

## **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	Safer Routes		
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The NZ Safer Routes programme was initiated in 2002, originally as part of the governments' aim to reduce death and injury to all road users. The purpose of the work was to develop a useable planning process for councils that would facilitate the provision of safe access to pedestrians and cyclists in at risk communities. The objectives of individual projects are to increase community engagement in walking and cycling issues, improve infrastructure in the project neighbourhoods and initiate enforcement, education and encouragement related initiatives. The presentation will reflect on the development of the Safer Routes programme over the last 3 years. It will also outline the way Safer Routes projects will be structured and funded in the future and how the projects fit in with Travel Behaviour change initiatives and other community initiatives. Colourful case studies from selected Safer Routes projects will also be presented. These will outline some of the achievements of these projects, what has worked well and what hasn't worked so well.