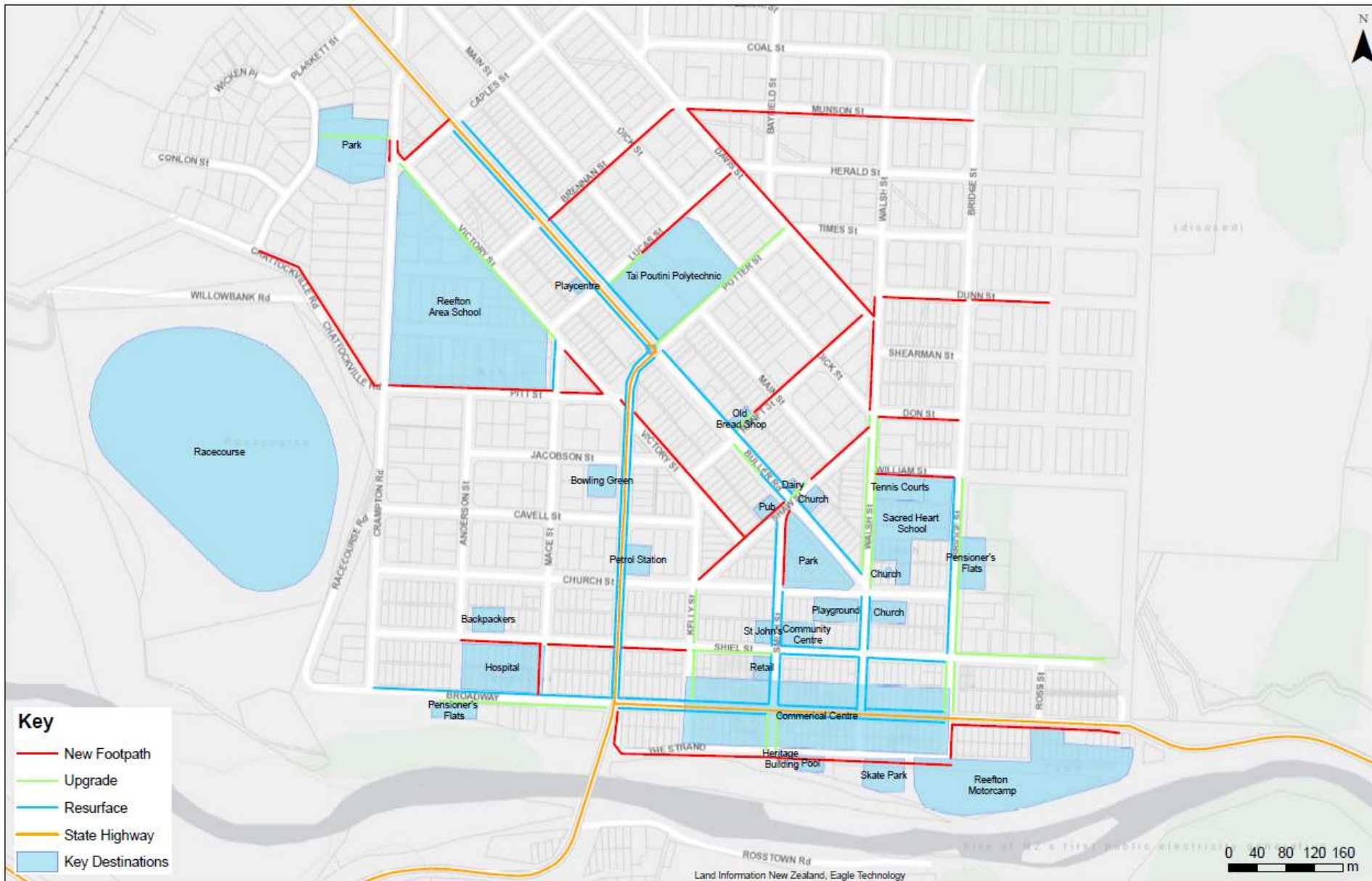
Objectives

Walking activity is increased






The network provides more accessible routes for people with limited mobility and/or disabilities

The actual and perceived safety of the pedestrian environment is improved

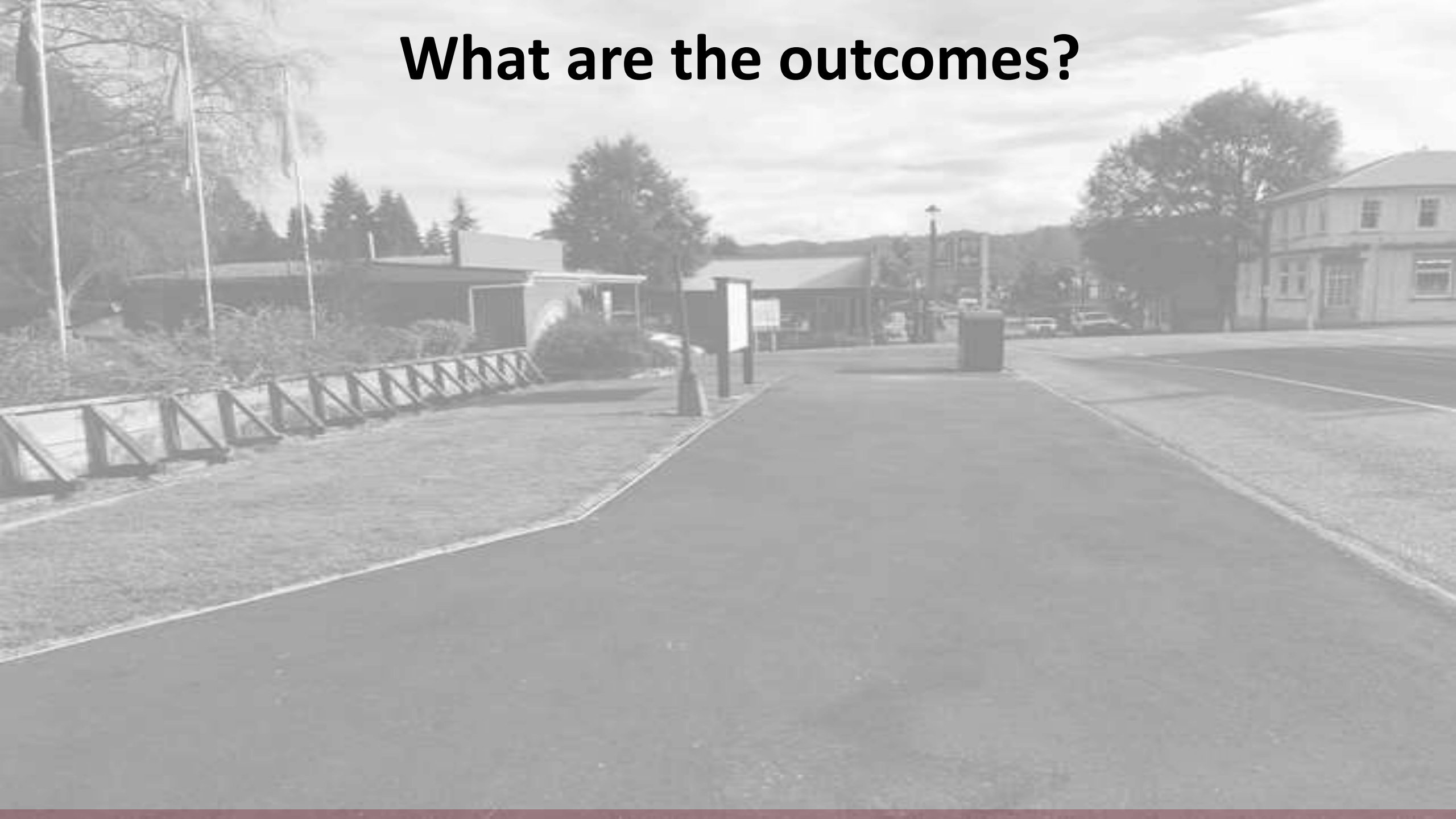
There is more opportunity to participate in walking as a health activity for residents and tourists



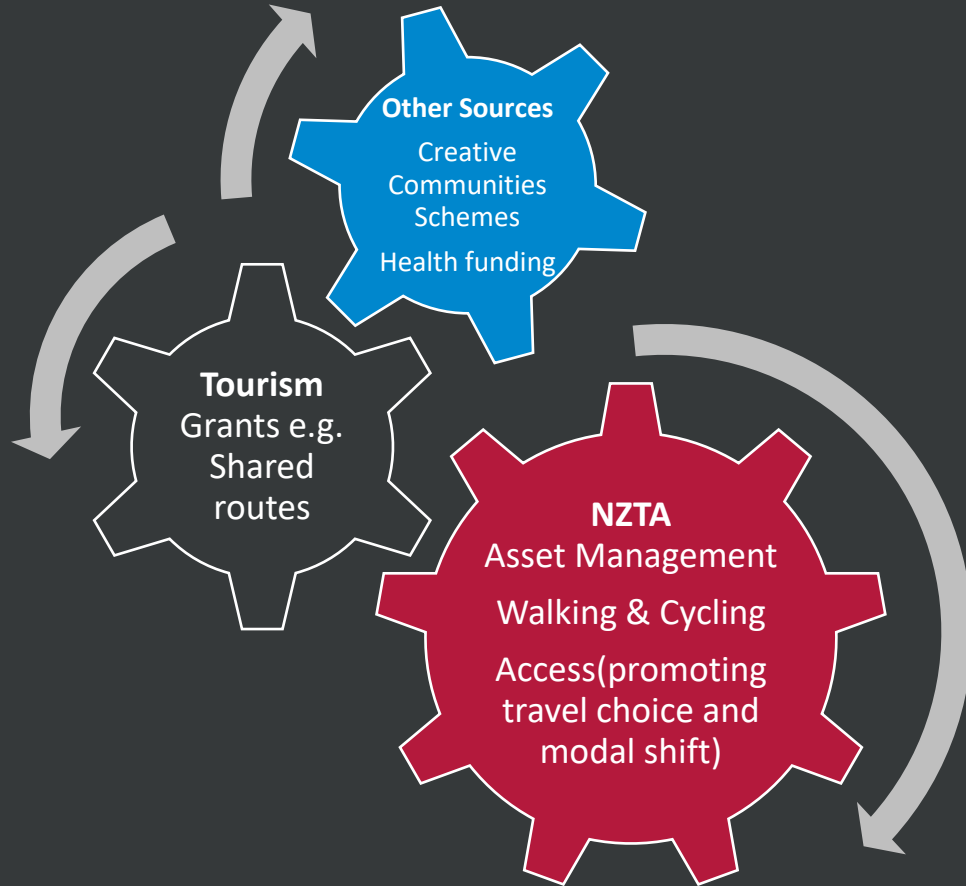
Action Plan

Ref ^α	Area ^α	Location ^α	Location Photograph ^α	Solution ^α	Type of Investments ^α	Priority ^α	Indicative Cost ^α	Responsibility for Delivery ^α
C9 ^α	Carters Beach ^α	Ngahue Crescent walkway and link to McIntyre Road ^α		Provide a safe crossing point including provision of new footpaths for residents to access the McIntyre Road area on a suitable desire line. ^α	New infrastructure and upgrades ^α	Medium ^α	Medium ^α	BDC/NZTA ^α
C10 ^α	Carters Beach ^α	SH67A route to Westport ^α		BDC to consider speed limit review and facilities along SH67A which may complement and enhance links to the proposed coastal walkway. ^α	Policy ^α	Low ^α	Low ^α	NZTA/BDC ^α
CH1 ^α	Charleston ^α	SH6 Camp Street – access to local businesses ^α		The Kawatiri Trail Trust have proposed plans to improve pedestrian connections in Charleston including providing a new footpath and identifying pedestrian crossing locations of the State Highway. Plans are subject to ongoing consultation and all partners will need to work together as plans develop. (Plan available in spatial maps) ^α	New infrastructure ^α	Medium ^α	Medium ^α	KCT/NZTA/BDC ^α
N1 ^α	Ngakawau ^α	SH67 bridge crossing the Ngakawau River ^α		Request received for a footpath to be constructed from the north side of the Ngakawau Bridge along SH67 to provide access for local people and visitors. Alternative bridge crossing options could be explored between the key partners. ^α	New infrastructure ^α	Medium ^α	High ^α	NZTA/BDC ^α
R1 ^α	Reefton ^α	Plaskett Street park ^α		Provide widened asphalt surface through the existing park and look at installing new features to attract people to the park. ^α	Upgrade/new infrastructure ^α	High ^α	Low ^α	BDC ^α

What are the outcomes?



Overview of the plan



- Focus on towns, townships and shared walk/bike routes
- Focus on improving safety and accessibility
- Plan will be for 10 years
- 2019/20 financial year - \$600,000 maintenance budget
- **Community own this plan!**







How could this approach benefit you?

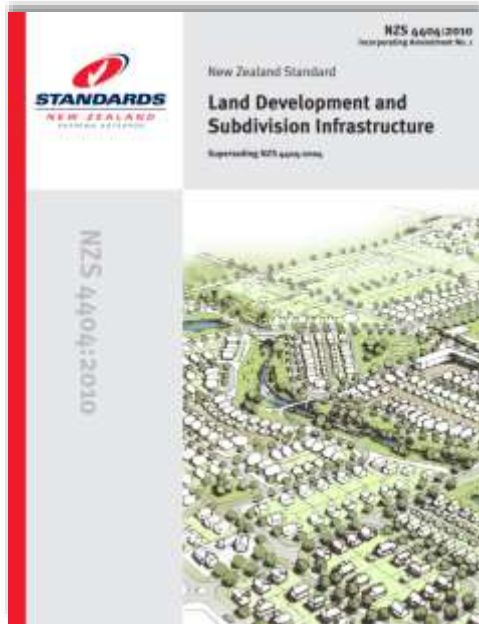


Benefits



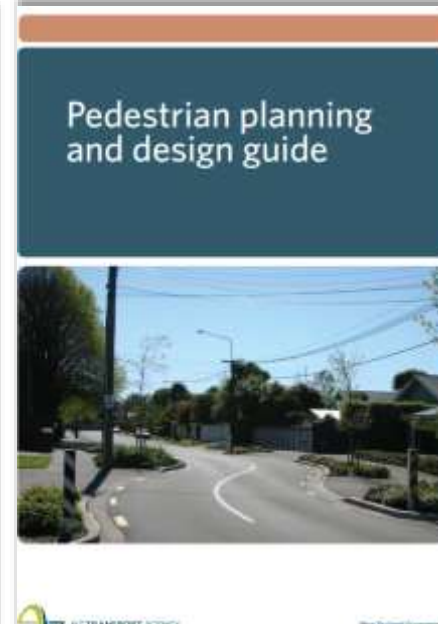
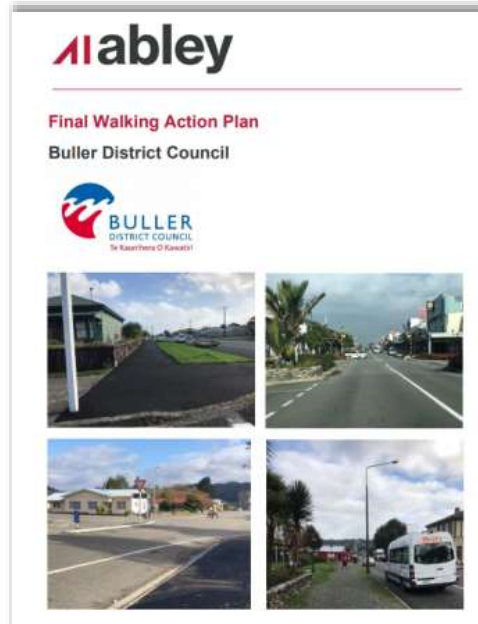
- Identify and prioritise walking improvements
- Quicker and easier maintenance programme delivery
- Allows for off the shelf schemes
- Informs wider transport network improvements
- Help to attract more funding

Resources



<https://bullerdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Final-walking-action-plan.pdf>

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/pedestrian-planning-guide/>



<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/road-traffic-standards/docs/rts-14.pdf>

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/walking-cycling-and-public-transport/walking/walking-standards-and-guidelines/walking-tools-and-resources/>



Thank you!

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