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| **Paper title**  **(limited to 6 words)** | The Evolution of Road Space Allocation | | | |
| **Overview of presentation** (300-word maximum)  "Bicycles are not suitable for New Zealand roads.", "Wellington is too hilly for riding a bike.", "Why are we making space for people riding bikes when we do not even have enough space for the cars?" As transportation professionals, we encounter these comments all too often.  The presenter takes you on a journey to travel back to the old scenes of New Zealand streets, where the allocation of road space has evolved over time. The interactions between different modes of transport were different, yet so similar to what we presently see. People rode bikes on New Zealand streets more than a hundred years ago. People rode to parks, to theatres, to parks and to schools.  Using an old photo showing how bike parking has been allowed on the Wellington street long before anyone could remember, the presenter successfully convinced a number of concerned business owners and managed to remove a car parking space and a loading zone and converted them to a bicycle parking corral on Wellington's iconic Cuba St.  People are passionate about their communities and they love the history behind them. Local history is a suprisingly powerful tool in getting people to understand the art of road space allocation. This interactive presentation will not only review the evolution of road space allocation on New Zealand streets, but also explain how it can help us moving forward sustainably. | | | | |