

# Streets for People

Partnering with councils and communities to build a healthier future

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**We are faced with increasing demands on our finite street space.**

The challenge – for councils to design and build well-functioning streets that cater to a broad range of needs and voices.

The opportunity – to evolve the way we work with our communities.

**The emerging practice of Adaptive Urbanism and its rich participatory focus can provide a framework to achieve options for people and help create streets and spaces for all.**

# Programme overview

Partnering with councils to use an adaptive urbanism approach to realise transport outcomes sooner, at a lower cost



**Innovating Streets  
2020-21**



**Streets for People  
2021-2024**



# Outcomes

- 102 council-led Streets for people projects delivered (or underway)
- 115km of walking, cycling and street improvements delivered to date
- average approximate spend of \$300K/km
- average benefit cost ratio of 9.9 (range 3.7-17.0)
- transport outcomes improved by making better use of existing network, providing better network capacity as well as safety improvements
- projects delivered earlier, and at lower cost
- 150 council staff upskilled in adaptive urbanism methods

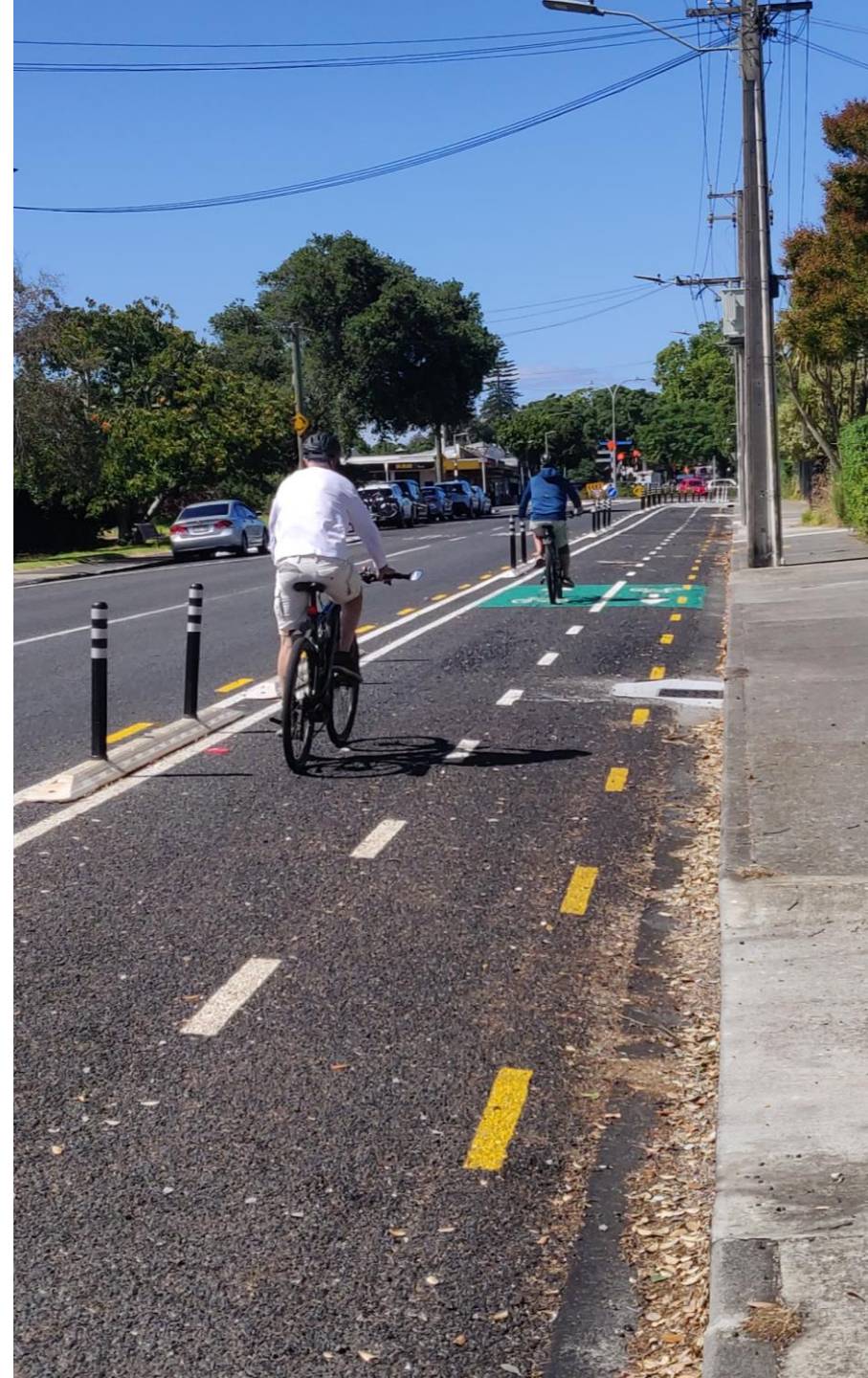


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# Key elements of Adaptive Urbanism

- **Transitional approach**
- **Iterative, collaborative design process** - involving community right from the start
- **Temporary, low-cost materials** – allowing communities to trial designs in-situ to see what works
- **Agile processes** – allowing design improvements to be made in real-time in response to observed behaviour and community feedback
- **Simple, robust monitoring**

## Adaptive Urbanism

DEMONSTRATION  
EVENT



INTERIM  
INSTALLATION



PERMANENT  
INSTALLATION



# Key benefits

- Quick effective delivery
- Faster benefits realisation
- Streamlined approach – work coordinated in parallel
- Efficiency of working collectively
- Shared project understanding
- Provides whole of project cost savings: investigation, design, consultation

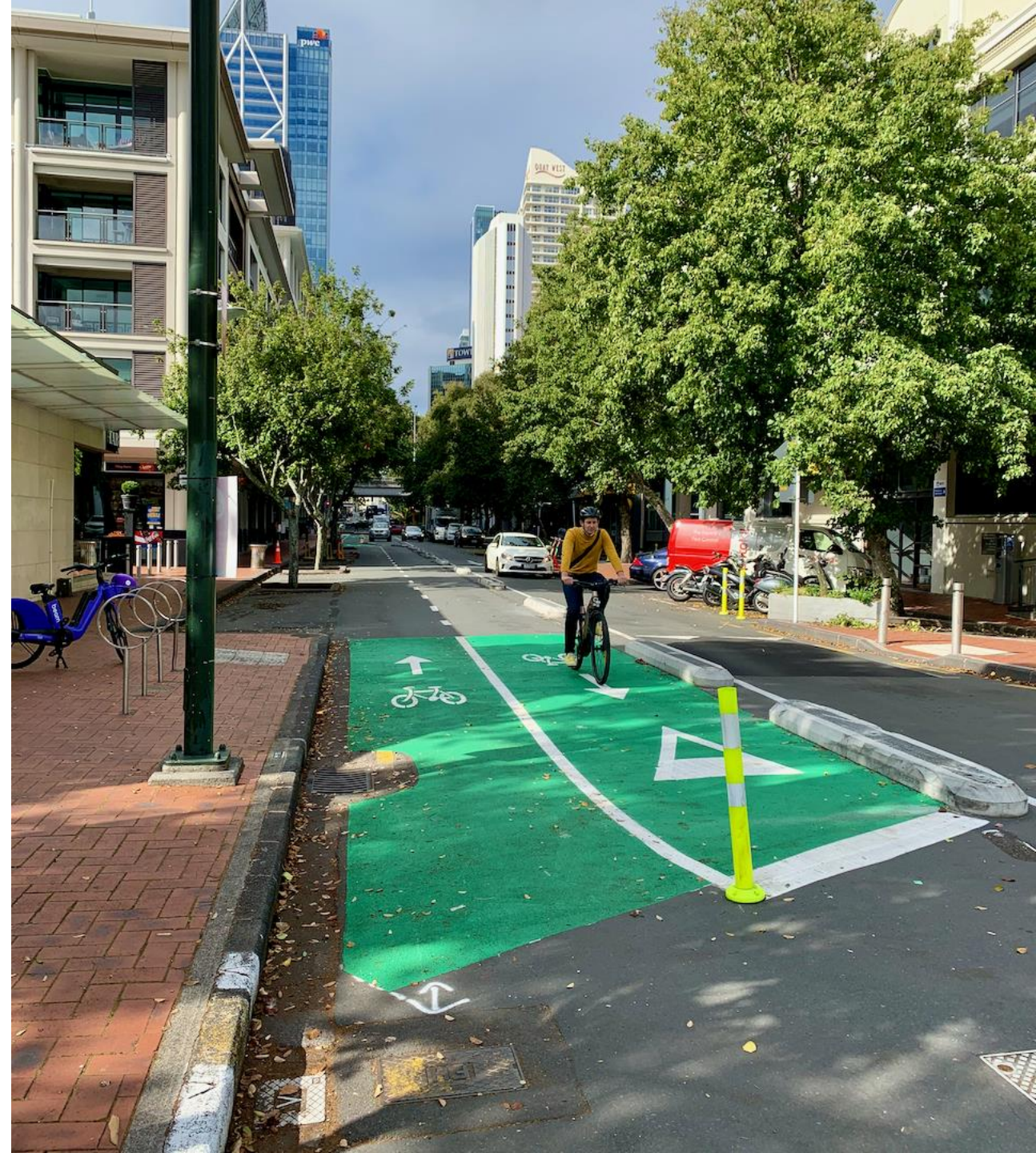


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# Auckland

Aligning investment with community priorities

- Community guided investment
- Joined up narrative
- Minimise consultation fatigue
- Team set up, processes, and governance support agile delivery
- Identifying delivery partners early and agile procurement processes deliver savings



# Christchurch

Building confidence in change

- Adapt quickly to wider area development in real time
- Actualise benefits earlier
- Manage needs of multiple users, present and future
- Local area identity and build place connection
- Local partnerships and collaboration builds buy-in and creates open communication channels





# Collective learning

Providing better value for money

- The councils in Streets for People work as a cohort allowing for real-time collective learning.
- Results in time and costs savings across multiple projects.
- For example, concrete separator design being used by Gisborne based on learnings from Palmerston North, Auckland and Tasman resulting in significant cost savings.



# Where to from here?

- All 19 projects in the current Streets for People Programme are due to be installed by June 2024.
- Each council will then look to make decisions about whether to make them permanent at the appropriate time.
- The funding for our current programme finishes in June 2024. Developing adaptive urbanism resources to support others.
- Could adaptive urbanism be a tool to consider for one of your next projects?





**Working & learning together, we can more effectively deliver better transport outcomes for all New Zealanders**