**Stream Two - People, Place and Identity**

**Title – Integrated Planning to Support our Rapid Transit Future**

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This presentation will reflect on the issues and challenges facing our growing towns and cities, particularly our medium sized cities, in putting in place the building blocks to support rapid transit services that embraces tangata, te rakau taumata and te tauihutanaga (people, place and identity).

With the direction set out in the NPS-UD and MDRS there is a greater focus on integrating transport and land use in achieving mode shift to active modes and public transport.

The relationship between transport and land use is well documented but it is not necessarily straightforward to achieve. There are a number of factors at play that are necessary to support connected communities and broader urban form and growth outcomes.

Clarity of vision and working in partnership is key. As is long-term spatial planning that clearly articulates an urban form and density that aligns with key public transport corridors. This will enable enhanced connectivity and opportunities for urban regeneration and catalyst development that supports a range of benefits.

This strategic framework sets the scene for local area planning, and a people-focused approach to neighbourhood design in support of public transport investment. This will enable the creation of quality urban spaces around stations, improved accessibility, and a safe and equitable environment for communities. Ensuring urban spaces aligning with key public transport nodes are attractive and inviting is a key factor in supporting a people focused approach and mode shift. Multi-modal interchanges also enable connections with the wider transport network.

This presentation will draw on examples from medium sized cities overseas and locally including Greater Christchurch which is progressing a vision to develop a rapid public transport future.