

Council Workshop

Thursday, 12 March



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Agenda

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Time	Activity
Following Policy/Planning Meeting	Marion Streetscape

Council Workshop Marton Streetscape Options



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What we will cover today

- Reflections from submissions
- Review of each priority
- New additions
- Draft changes
- Next steps

Submission reflections

After reading the submissions, here are some questions to think about:

1. Does the plan need all 11 priorities?
2. Is a one-off project the best approach or can we achieve more over the long term?
3. If so, would this be done by proactive maintenance and renewals for the town centre?
4. With limited resources, where would you like to see focus and priority for the town centre?

The priorities

- A** *Paving renewal*
- B** *Street furniture*
- C** *Updated street lighting*
- D** *Planting*
- E** *Increased on-street parking*
- F** *The Green*
- G** *Improvements to encourage activation*
- H** *Heritage building improvements*
- I** *Illumination of heritage facades*
- J** *Improved car parks connecting to Broadway*
- K** *Improved signage leading to the town*

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Paving renewal (a)

The plan states:

- The foot path width is great
- New concrete or stone slip-resistant pavers would update the Town Centre aesthetic
- Explore similar size paving to reduce the civil works and replace over time

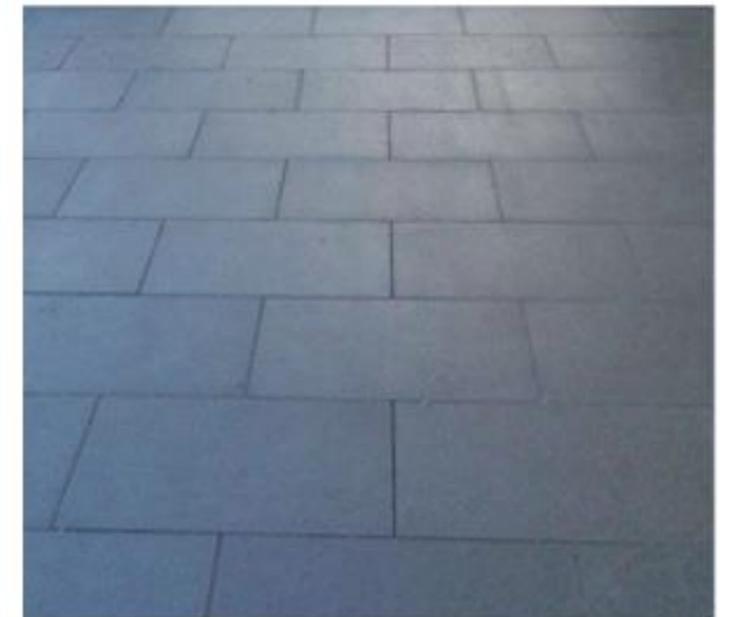
The community said:

- It is the top priority based on average score and ranked #1 priority 27 times
- Improve the level of maintenance to reduce the need for replacement paving
- Ensure any replacement is focused on being good for accessibility
- Concern the cost could use up too much of the budget set in the LTP



Next steps

- Develop streetscape design in association with local artists for cultural and heritage design.
- Test and refine paving palette with stakeholders.
- Confirm funding and establish staging and project alignment.



New paving provides slip-resistance and refreshes the town centre.

Paving renewal (a)

Does paving renewal stay in the plan?

If yes

- Does the scoped area need to change?
- What level of priority and focus does it need?
- Do we prefer a staged approach to renewals or prefer a reactive maintenance approach?

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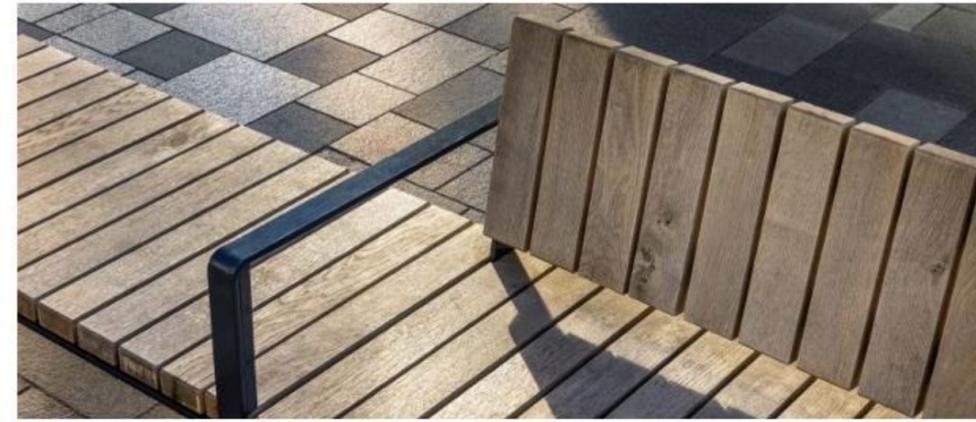
Street furniture (b)

The plan states:

- The current street furniture is reaching the end of life
- Seats around trees should be replaced to allow for better street activation and use by businesses
- Existing seating is few and far between – more seating should be considered with a revised furniture pallet

The community said:

- Ranked the #4 priority by submitters
- Submitters suggest a better level of maintenance of the existing street furniture is required
- More seating would be beneficial
- Conversely a submitter suggested this could create issues with anti-social behaviour



Modern seating can revitalise the Town Centre without clashing with existing furniture.



New seats can be integrated into walls to provide a wider range of seating options.

Next steps

- Develop a furniture palette alongside streetscape design in association with local artists for cultural and heritage design.
- Test and refine seating with stakeholders.



Replacement of existing benches with similar styled seats maintains the heritage character.

Street furniture (b)

Does street furniture stay in the plan?

If yes

- Are there any changes required?
- What level of priority and focus does it need?
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Updated streetlighting (c)

The plan states:

- Marton's lighting is getting close to the end of its life
- Adequate street illumination and consistent veranda lighting to provide security and sense of safety
- Uniform lighting levels to prevent dark spots
- Light poles that are simple, modern and compliment the towns heritage quality
- Smart and energy efficient solutions should be explored

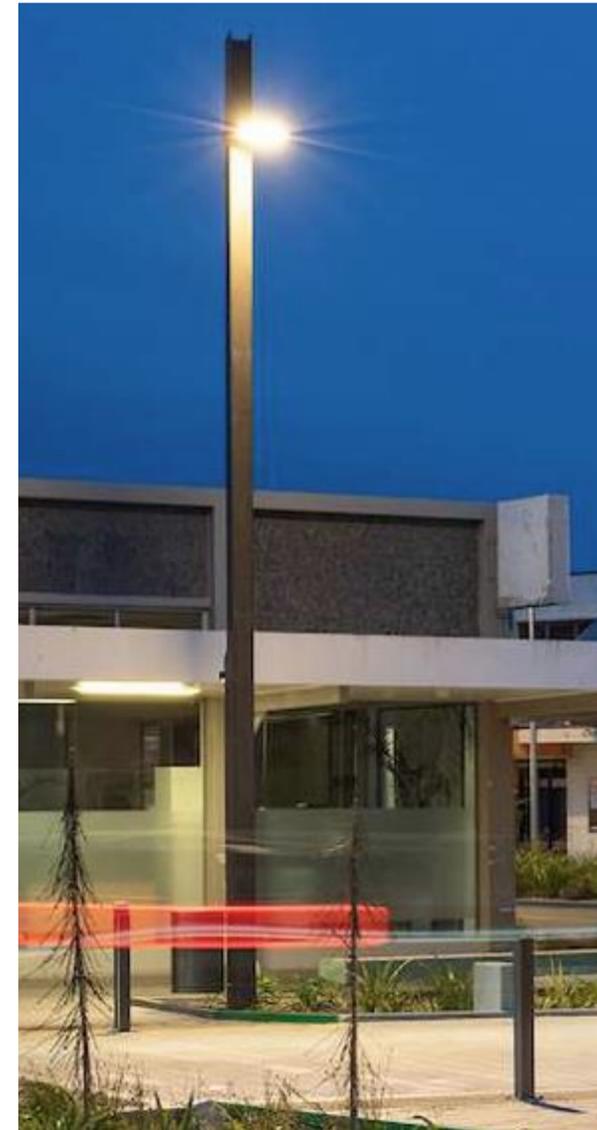


The community said:

- Ranked the #3 priority by submitters
- One submitter said no to refreshed streetlighting
- Two submitters wanted the lighting to match the heritage style of the town centre
- One also mentioned a preference for yellow LEDs instead of white LEDs

Next steps

- Confirm light requirements to AS/NZS1158.
- Develop streetscape and lighting design association with local artists for cultural and heritage design.
- Confirm funding and establish staging and project alignment.



Updated streetlighting (c)

Does updated streetlighting stay in the plan?

If yes

- Are there any changes required?
- What level of priority and focus does it need?
- Do we prefer a staged approach to renewals or prefer a reactive maintenance approach?

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Planting (d)

The plan states:

- Existing trees are in good health and fit the aesthetic for town
- There is room on Broadway for more street trees
- New trees off Broadway (the green, High St, Follet St and Hammond St) are suggested
- Ground cover could be enhanced with more native species

The community said:

- Ranked the #7 priority by submitters however received 20 comments
- A preference to less or no trees in the town centre and plantings should be low maintenance
- Concerns around safety due to the high hedges
- They love the hanging baskets



Next steps

- Maintain existing vegetation to meet vehicle sight line requirements.
- Develop a planting palette alongside streetscape design.

Planting (d)

Does planting stay in the plan?

If yes

- Are there any changes required?
- How do you feel about the existing trees?
- What level of priority and focus does it need?
- Should we progressively start replacing the mature plants?

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Increased on-street parking (e)

Next steps

- Engage stakeholders to assess needs
- Develop streetscape and parking design.
- Establish staging and project alignment.

The plan states:

- Accessibility to town is key to ensuring it remains the vibrant heart of the community
- Small reconfigurations can increase the number of parks
- Converting the angle parks outside the green could increase safety and allow businesses to spill out
- Additional pedestrian crossings will make the town more walkable

The community said:

- Ranked the #8 priority by submitters however received 25 comments and was top priority for 12 submitters
- Don't reduce the number of carparks available in town
- Concerned about larger utility vehicles sticking out into the road when angle parked in town
- Protect the current number of accessible carparks
- Demolish the buildings to free up some land to add more carparking in town



Increased on-street parking (e)

Does increased on-street parking stay in the plan?

If yes

- All aspects

or

- Just the angle parking changes?
- Just the additional pedestrian crossings?

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The green space (f)

The plan states:

- The green space is a positive addition to the town and can be enhanced to increase use on a regular basis
- Additional seating to make the space comfortable
- Playful landscaping to encourage play and connect to the playground
- Art and cultural narratives to engage the community
- Continued home for Christmas tree and seasonal events

The community said:

- Ranked the #5 priority by submitters however received 40 comments and was top priority for 8 submitters
- Don't change the location of the stage
- Don't like the concept of a water feature citing safety, health and ongoing maintenance concerns
- Desire for more seating, planting and shade available at the green without the extravagant cost associated with a full redevelopment of the site

Next steps

- Engage stakeholders to assess needs and aspirations to establish detailed brief for the space.
- Name the 'green'.
- Develop 'green' design in association with mana whenua and community.



The green space (f)

Does the green space stay in the plan?

If yes

- All aspects

or

- Water feature
- Commercial and play area
- Stage relocation
- Additional paving area
- Add seating and shade area

- What level of priority and focus does this need?

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Improvements to encourage activation (g)

The plan states:

- More 'spill out' spaces would provide increased opportunity for businesses to build on the towns vibrancy
- Allow for more seating, displays and foot traffic
- Space for pop-ups, markets, festivals and events
- Facilitating hospitality opportunities to create vibrant street life
- More space to encourage social interactions

The community said:

- Ranked the #9 priority by submitters and was top priority for 5 submitters
- The area in the central part of town is an opportunity for improvements
- There is some concern for public safety with businesses spilling out in town citing the existing examples



Next steps

- Survey local businesses to confirm the focus areas for expansion.
- Develop streetscape design in association with local artists for cultural and heritage design.

Improvements to encourage activation (g)

Does improvements to encourage activation stay in the plan?

If yes

- Do we want to refine the area? And if so, where should we focus?
- What level of priority and focus does this need?

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Heritage building improvements (h)

The plan states:

- The heritage buildings add to Marton's character and identity
- While some are cared for, many would respond well to paint and other upgrades
- Unified colour schemes and restored verandas
- A considered approach to signage and façade improvements

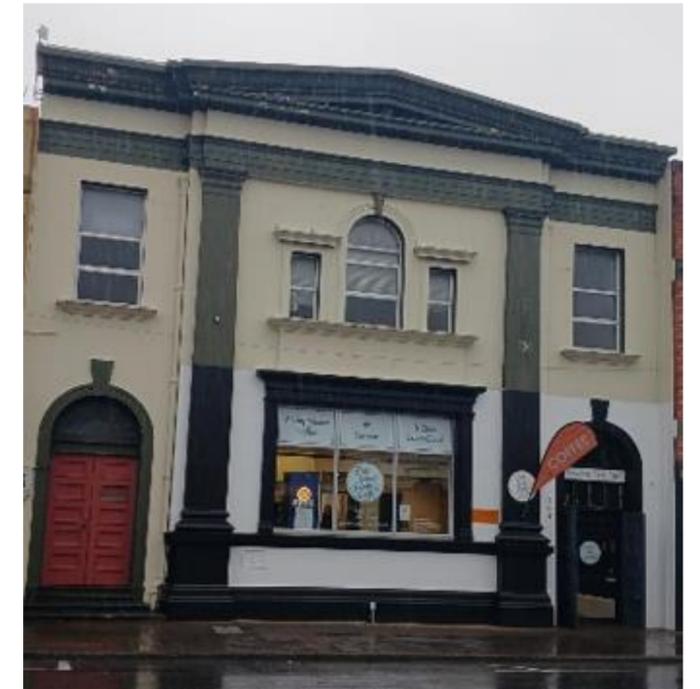
The community said:

- Ranked the #2 priority by submitters and was top priority for 33 submitters
- The town won't look attractive if the buildings aren't tidy
- Improved maintenance of buildings would make a difference to the town centre



Next steps

- Engage stakeholders to assess current conditions and needs.
- Define funding objectives to encourage investment in line with public objectives.
- Explore funding sources including, grants, public-private partnerships (PPPS), targeted rates, low-interest loans.
- Develop financial mechanisms and establish criteria for funding eligibility.
- Create a marketing and outreach strategy and implement.



Heritage building improvements (h)

Does heritage building improvements stay in the plan?

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- What is the role of Council?
- What level of priority and focus does this need?

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Lighting of heritage building facades (i)

The plan states:

- Lighting can be a quick and easy way to change how a public space feels
- Several buildings have been identified as suitable for illumination
- Designed in collaboration with iwi, local designers and community
- Celebrate special events like Matariki, Christmas etc
- Lighting will be non-invasive to any residents

The community said:

- Ranked the #10 priority by submitters and no submitters selected it as their top priority
- This is not a priority for the streetscape plan
- No favourable comments were received for lighting heritage building facades

Next steps

- Engage stakeholders to assess viability.
- Develop design in association with local artists for cultural and heritage design.



Lighting of heritage building facades (h)

Does lighting of heritage building facades stay in the plan?

If yes

- Agreement this wouldn't be actioned until any future streetlighting renewal is completed?
- Are there any buildings to be lit as a priority over others?

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Improved carparks connecting to Broadway (j)

The plan states:

- Marton's street network is well suited for rear parking
- While aspirational, there is an example incorporating Council owned land on Stewart St
- This priority would require a partnership between willing parties to explore further

The community said:

- Ranked the #6 priority by submitters and was top priority for 4 submitters
- They had concerns specifically about this location and the size of the walkway
- A single person said they loved the idea of adding parking to Marton by connecting to other parts of town



Next steps

- Engage stakeholders to assess viability.
- Develop delivery mechanisms and funding.
- Develop design in association with stakeholders.



Improved carparks connecting to Broadway (j)

Does improved carparks connecting to Broadway stay in the plan?

If yes

- Is this the preferred location to explore further?
- What level of priority and focus does this need?
- Are there any suggested changes or considerations?

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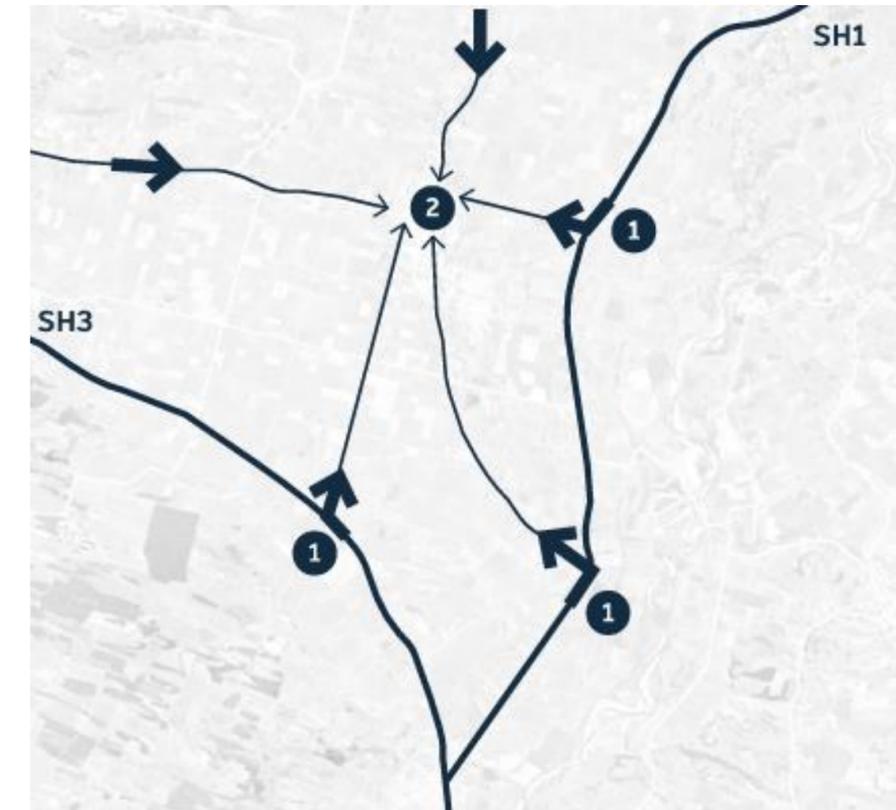
Improved signage leading to town centre (k)

The plan states:

- Two vital State Highway links pass around Marton with over 15000 vehicle movements daily
- Marton is often bypassed
- Existing signage lacks detail about services and attractions
- Proposed signage in key locations which celebrate Marton's heritage and provide information on services and attractions available

The community said:

- Ranked the #11 priority by submitters and was top priority for 11 submitters
- They were mostly supportive of improved signage although concerned about costs of new signs
- They could like to see a landmark for Marton citing the Taihape gumboot as an example



Next steps

- Engage stakeholders to assess needs and aspirations
- Design and implement a suite of signage that is informative and displays the proud spirit of Marton.

Improved signage leading to town centre (k)

Does improved signage leading to town centre stay in the plan?

If yes

- Are the 5 proposed locations suitable and realistic?
- Does Council wish to explore the concept of a landmark sign?
- Are the inclusion of services and amenity on the road signs enough?
- What level of priority and focus does this need?

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New additions from submissions

- **Privately owned buildings**
 - Use incentives to encourage painting / redevelopment of buildings
 - Use dis-incentives to encourage painting / redevelopment of buildings
- **Maintenance**
 - Increase the level of service and priority for the town centre maintenance across all above ground Council assets
- **Captain Cook statue**
 - Request to remove the statue from the town centre
- **Public Toilets**
 - Request for more public toilets in the town centre

New additions from submissions

- **Fresh drinking water fountain**
 - Request to add drinking water fountain to the streetscape plan
- **Broadway layout**
 - Request to explore alternative uses of Broadway
- **Targeted rate**
 - Request to explore a targeted rate in the town centre to fund future maintenance and renewals
- **CCTV**
 - A request to add CCTV to the streetscape plan
- **Smoke free / Vape Free**
 - A request to make the town centre smoke and vape free

Ngā mihi, Thank you



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