**The World Leading Auckland Bike Hub Network**

The Auckland Bike Hub Network is a world-leading partnership between local government and community organisations to increase access to bikes and get more people riding safety. Reaching 50,000 Aucklanders per year, this network will have 14 Bike Hubs operational across Tāmaki Makaurau by July 2024.

Since EcoMatters opened Auckland’s first Bike Hub in New Lynn in 2017, the demand for community bike repair spaces has grown with six Bike Hubs and many more pop-up bike repair spaces opening in the years since. While these spaces are a beacon of success for community action, their varying services, hours, and operating models, made it difficult to scale, and for Aucklanders to understand what was on offer.

With the launch of the Community Bike Hubs project – Te Poka Pū Paihikara i tēnei Hapori (CBH) - in 2022, Auckland Transport (AT) set out to more than double the number of Bike Hubs in Auckland while clarifying the landscape and ensuring a clear purpose and message for all locations. Bike Hubs would be cemented as the heart of all things bike in a community, offering free basic bike fixes, information and advice, events, and refurbished bikes for sale.

Crucially, through AT’s partnership with local organisations, Bike Hubs retain their locally led kaupapa that makes existing sites so successful, while achieving scale and consistency through an AT-owned, community-run model. This model also allowed several pop-up spaces to grow into full-scale Bike Hubs all while retaining their successful community-led action.

With a broad network of Bike Hubs from Manurewa to Forrest Hill delivered by the time of the conference and unparalleled levels of support amongst stakeholders, this network has a real potential to unlock Auckland’s cycling boom through meaningful community and local government partnership.

*Suggested panel discussion covering how the network works and what makes it so successful with:*

**Ben Mansfield** – Programme Manager Bike Hubs (Auckland Transport)

**Brad Wallace** – Bike Hub Waiheke Manager (Waiheke Resources Trust)

**Richard Barter** – Bike Hub Mount Roskill Manager (Puketāpapa Active Transport Haven)

**Brent Bielby** – Bike Hub Manager – EcoMatters (9 sites)