# Making streets spaces for people

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Auckland Council, through collaboration with Jacobs, is leading the transformation of Victoria Street in Auckland. The project seeks to take the street from a heavily car and bus dominated road corridor, towards a street that prioritises people, active modes and quality urban realm.

Victoria Street is a key east-west corridor in Auckland’s city centre that joins two large urban parks, Victoria Street and Albert Park. The 2012 City Centre Masterplan envisaged bringing change to the street to create a green link between the two parks that would provide better quality space for people.

Auckland’s city centre is experiencing high levels of investment in infrastructure including the City Rail Link, New Zealand’s largest ever infrastructure development project. A key driver of the Victoria Street transformation is the need to accommodate pedestrian growth on the street resulting from the construction of Aotea Station (one of CRL’s key city centre portals), expected to become Auckland’s busiest station.

In addition to high pedestrian growth, the city is also feeling the impact of growth in the number of cyclists, bus and train patronage, residential population, commuters and visitors. High growth results in issues such congestion, increased safety risks and poor environmental outcomes for our city centre.

The challenge for this project is to deliver strong active mode outcomes alongside clear strategic outcomes relating to identity, culture and sustainability, within a complex city centre environment.

The project team is enhancing traditional project processes and frameworks with innovative stakeholder engagement to ensure that change on Victoria Street reflects the many voices of our experts, interest groups, stakeholders and our community in Tāmaki Makaurau. We firmly believe that through our work we are ‘E hangaia ana te pokapū ā-tāone mō ō tātou iwi - Building a city centre for our people’.