



Mind the gap! Filling the progress gap with Systems Thinking

For a safer, lower carbon, and healthier transport system the gap between strategy and progress persists. Largely we know what to do, but the system of society, politics, planning, and delivery prevent sufficient progress. Unless these 'system blockers' are fully understood with a corresponding logic for how they will be addressed, we cannot expect sufficient progress. Systems Thinking provides methods for looking across the planning and delivery system and gathering data for the things that are blocking and enabling progress, which can then point to the things that will actually unlock progress.

These methods have now been applied in a range of road safety and mode-shift settings over recent years in Aotearoa, and common themes are now emerging. In this presentation the most commonly evidenced blockers of progress will be outlined, and the corresponding areas for action will be proposed. Ways that Systems Thinking can be progressed to encourage evidence based, transparent, and more efficient strategy delivery will also be suggested.