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### **Waitemata DHB wins big at Auckland Transport Travelwise Awards**

Waitemata DHB won two awards for environmental sustainability and public transport promotion at this year's Auckland Transport's Travelwise Awards.

The Match-Maker and On-Board awards recognise the DHB's effort to lift the uptake of alternatives to car travel on Auckland's busy roads.

The On-Board award recognises the uptake and activities to support public transport. Some of these initiatives include the development and distribution of time radius walking, public transport and cycling maps for the hospital sites, public transport expos and real time bus signage within the North Shore Hospital campus.

A recent travel survey showed that DHB staff are walking, cycling and taking more public transport to work when compared to 2008 data, *with walking increasing 3% to 4%, cycling increasing 3% to 5% and public transport increasing 4% to 7%. With over 7800 staff, more DHB staff are contributing to a less congested Auckland, with positive outcomes for the economy, the environment, personal health and overall quality of life.*

The Match-maker award recognises Waitemata DHB's staff carpooling programme which 'matches' DHB staff who register for carpooling.

Waitemata DHB Chief Executive Dr Dale Bramley says the award is welcome recognition of the DHB and staff contribution towards reducing road congestion and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

"We want to see even more staff choose sustainable transport choices, so we'll continue to look at ways to make this easy and convenient."

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