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Tangonui Kingi	Councillor - Turangi/Tongariro	Under 5	Tongariro River Trail - largely due to my location but also it's been my stomping ground for most of my life	I have supported and will continue to support initiatives/projects that see an increase in biking	- More awareness/education around biking benefits - More biking parks around our community - Introduce some incentives to bike which could increase participation and potentially reduce our carbon footprint - create a funding pool for biking initiatives
John Williamson	Councillor Taupo Ward	Under 5	The Great Lake Walkway	Totally committed to advocating for Bike Taupo, through funding and supporting its input into Walking and Biking and the draft Transport Strategy.	Safety, safety, safety. The recent installation of of traffic signals an example, even could be improved with separate phasing and signaling for cyclists. Separate cycle lanes
Paula McRae	Standing for Council Turangi Tongariro Ward	5 - 10	I currently don't cycle anymore, but my favourite was SH1, or State Highways locally and along the river from Bridge Motel to Red Hut.	Would continue to support District wide to maintain our current status biking destinations and possibly new destinations that may also be in the pipeline.	To ensure there's separate and cycle lane rules on main highways put in place and where it's impossible to put a route in then to impose an alternative route after series of consultations in our community.
Zane Cozens	Mayor	5 to 10 I cycle on a private road with my dogs	Kiko Road on the Eastern side of the lake.	I believe that the benefits of cycling are numerous and I support the managed development of world-class tracks and cycle ways in our district. I feel we need to encourage a more safe cycle environment within our Central Business District and Council should be engaging with our cycle partners and encouraging them to be a part of any future transport development/projects that take place. We need to have the right conversations that could further enhance a better cycle culture in our district. We need to look at our neighbouring districts and indeed further afield and see what others are doing and adopt successful planning and ideas where we can. As an example, Rotorua is achieving major success and we must ensure that we encourage people to stay/visit here and enjoy our biking assets instead. I strongly support the Kids Bike Taupo .	Safer physical connectivity with the Northern suburbs (specifically across the bridge) Better bike safety education in schools More effective promotion of the benefits of cycling, specifically easing congestion, health, environment, tourism and taking steps that support this drive from an infrastructure development view. The idea of a destination playground is also a solid initiative and I would support specifically the child/youth skill building aspect. Finally, I am and always have been an avid supporter of your efforts. Zane
Christine Singer	Councillor -Taupo Ward	Under 5 Have a fabulous bike sitting in the garage and am determined to get it out and ride more this Spring and Summer	I love riding along the Lake Front and the Lions Walk. It's great to be able to see all the bird life and what's happening out on the Lake.	Having worked with the Destination Great Lake Taupo team in the past, I am very committed to ensuring that Taupo maintains its status and also to help to open up more biking routes around the District. Biking is such a great pastime and extremely beneficial for your health.	Bike lanes on all major roads, within the District. Encourage more Bike to Work days, for fun and fitness. I am open to hearing what other things Bike Taupo would be wanting.
Duncan Campbell	Councillor for Taupo-Kaingaroa Ward	10 to 20 I regularly cycle when walking the dog, but occasionally mountain bike	No particular favourite but Craters is good for mountain biking.	Apart from Craters for mountain biking and the Lions Walk shared path, I think Taupo currently has quite limited appeal for locals to get on a bicycle. I would like to see more attention to commuters and road cyclists in the available transport budgets if possible. This may include driver education campaigns on some of the higher speed roads.	Pay more attention to catering for commuters and road cyclists, not just mountain biking and tourists on cycle paths.
David Trewavas	Mayor	Under 5	Lakefront Wharewaka	Absolutely continue our finding for our wonderful Bike Taupo organization & look to grant funding to sound applications.	To make biking achievable for everyone with all abilities. Continue with widening & upgrading. Promote Bikes & Vehicles to work in harmony together.
Mich'eal Downard	Taupo central councillor	10 to 20 Bonshaw Park where i live	Bonshaw Park No one else peace and quite	I think you know what i represent and have always supported bike Taupō.	Climate change everybody should be riding outside work. More bike friendly roads We are very lucky to have a lot of great tracks More bike stands around town More signage along our roads especially country roads prioritise the roads that have events on them. Excuse the spelling Support all Bike Taupo incentives.
Rosie Harvey	Councillor	Under 5 I don't bike much but I have grandchildren and other family members who do!	They enjoy the Kinloch Trail, Ariatiatia Dam and Craters of the Moon, plus many of the other new trails around the district. My family all enjoy the fantastic scenery around this area, and they really	As I do now, support all Bike Taupo initiatives with both time and funds via council as required	I think that all current initiatives are working well, and biking is very much part of all strategies going forward. the new Traffic lights have allowed for bikers well and there are more roads being allocated for bikers and walkers, I fully endorse all these initiatives going forward

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			appreciate how well formed the tracks are, some out of town members come every year to try different ones out.		
John Boddy	Councillor	0 Feel free to tell us more: I do not have a bike	I don't have a bike but have an interest in where you can bike especially off road. Recently my wife and I returning from New Plymouth visited the forest area near Bennydale and then along the Highway from Whakamaru following the Waikato river. Very impressive	As I stated 3 years ago I am supportive of Taupo maintaining its status as a world class biking destination. Council encourages and support people to use foot paths, cycleways and busses. We work with the WRC and NZTA and we advocate for district projects especially those that focus on road safety. With our aging population there will be increase numbers of mobility scooters which means wider foot paths and there is only so much money to go round	The objectives are too ensure that the Taupo District is a safe biking destination. In regards to this we allowed in the first three years of the 2015/2025 LTP \$679,000 for seal widening of Poihipi Rd and district wide renewals a total of \$6,832,000. In the 2018/2028 first 3 years of the LTP Poihipi Rd seal widening \$587,000. Renewals in this period \$9,554,000 These figures may vary since the 19/20 Annual plan has been finalised. With road widening and seal improvements its a win win all round. Broadland Road has had similar treatment in the past. With the 70.3 world Ironman in Taupo in 2020 there is to be a massive upgrade to the walkway along lake side. This will improve the enjoyment for both walkers and cyclist see above My portfolio is The Elderly and I am often approached by residents and ratepayers about bikes on footpaths and some agro on the Lions Walk. I think it would be very helpful to meet with Bike Taupo to discuss these issues as many of our residents are not as quick as they use to be. Footpaths now have people on foot ie footpath. They are joined by cyclist some travelling at speed, skateboards, electric scooters to come, push chairs, mobility scooters, wheelchairs, roller skates and NZ Post vehicles. Finally can I congratulate Bike Taupo on their work such as the underpass on Wairakei Drive and the new development also on Wairakei Drive
Yvonne Westerman	Taupo Council	Under 5 Getting older so time on bike has reduced but was a Round the Lake rider for years and loved it. My best time was around 6 hours which i am still very proud of	I live in Acacia Bay (Cameron Drive) so either way I have to ride up Mapara Road hill to get home. My favourite circuit is Acacia Bay road and along Tukairangi to home.	I am absolutely committed to see the continued good work and growth with bike tracks for the Taupo-Turangi and Mangakino areas. Its a huge draw card for tourists which is an added bonus for the Taupo area.	Having just returned from overseas where bike lanes seem "the norm" , I would like to be on the committee involved with the strategy to ensure biking is included. My goal apart from hopefully getting on Council is to get back on my Road bike and lock up some decent hours in the saddle.
Christine Rankin	Mayoralty and Council and DHB	Under 5		This is a vital part of the Taupo offering. It is essential that you continue to grow and prosper and you have my absolute commitment.	To ensure we maximise the opportunity for biking in the safest easiest way possible. It should be an easy and safe transport option.
Kevin Taylor	Taupo Ward Councillor	10 to 20 Not so much recently as have been overseas, but expect to increase my riding considerably over the next few weeks and months.	Craters is close and has great variety. I really enjoy the downhill from Whangamata Rd to Kawakawa Bay as well. Exploring the new tracks being built is always a pleasure and I appreciate the hard work put in to the development of them.	For the record I am an avid 2 wheeler... with and without a motor, that is road trail and track. Cycling is part of our family, with myself and 2 of our children completing Ironman Taupo and daughter currently focused on the Para-cycling Team for Tokyo. Education, starting with the younger set is critical. We have outstanding cycling both on and off road. Our roads have a bad reputation for safety. I would bring background in road safety through my former police experience (Bay of Plenty Road Policing Manager for 11 year) to the table. Funding is a key issue and I would be a strong advocate for Bike Taupo to receive funding in line with the benefit that this district accrues as a result of your activities.	Clearly safety is the primary goal. Education for and encouragement of younger people and beginning cyclists, for example some of the initiatives promoted in Motorcycle awareness month (September) could be customized for the road and mountain biking communities. Promoting mountain biking in the Taupo region to tourists both local and international.
Rosanne Jollands	District Councillor - TAUPO Ward	5 to 10 Mountain Biking Family - Family Membership of Bike Taupo	Craters Mountain Bike Park - great place to ride with the family, with tracks that this Mum can ride with the kids. It was my boys love for mountain biking that got me back on a bike - learning to keep up with the kids and that speed is my friend!	I would like us to encourage more recreational and commuter cyclists onto our streets and trails across the district. Support from the TDC and the wider community of groups such as yours and the many volunteers that make this a reality, including Kids Bike TAUPO, is crucial if we are to continue to have cycling as one of the defining aspects of life here in our district. Support from TDC that I see as important includes; advocacy for cycling within our community and in our tourism marketing, support of funding to	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop a framework and direction for council that recognises the needs of cyclists and integrates their needs into transport planning and design. 2. Encourage a decrease in the reliance on motor vehicles through the establishment of cycle ways. 3. Promote cycling not only as a recreational activity but as an efficient, environmentally friendly and fun transport option.

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				Bike TAUPŌ in the form of Community Partnership Grants, investment in our urban areas to make cycling safer (signage and education - including info for road users about sharing, cycle lanes, clean roads and more cycling opportunities within our current reserves and parks).	
Chris Te Whare	Taupo East Rural Ward	Under 5 with summer approaching my hours will be increasing!!!	Along the lakefront to Waitahanui - a very safe ride that whanau can do - lots of stops and things to see along the way	100% - Taupo and Bike Taupo by relationship do a great job of promoting safe riding. Cath from Bike Taupo is a great ambassador for all young people to upskill and enjoy the benefits that cycling brings, both, Healthwise and socially	To continue to build safe cycleways To continue to explore a Taupo to Turangi/Turangi to Taupo bike cycleway to ensure cyclists safety is always considered in any new strategies going forward
Anna Park	Councillor - Taupō Ward	Under 5 Not enough 😞	I accompany my youngest in her favourite place to ride which is the Lions Walk. It is wide open space which helps her confidence with walkers and other cyclists around. It is also breath-taking biking along the shore of our Great Lake. As her confidence grows, we look forward to her exploring other places to ride.	To continue partnership support of Bike Taupō, Kids on Bikes, and Waikato River Trails for maintenance and redevelopment. Continue to advocate and support funding applications Continue to proactively engage with Bike Taupō in all plan consultations, policy reviews and new projects. Provide robust, safe and innovative objectives for cycling in council's Transportation strategy	For a start; To improve safety for people on bikes To promote cycling as a fun, healthy, inexpensive and low carbon form of transport. To ensure that traffic management solutions and urban/rural road infrastructure is designed and/or retrofitted to be bike friendly. To improve availability and access to cycling racks and charging docks for e-bikes. To improve peoples' perceptions of the safety of cycling
Mowenna (Mo) Harding	TAUPŌ WARD Councillor	Under 5 I tend to ride more in warmer months. And with two little ones, our biking sessions are for shorter distances. I also happen to live right in the centre of town which means we walk a lot if not biking.	Along the waterfront at the moment. Our favourite ride is from home, down to the water treatment plant lookout, then along the lakefront all the way to Lions walk and back. It's an easy ride that we do with our children - our 6 year old on her push bike and our 2.5 year old in a seat on my husband's bike. We also like to take the kids down to the very end of Wharewaka Point where Mr 2.5 can try out his balance bike in a more open space (he's only just learning to balance on his bike but he's LOVING it).	I think we need to invest more in widening our main cycle/walking paths and removing blind corners on some of our more popular walking/cycling tracks. I love that we can take our children out biking but our littlest one in particular simply doesn't understand the importance of always 'keeping left' and I worry he will hurt someone or vice versa on certain parts of our dual-use tracks. We need to continue to support ventures such as the Cycle Challenge, supporting DGLT in their efforts to showcase such events to the world. But we also need to make sure we can accommodate more visitors in this space, we need to make sure our tracks remain up-to-scratch, we need to make sure that what we offer is still relevant and attractive.	Create a transport strategy that supports cycling, getting more people on bikes and on a regular basis. Providing adequate infrastructure to facilitate this - wider paths, adequate lighting at night, safe cycle parking. I'd love to see Council install secure bicycle parking facilities at key points throughout town so that more people have the option of biking to work each day, with a safe place to store their bikes while at work.
Kathy Guy	Council	Under 5 Due to previous knee injury I am unable to ride.	My families favourite ride is Headland Track. Great variety of terrain and excellent track surface	To ensure that all roading projects are considerate of dual use. To ensure that DGLT is advocating in all marketing, the world class tracks and terrain of biking for all levels in Taupo District.	To ensure safety of dual carriage ways. Where possible to allow for bike tracks and or lanes to be constructed in conjunction with any works undertaken. Safe biking lanes around school routes to encourage use of biking as mode of transport Communication and education