

Transport Network Snapshot Q3 Highlights

JANUARY 2026

FEBRUARY 2026

MARCH 2026

QUARTER 3
1 January 2026 – 31 March 2026

**Climate
Action**

**QUEENSTOWN
LAKES DISTRICT
COUNCIL**



Active travel keeps climbing

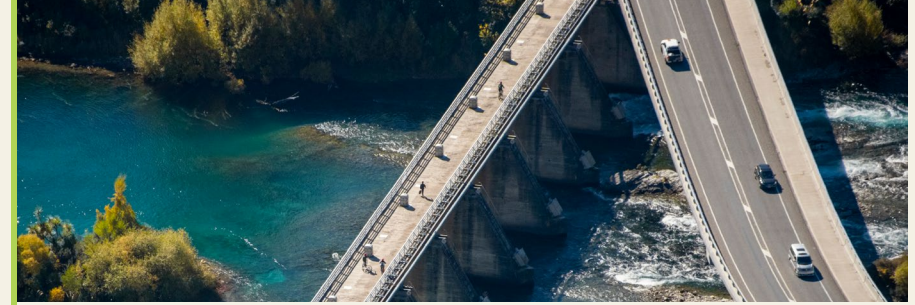
- » 198,105 cycle trips recorded this quarter.
- » Gorge Road saw the biggest jump in bike numbers – up 25% on Q3 last year.
- » Lakeside Road remains our busiest corridor with 47,460 bike trips and 82,430 pedestrian trips.
- » All comparable pedestrian counters showed year on year increases.



Public transport on a strong upward trend

- » 1,031,075 bus trips across Q1–Q2 - a 5.7% increase on last year.
- » Reliability holding steady at 90%, with more operated trips than the previous year.
- » Ferry patronage continues to surge - 41,514 trips, up 29% following service improvements.

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Traffic patterns shift

- » Traffic volumes remain high across the network, especially at:
 - Kawarau Falls Bridge
 - SH6 south of Peninsula Road.
- » Most sites saw a sharper than usual drop in March, likely linked to the national fuel price spike.
- » Peak summer and winter volumes on Frankton Road continue to reach or exceed theoretical capacity.



New: travel time monitoring via Arthurs Point

This quarter introduces travel time data for the Arthurs Point–Malaghans Road alternative route, giving a fuller picture of congestion alongside SH6/SH6A.