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Submission No 307

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Dear Sir/Madam

### Palmerston North City Council Annual Plan 2008/09

Thank you for your submission to the Draft Annual Plan consultation process in March-May of this year. The Council adopted the final Annual Plan on 25 June 2008 and this is now available. You can get a copy by:

*Picking one up ...* from the Customer Service Centre, Civic Administration Building, The Square, Palmerston North; or from the City and Branch Libraries

*Telephoning ...* the Customer Service Centre on 06 356 8199, and ask for a copy to be sent to you

*Emailing: ...* the Customer Service Centre at [info@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:info@pncc.govt.nz) and ask for a copy to be sent to you

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The Council received 445 submissions this year. Although we are unable to respond in detail to all of the points made by each person individually, every submission was considered, and Council officers are following up on many questions and comments.

You made a comment on the following issue(s), and the Council's decision regarding the matter is set out below.

#### **Active Transport Implementation**

*The Active Transport Implementation programme concerns works to improve facilities for cyclists, pedestrians and those requiring mobility assistance. Such works include removing barriers for these transport users at intersection crossing points, widening of rural road shoulders for cyclists and providing facilities in the form of cycle stands, seating, lighting, etc. The Council has decided to increase the 2008/09 budget for this programme from that indicated in the Draft Annual Plan to a sum of \$400,000. Accordingly, this ongoing programme of Active Transport improvements will see more sites attended to during 2008/09.*

*Which ones*

#### **Climate Change**

*Climate Change is an important global issue and requires all sectors of society to take responsible action. Palmerston North City Council has undertaken a number of actions such*

as energy efficiencies of its vehicle fleet, landfill gas project, planting green corridors, creating walkways and cycleways, to name a few. The Council is in the process of identifying the full range of activities it currently undertakes to address climate change and collating these into a Council Climate Change Strategy, which will be completed in 2008. Through this Annual Plan process the Council has agreed to join CCP-NZ, communicating with the community and preparing the emissions inventory during the 2008/09 financial year. Green Slurry, Advance Stop Boxes, Sensors and Secure Cycle Parking Facilities Programme 705.02, Active Transport Implementation, allows for improvements for cyclists and pedestrians. Those improvements may include green pavement colour. Research is currently being undertaken to investigate the safety benefits/enhancements by adding green. There is certainly anecdotal evidence to suggest that the green improves user behaviour. Cycle Parking is part of programme 705.02 - approximately 30 new 'sheffeld' stands have been installed in the last 18mths - secure bike parks are more costly and have been programmed for 2009/10 as part of programme 705.02. The Council does not support lighting along the riverbank, given the significant section lengths of pathway away from public roads and the associated security risk.


### **Railway Road Cycleway**

Page 69 of the Draft Annual Plan incorrectly identified Railway Road Cycleway as being amalgamated with Minor Safety. The Council would like to apologise for any confusion this may have caused. The programme has in fact been deferred to 2009/10. This reflects delays in finalising the Strategic Roding Network with Manawatu District Council and Transit New Zealand who are a party to the Strategic Network.

You may wish to know that the Council has to review its 10 Year Plan by June 2009, and will be seeking the views of the community as to the important issues the Council should take into account as part of this review.

If you would like further information, please contact me on 06 356 8199, extension 8243, or by email at [tracey.boukhelda@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:tracey.boukhelda@pncc.govt.nz). You can also contact your local Councillor, and I have enclosed their contact details for your information.

Yours Sincerely



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