

Mapua Ferry

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Thu, Dec 8, 2022 at 1:53 PM

Good afternoon Jamie,

Unfortunately I haven't heard back from you on my last email, maybe a bit early to expect an answer from you. However the attached photo shows again the necessity of a solution for an alternative cycling opportunity from Mapua to the cycle track in Redwood Road near the Rabbit Island bridge.

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As you can see in the photo it was pretty cramped. No idea what would have happened in an emergency, especially as the two people operating the ferry seemed a bit confused, they did not play the safety message or anything else.

Together with many other people I feel a great urgency to either get the ferry to run more frequently and earlier, find a solution for a cycle track or invest in a bridge from Mapua to Rabbit Island.

Kind regards

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Thu, Dec 8, 2022 at 2:03 PM

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I would suggest writing a submission to the next Long Term Plan consultation which will be during 2023.

Best regards
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Hello Jamie,

Thanks very much for your answer. I fully understand that building a bridge or a cycle way may take quite some time. However as a short term solution it should be possible to extend the hours of the ferry with some TDC funding. Running the ferry earlier in the morning and year round would mean approximately 2,100 hours of manpower per year plus a minor amount of petrol. In total that could be in the vicinity of 60k dollars per year, pocket money compared to the total council spendings.

I hope you could be able to direct this into the right direction.

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On 8/12/2022, at 15:03, Jamie McPherson <Jamie.McPherson@tasman.govt.nz> wrote:

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