

# NZ Walking Conference 2008

Providing An Inclusive Transport Environment – It's the small things that matter!

# Aims

- About me and why I am talking about this subject today
- What should we be aiming for?
- Practical consultation experience
- Policy Development
- Case Studies - Policy and Schemes
- Conclusions

# The Starting Point



- UK Import
- Multi Transport User
- Worked in both policy and scheme development

- The model cyclist
- Develop cycle facilities so that a 13 year old girl could use them!
- And the theory to provide for pedestrians?



# What should we be aiming for?



If you were blindfolded and left in a town you didn't know – how easy would it for you to get around??

- Consistent and simple street design
- Less street clutter
- Continuous accessible paths
- Gradients minimised
- Flush Kerbs
- Tactile Paving

# Consultation – Transport 4 All Group

- Created after a campaign to improve disability access to local bus services
- Representatives of different user groups (chaired by a user)
- Representatives from professional
- Involved in High Level Policy Development/ Innovative Schemes
- Consulted on scheme design and input at all stages of schemes
- Invited to site visits to discuss schemes

# Guidance is already out there!

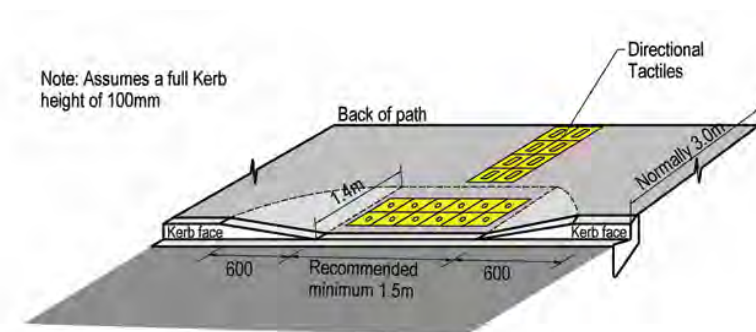
- Pedestrian Planning and Design Guidance

[www.ltsa.govt.nz/road-user-safety/walking-and-cycling/pedestrian-planning-design-guide/index.html](http://www.ltsa.govt.nz/road-user-safety/walking-and-cycling/pedestrian-planning-design-guide/index.html)

- New Zealand/Austrroads Guidance
- Funding Processes

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- Visual Contrast
- Tactile Paving Types
- Case Studies
- User Input/Consultation



# Kerb Crossings

- Different types of crossings
- Design to cater for blind and partially sighted users
- Gradients reduced for wheelchair users



Blended kerb crossing at platform, Taupo (Photo: Else Tutert)



Kerb ramp, Featherston St, Wellington (Photo: Tim Hughes)



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# Innovation

- Design of tram stops
- Announcements on trams
- Refurbishment of trams
- Timetable information at stops
- Bus/Tram Passes





# More Innovation

- Building Design
- Driver Training
- Taxi Policies and Operations



- Individual Scheme Comments
- Consultation Buddies
- Inventive Design

# Compromise

- Don't always win
- Water Features
- People will not/cannot use certain facilities
- Missing tactiles!
- The missing group 'Learning Disabilities'



# Conclusions

- It is the small things that make the difference
- Use guidance but also talk to local users
- Implement Audits



Independent Travel!!

- Simple, consistent and clear transport environments
- Prioritise routes for retrofitting - Walking and Cycling Strategies
- New Infrastructure - High Quality

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