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Major benefits from walking

It was very pleasing to see such a positive article highlighting the efforts Wilford School are undertaking to ensure safe, sustainable and active travel options are available and promoted to their students ("Putting walking buses on the map" 25 Sept).

The benefits of sustainable travel are felt right across the community; healthy, active students, reduced congestion, greater community cohesion, an improved environment to name just a few.

We wish to clarify that Sherie Wright is employed by Hutt City Council as a School Travel Plan Coordinator and is therefore not sponsored by Greater Wellington. Greater Wellington Regional Council however supports and provides resources

and assistance to the local authorities and schools throughout the region as part of its School Travel Plan programme. Currently schools in the; Upper Hutt, Hutt City, Porirua, Wellington City, Kapiti and Masterton districts are involved in the travel plan programme and are having great success in promoting the benefits of sustainable travel. All the local authorities deserve recognition for the efforts they are making as partners in this programme.

For any information on the Greater Wellington School Travel Plan programme visit www.gw.govt.nz/travelplans or contact me,

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