

Submission Form for the Draft West Coast Regional Public Transport Plan
2023

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This submission form is intended to help you make a submission on the Draft West Coast Regional Public Transport Plan 2023. Where relevant, please give reasons for your answers. If more room for answers is required, attach answers on a separate piece of paper. Please return your submission by **5.00pm, Friday 29 September 2023.**

1. Do you think the policies and actions for delivering public transport on the West Coast are appropriate given the characteristics of the region? Are there any other policies and actions you would suggest including?

I think there should be more emphasis in getting people walking and biking within the region's towns. To do this we need cycle routes which are protected from vehicle traffic by physical barriers. Walking, cycling, e-biking and using a mobility scooter should be pleasant and safe options. This might involve designating and modifying foot paths in some places. In other towns streets could be converted to one way for cars and the other lane used for walking/cycling/mobility scooter.

2. Do you think that there are other services that should be available other than those identified within this RPTP? If yes, please detail what these are and justification for their inclusion.

Cycle lanes, as described above, should be fully accessible for elderly and disabled people. This would improve physical health, improve mental health, provide opportunities for people to converse and reduce pollution, noise and greenhouse gases. Assuming these routes were safe, less people would be hit by cars or suffer chronic health issues. Children would also be able to cycle safely on these routes.

3. Are there any other comments you wish to make on this draft RPTP?

It should be safe and convenient to walk to the warehouse. The railway station should have a safe ramp that meets the building code. It should be a safe and enjoyable journey to bike to Cobscook or Paroa.

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Signature: 

Date: 7-9-23

NOTE:

The provision of public transport services is dependent on district and regional rates as well as subsidies from the NZ Transport Agency. The Policies and Actions in this draft RPTP 2023 have been included within the relevant local authority Long Term and Annual Plan processes, as well as detailed in the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 - 31. Increases to the funding proposed will also need to be addressed through these planning processes. Current proposed funding can be viewed in the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 - 31.

Hearings on the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan

- Do you wish to address a hearing panel in support of this submission? **Yes/No**

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- Please indicate how you would prefer to be contacted – **phone, email or postal address?**

How to submit:

Post to: Draft Regional Public Transport Plan, West Coast Regional Council P O Box 66, Greymouth 7840 **OR**

Go to this link: https://westcoastregionalcouncil-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/person/kayla_sims_wrc_govt_nz/Eil6Q2CHYSFFj7-jeJDLVPYBlqh_z6MMYujKmcj-VLJQEA

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