**Innovative Bike Parking in Tauranga**

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As part of the revitalisation of Tauranga city centre, Tauranga City Council (TCC) are on a journey to a future that supports a more sustainable range of transport choices, where people of all ages and abilities can move safely and freely around the city.

Many people currently working in the Tauranga City Centre did not have secure undercover bike parking (or end-of-trip facilities) at/near their workplace. TCC receives regular customer requests for secure bike parking, especially people with e-bikes who perceive that there are security concerns in the city centre.

There is strong evidence that bike parking encourages mode shift, particularly for commuting.

A report on bike parking end-of-trip facilities for Tauranga, completed in May 2023, estimated that there is demand for an additional 450 bike parks in the city centre in the year 2033, and recommended a 10-year programme for rollout of a range of bike parking (and end-of-trip) facilities to meet the expected demand.

TCC opened an secure indoor bike parking facility (Bike Stop) in November 2023, which has space for 78 bikes/scooters, charging facilities and lockers. An empty shop was repurposed as the Bike Stop. TCC is also installing two relocatable bike shelters within the city centre during the summer 2023/24.

There have been some challenges and learnings associated with these projects which I will share as part of the presentation.