# Aotearoa Urban Street Planning and Design Guide

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| While urban streets represent only 20% of our national street network – 84% of our population are living in urban areas. Our urban streets play a critical role in supporting the lives of the vast majority of people in Aotearoa on a daily basis. This means they have an outsize on our health and wellbeing which is being increasingly recognised at government policy level.  Streets are no longer thought of as 2-dimensional corridors for movement, with a multitude of global approaches that focus on people and place as well. The Aotearoa Urban Street Planning and Design Guide and Waka Kotahi aims to support anyone involved in shaping urban streets to be a part of the global movement in designing for both ‘Movement and Place’. It links the NACTO Global Street Design Guide principles with unique Aotearoa guidance that is grounded in an ethos of ‘He Whenua, He Tāngata’ – reflecting the shared relationship between land, people and place. This presentation will provide an overview of the content of the Aotearoa Urban Street Planning and Design Guide, the connection with Waka Kotahi’s One Network Framework and other policy direction in the context of Te Whare Tapa Whā model.  The presentation will talk through key aspects of the guide and its co-benefits approach, showing how this approach aligns with each of the four sub-themes of; Taha tinana (physical health), Taha hinengaro (mental and emotional well-being), Taha whānau (social well-being) and Taha wairua (spiritual well-being – personal beliefs). This rapid-fire session will raise awareness of how key content in the Urban Street Guide has been developed in a holistic and integrated way and in doing so helps to demystify how the conference sub-themes manifest in tangible ways that change the way we plan, design and build our urban streets now and in the future. |