



Space is Money

The economic case for walkable settlements in New Zealand

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NZTA:

Valuing the Health Benefits of Active Modes Valuing Urban Design The Economic Impact of Urban Form The Business Case for Walking & Cycling

Local Government:

Parking strategies/reports for Waitakere, Franklin, Auckland City, Hamilton City, Rotorua, South East Queensland -- Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Logan City, Adelaide







How could it be economically efficient for 85% of the population to need a 2-tonne imported vehicle, fuelled by imported energy that is subject to fuctuating prices, to go about their daily business?

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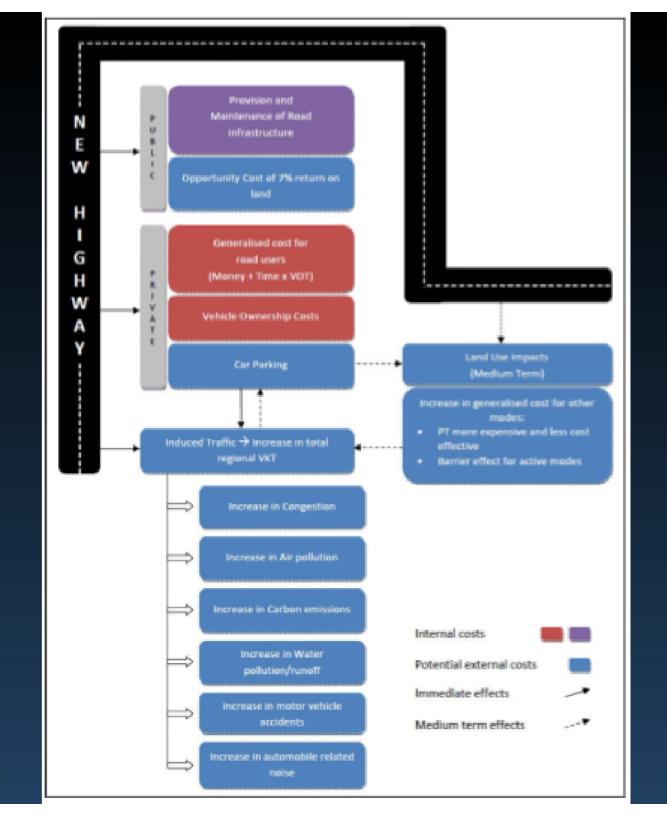


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Transportation engineering and urban planning has artificially subsidised an environment that makes it cheaper and easier for households to use a car and harder to do anything else...

But we are ALL paying too much for transport because of this.





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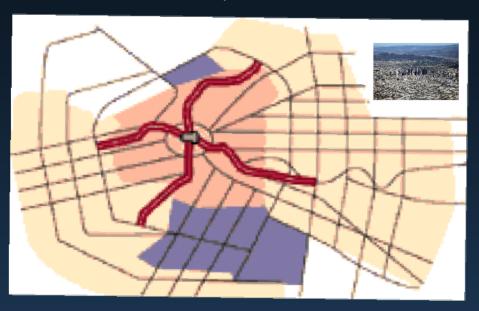
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Walking City



Transit City







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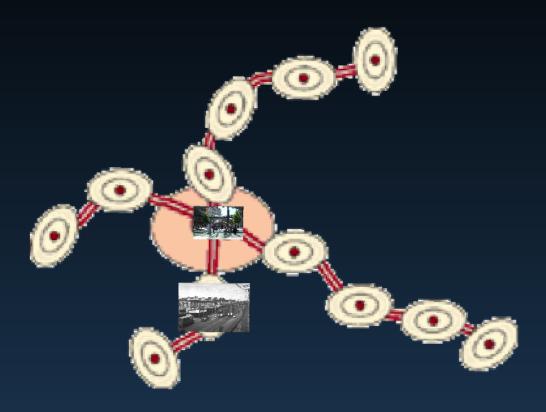




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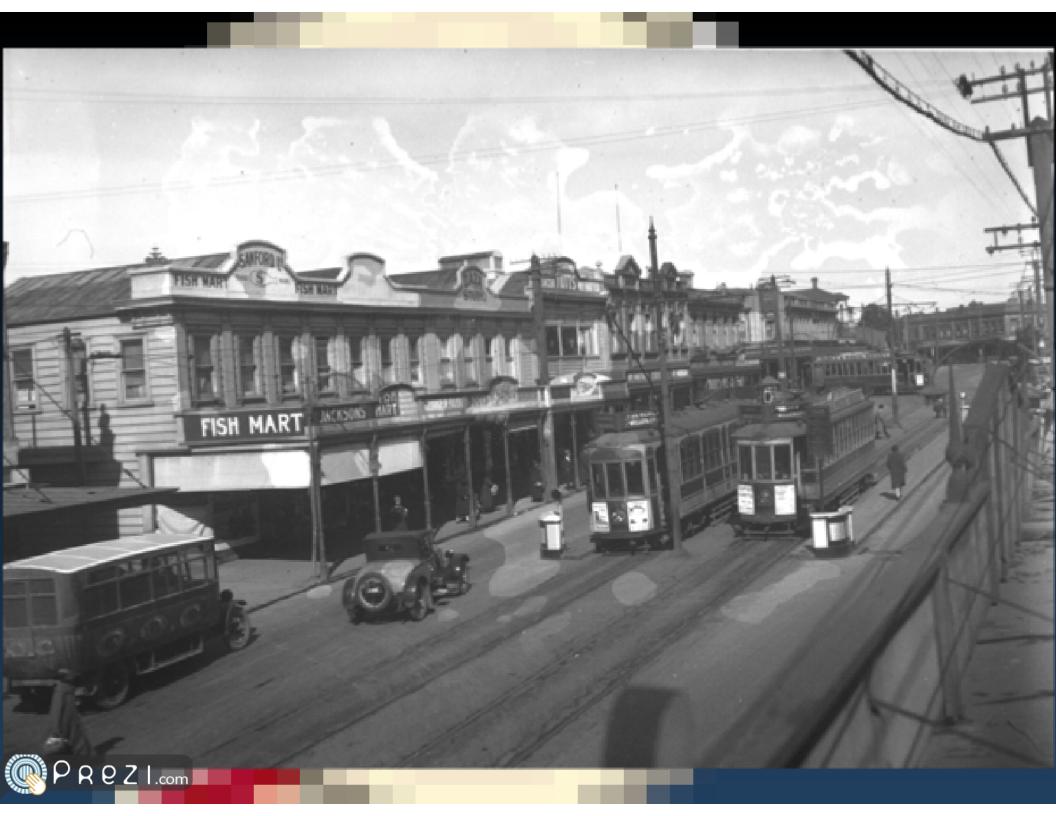
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Transportation influences the pattern of urban development



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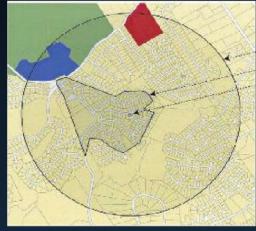
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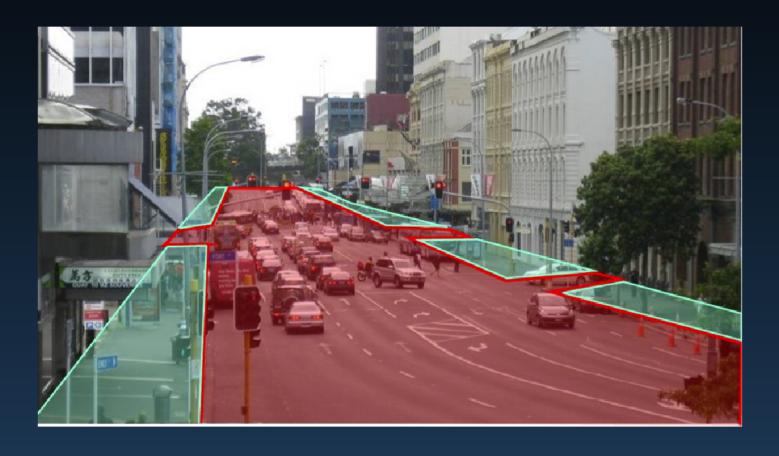
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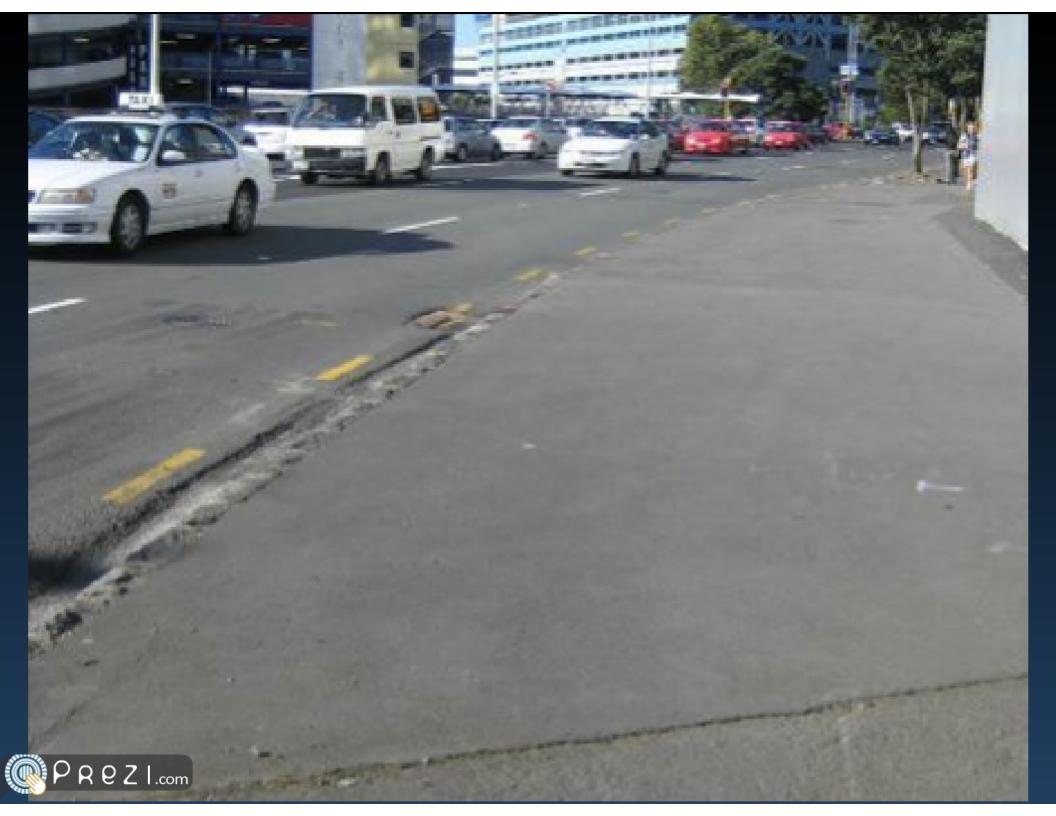
exchange space vs movement space



movement space has a high cost as it reduces the amount of space avaiable for exchange

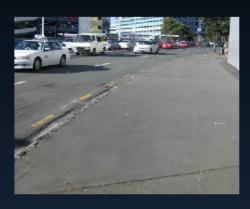








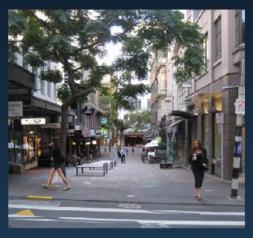
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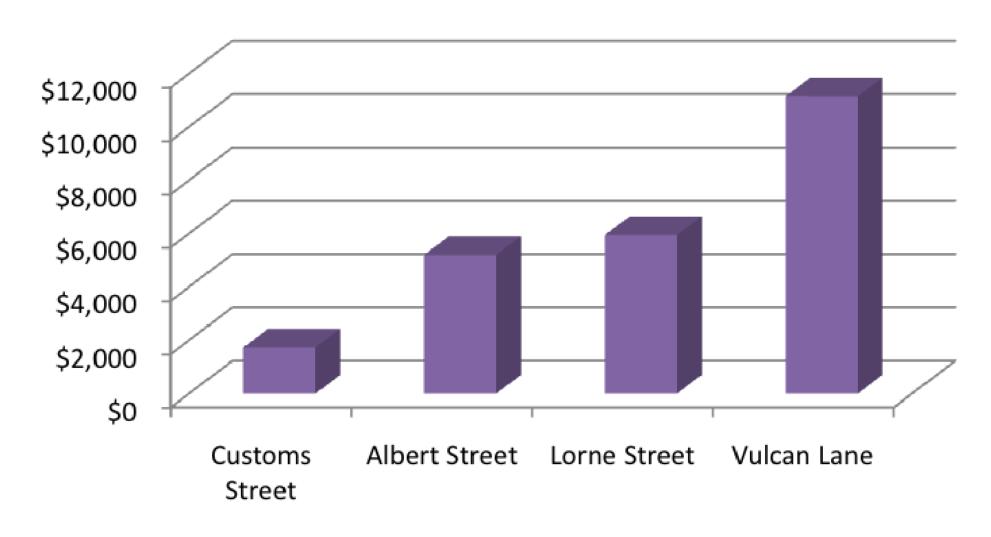
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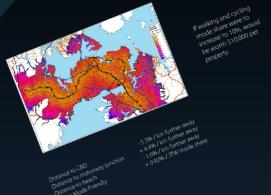




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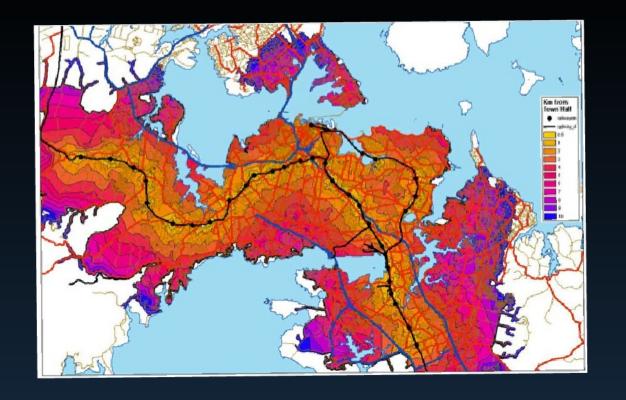




Property Value Modelling

- Expand model to include public transport accessibility and journey to work mode share





If walking and cycling mode share were to increase to 10%, would be worth \$10,000 per property.

Distance to CBD

Distance to motorway junction

Distance to beach

Active Mode Friendly

- 5.3% / km further away
- + 4.4% / km further away
- 1.6% / km further away
- + 0.92% / JTW mode share



Further research:

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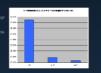
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Health

Direct & Public Casts

- Continued a Disease

- Concertational and large

- Type 2 deletes

- Departure



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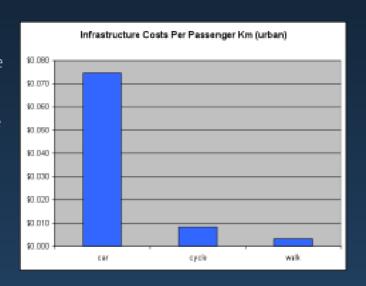
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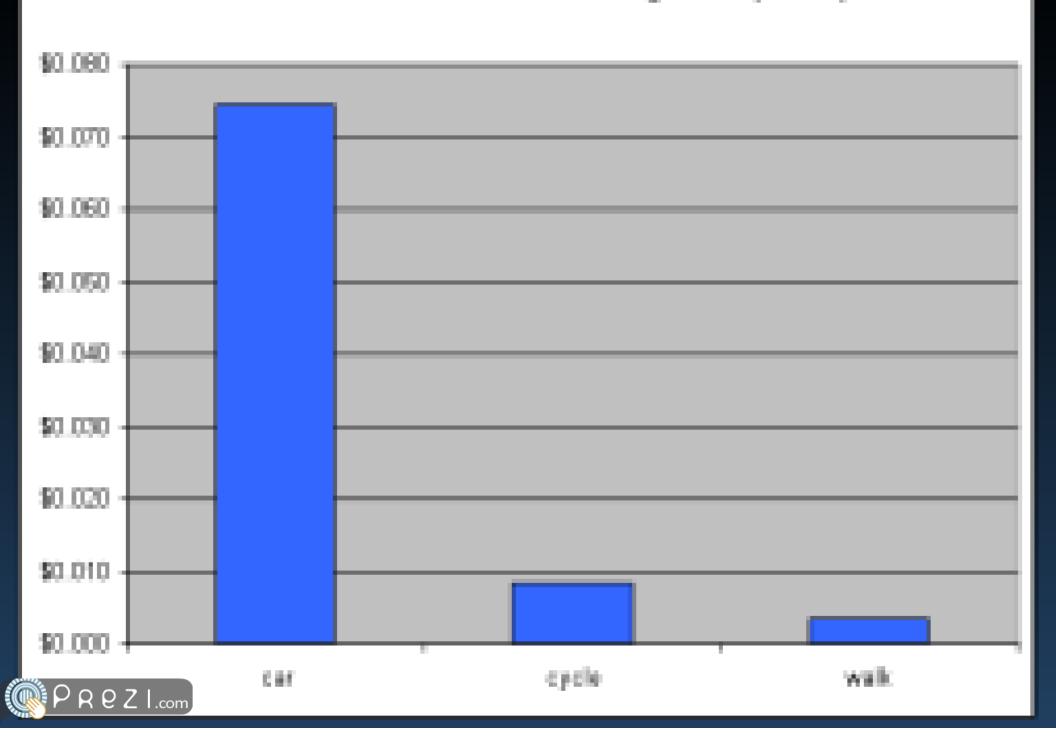
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Infrastructure Costs Per Passenger Km (urban)



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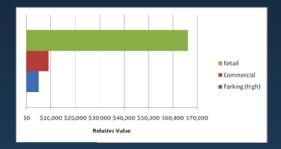


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Properties without parking yield 15-60% more in rates for Councils, per sq/m, because their sites are used more intensively



Environmental

Air pollution -- major problem in Auckland

Water

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

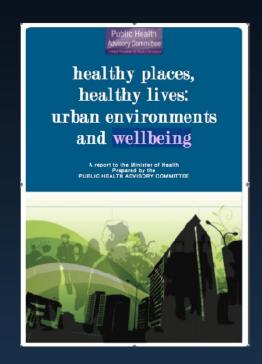
Noise



Health

Direct & Public Costs

- Cardiovascular Disease
- Cancer (colon, breast and lung)
- Type 2 diabetes
- Depression



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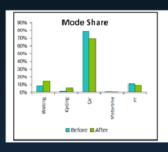
Other benefits

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- GDP -- reduce imports
- Employee productivity
- Crime & social cohesion

Benefit Assessment Too







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	Walking	Cycling	Car	Motorbike	PT	Total
Daily Trips to Work	13,353	2,487	124,635	1,131	16,932	158,538
Mode Share	8.4%	1.6%	78.6%	0.7%	20.7%	100.0%

% Increase after intervention 25% 250%

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Mode Share

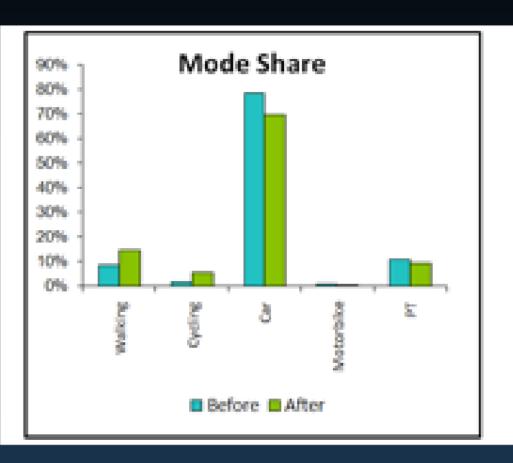


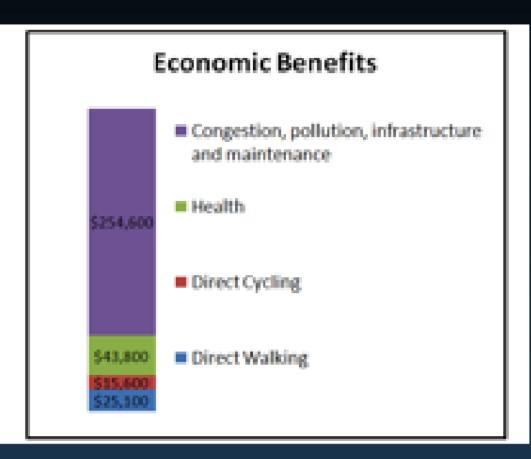
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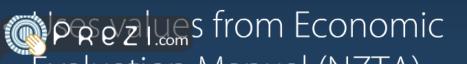
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Cities and towns are places of exchange.

The less we spend on moving to achieve that exchange, the more we benefit.

Transport planning has prioritised privately owned vehicles even though they are very costly - take up lots of valuable space.

Walking and cycling settlements will be great for New Zealand, but we need radical policy and funding changes at the local and central govt level to achieve them

