# Trialling Tactical Urbanism on one of the most constrained arterial corridors in Auckland – Symonds Street

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