# Putting people first: shaping urban streets for healthy and sustainable cities

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Streets make up the primary network of public space in cities, providing the platform for safe, efficient mobility, such as walking, cycling, and public transport, as well as for places to play, dine, enjoy nature, and build communities. Designing urban streets through the lens of putting people first helps to offer equitable access to the city, improves air quality and water management, supports local economies, saves lives, and promotes physical and mental well-being for all New Zealanders.

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