

Building a new office? Don't forget about cyclists



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Relocation to a new building



- Consultation before construction
- Safe and secure storage
- Changing facilities
- Input into workplace travel plan

The bike shed



- Capacity for 20 bikes
- Swipe card access
- Communal bike pump

“My parking space (for my bike) is even closer to the building than the CEOs!” WCC cycle commuter

The staff bike shed at Waitakere City Council



Changing rooms

- Close to bike shed.
- Showers and lockers.



Communication

- Ongoing communication.

“It’s not just the brick and tile stuff that encourages me to cycle to work; it’s the support that I get from my employer and fellow colleagues that keeps me cycling, even sometimes in the Auckland winter!” WCC staff cyclist



Other

- Staff fleet bikes.
- Visitor cycle parking.
- Bike Breakfast.



What's been the result?



- Doubled number of staff commuter cyclists.
- Public tours.
- Ongoing work by travel plan champion.

“I’m now taking 4-7 cycle trips, of about 5 kms a week, as opposed to previously 1 at best. I’ve lost about 1 inch around the waist and still counting.” A great result for a WCC staff cyclist.

Lessons and recommendations



- Bike shed and changing rooms.
- Communication
- Cycle racks
- Opex

It is not too difficult to help to build and promote a supportive and encouraging cycling culture in your workplace.



ON YER BIKE!

