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Presentation topic	Promoting Walking as part of School Travel Plans in Auckland						
Presentation title	Making it easy for Primary Schools to Walk the Talk in Auckland - please note the time allowance for this walk shop will need to be 90 minutes.						
Presentation Style	Presentation ☐ Workshop / Walkshop ⊠ Other ☐						
Estimated Time Required	0-10 mins	10-20	mins 🗌	20-30 mins			
Abstract Remit							
School Travel Plans are actively being implemented in Auckland schools as a way of counteracting the declining rates of children walking to school (although this has now reversed in Auckland according to some figures) in favour of being driven by parents. The ARTA School Travel Plan programme aims to facilitate active travel and thereby ease traffic congestion, improve road safety, reduce CO2 emissions, promote health and encourage physical activity. For primary schools, walking is the active mode most often promoted. This walkshop will profile a number of very practical and innovative ways that walking is promoted in schools in Auckland.							
The "Walkshop" will involve participants completing the walk around the Panmure Basin (immediately adjacent to the conference venue). At a number of spots along the walk there will be staff involved with the school travel plan programme profiling some of these innovative ideas and providing information leaflets on each concept.							
Participants will have the opportunity to discuss each concept and build up their collection of information as they complete their walk.							
It is anticipated that the walkshop will take 90 minutes to complete.							
Author Profile							
The paper will be jointly presented by the member of the ARTA School Travel Plan Team, along with our TLA partners. Sue Kendall from the Auckland Regional Transport Authority will be the main contact person.							
Sue Kendall is the Regional Walking School Bus Co-ordinator based in Auckland, and has been involved with Walking School Buses for the last 8 years.							

Sue first got involved as a parent helping to establish the first Auckland Walking School Bus at her sons school in Mount Albert. In 2003 she was appointed to the role of Regional Co-ordinator and has helped to develop the programme in Auckland over that time.

Sue has always had a keen interest in child injury prevention, having previously worked at Safekids and in 2004 completed a Masters of Public Health through the University of Auckland.