

Ngā hononga Networks and connections

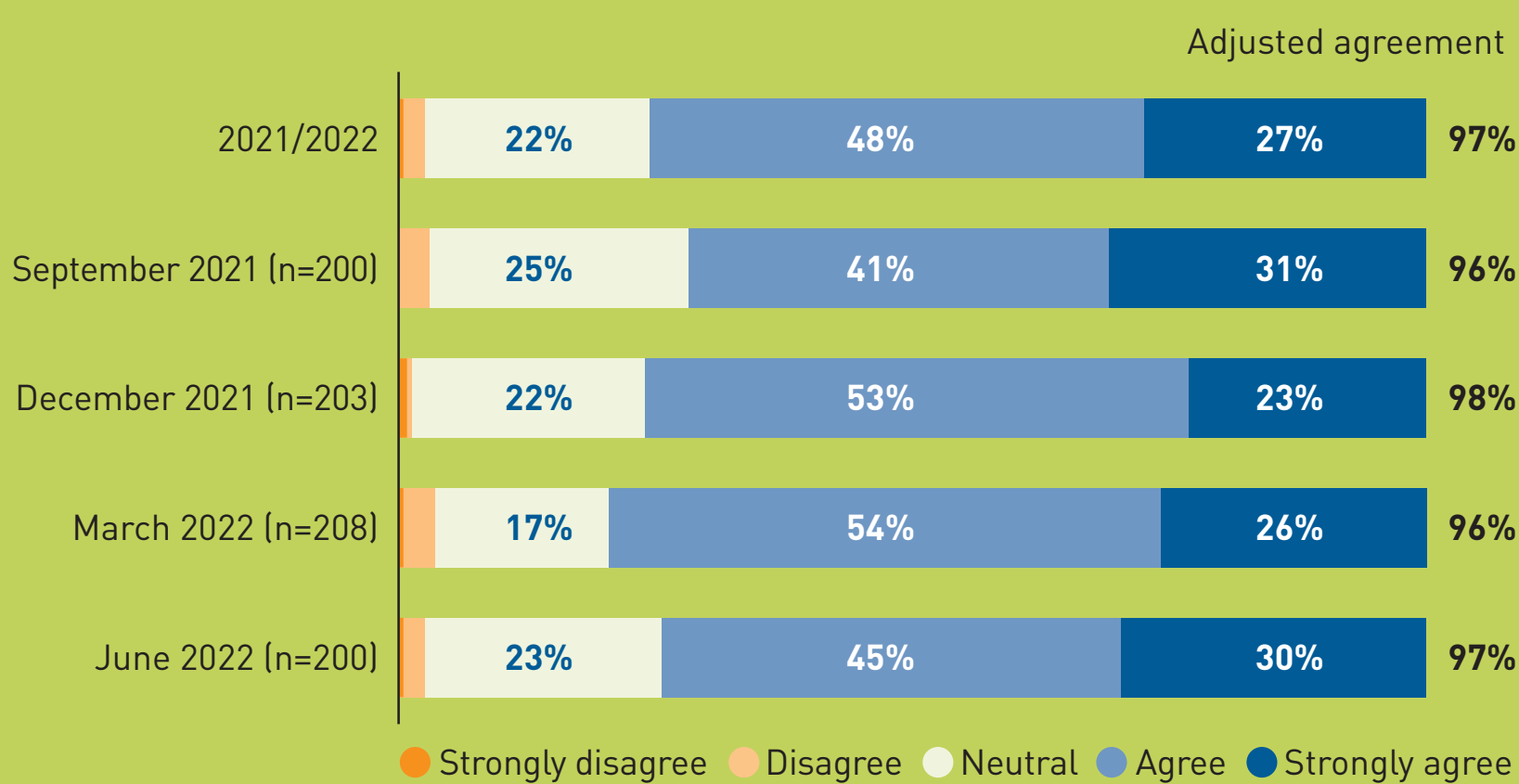
Te whai kia kaha ake ai te hono o Kāpiti Working towards a more connected Kāpiti

Networks and connections help people get to where they need to be to receive services, and to live fulfilling lives with a sense of connection and wellbeing.

A more connected Kāpiti means:

- connecting infrastructure such as roads and public transport
- having physical spaces to connect in like community facilities
- promoting activities that connect our people.

Feeling connected as a community helps make the Kāpiti Coast what it is. When surveyed, 97 percent of residents agreed they felt a sense of belonging in the community.



Source: Council's Quarterly Residents' Opinion survey 2021/22



Kia hāereere ō tātou tāngata Keeping our people moving

Access and transport are a significant part of what Council does.

We have 31 percent of the working population commuting outside of the district for their work, so good transport is critical for our sustainability and economic development goals as well.

We manage:

- Over 400km of roading
- 486km of footpaths and shared pathways
- 53 bridges
- 16 traffic signals
- More than 15,000 supporting assets like transport signs and lights.

Our Sustainable Transport Strategy outlines our biggest challenges and how we will address these to have a safe, decarbonised, well connected and accessible transport system by 2035.

Summary of key challenges in different areas

Regional	East West Connectivity between Kāpiti and Porirua, and Kāpiti and Upper Hutt as both Akatarawa Road and Paekākāriki Hill Road are narrow and have poor sight lines/ poor safety records.		Ability of the commuting workforce to travel to the Hutt Valley influenced by investment decisions on the Petone to Ngauranga Gorge Scheme and State Highway 58.		
Interregional	Lack of connectivity to Levin and Palmerston North, which many Ōtaki residents look to for essential health services and employment.				
Districtwide	Lack of integration between modes.	Lack of integration between on-road and off-road cycle and pedestrian activity.	Revocation of Old State Highway 1 and the need to lock in the benefits this provided in the town centres.	Capacity on train services.	Parking issues.

We want to have a transport network that:

- accounts for the growth and change in our population make up over time
- is affordable and accessible for all as an end-to-end journey
- reduces the risk of serious death or injury
- is resilient to possible disaster events and minimises the impact on our environment.

What matters most?



Kia honohono ō tātou tāngata Keeping our people connected

We want people who live in Kāpiti to feel connected to others as well as to the services they need.

Council provides and maintains a variety of community facilities and open spaces for people to connect in.

-  **Almost 600 hectares of land**
-  **216 distinct reserves**
-  **80km of cycle, walk and bridleways**
-  **49 playgrounds**
-  **13 sports grounds**
-  **11 community halls/facilities**
-  **5 cultural and heritage buildings**
-  **3 pools and 2 splash pads**
-  **4 libraries**
-  **4 cemeteries**
-  **35 public toilets**
-  **Around 1,700 other built assets like pavilions, retaining walls, fences and shading**
-  **Arts spaces and public art.**



Our Community Facilities Strategy (2017) and Open Spaces Strategy (2020) identify key principles for how we will design and plan these assets for the future. These include priorities across:

- **Accessibility** – ensuring all residents can participate and use our facilities
- **Sustainability** – both environmental and financial, including robust planning and design to enable flexibility and longevity
- **Partnership** – integration and connectivity across our spaces and facilities
- **Cultural values** – taking a partnership approach with mana whenua and ensuring our community can participate in culturally significant activities in our district
- **Affordability** – ensuring our people can afford to access our facilities, and ensuring we are making decisions that deliver value for our community within our financial constraints.

Importantly, we also support community services through:

- Community financial support programmes
- Youth development, older persons, and accessibility projects
- Community advisory groups support
- Food security and resilience programme
- Community and neighbourhood projects
- Diversity and inclusiveness projects
- Community safety projects
- Social investment and sector capability building.

We work with our mana whenua partners across our work programme to deliver work that supports the cultural connections of Māori in our district.



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