

Wellington Region's School Travel Planners invite all schools to take part in naming the mascot who will represent active and sustainable travel to and from schools in the region.

For your interest a summary of the School Travel Plan programme is included below.

A school does not need to have a travel plan in order to take part in the competition!

What is a travel plan?

A School Travel Plan is a set of practical actions which is developed and implemented by the whole school community in partnership with the local council and Greater Wellington.

Why school travel plans?

A School Travel Plan enables the whole school community to create a safe and healthy way for students to journey to and from school.

A School Travel Plan can help:

- Improve health and wellbeing
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Increase children's travel options
- Improve road and personal safety skills
- Support children to develop confidence and independence
- Reduce pollution in our environment
- Enhance local communities

What help is available?

A School Travel Plan Coordinator is available to help you develop your travel plan. Assistance can also come from:

- Police education officers
- Road safety co-ordinators
- Health providers
- Environmental educators
- Other relevant agencies

Schools involved in the School Travel Plan process will receive:

- Funding for teacher release time
- Funding for implementing the plan
- Resources to assist in developing the plan

Travel Plan Phases

An effective travel plan process includes the following phases:

1. Set up - initial discussions and commitment from school
2. Data Collection - travel methods and issues gathered from students and parents
3. Action Planning - school community develops aims and strategies
4. Implementation - official plan launch and actions carried out
5. Monitoring - re-surveying and evaluation

What actions might we see?

Each school's travel plan is unique. Some actions which school communities have selected include:

- Walking and cycling initiatives

Walk to school days, walking routes, walking school buses, cyclist skills training, cycle clubs and activity days

- Education

Road safety education programmes and initiatives and environmental education

- Promotion

Newsletters, poster campaigns, competitions, rewards and awards schemes

- Enforcement

Marking and speeding monitoring and enforcement strategies

- Engineering

Assessment of infrastructure issues identified through the school travel plan, pedestrian crossings, cycling facilities, road markings and signage, etc.

The Wellington Region's School Travel Plans are supported by:

- **Greater Wellington Regional Council**
- **Hutt City Council**
- **Kapiti Coast District Council**
- **Porirua City Council**
- **Upper Hutt City Council**
- **Wairarapa Road Safety Council**
- **Wellington City Council**

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