

New Zealand Walking Conference 2006 Getting There on Foot in NZ Cities and Towns – Taking the Next Steps

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ABSTRACT

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Presentation topic	School Travel Plans			
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Time Required	0-10 mins	10-20 mins	20-30 mins	

Presentation Remit (500 word maximum)

Every morning over 250,000 children travel to Auckland schools and half of these trips are made by car. Parking hassles, traffic congestion, air pollution and lack of exercise are some of the issues that all these car trips cause.

A school travel plan is a set of practical actions which aims to improve road safety and reduce car trips. It is developed and implemented by the whole school community in partnership with ARTA and the local council. These actions involve promoting sustainability in line with the four E's - Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Encouragement.

Walking initiatives and walking school buses are a very important ways of encouraging behaviour change. This session will explore some of the successes of the programme.