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ABSTRACT FORM

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Time Required	0-10 mins ☐	10-20 mins ☒	20-30 mins ☐

Presentation

The Auckland region has developed with a dependency on the motorcar and has led to an urban environment characterised by low-density housing and a diverse pattern of land use. The region's low-density growth has encouraged a reliance on car travel and Auckland has a road network that is over loaded and a pedestrian environment, which is secondary to the needs of the motorcar user.

Research has shown that Auckland, is characterised by high car use, low levels of bicycling, and a steep decline in walking as car ownership increases. A regional study established that Auckland has one of the highest car ownership rates in the world, with approximately one car for every two people and 35 new vehicles added to our streets every day.

The challenges of creating a walkable urban environment

Auckland City aspires to 'get feet on the street' and establish walking as a viable transport choice, reclaiming Auckland's streets as places communities value. The long-term aspiration is for streets as places for people to use, not merely pass through, places that can contribute significantly to a vibrant public space network, which connects people to the places they want to be.

The presentation will focus on the issues facing Auckland, the question of how we can develop our street network as a viable part of an integrated transport system and present a number of the initiatives currently being developed across council.