



Innovating Streets for People

When finalised, the Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) will identify interventions and set targets to reduce transport emissions, with the objective of reducing vehicle kilometres travelled by 20% by 2035. The ERP sets out the need for rapid reallocation of street space and identifies the key role that piloting change will play in delivering on the target.

Given the lag in delivery of electric vehicles and public transport schemes, walking and cycling will need to work harder in the early years to target the 75% of journeys under 5km. Most of these journeys are currently driven but could easily be walked or cycled in the right conditions. Less than 10% of urban cycle networks are complete, and several hundred kilometres of change will be necessary each year to meet the 2035 target.

The intervention that we know most swiftly achieves mode shift to active modes is reallocating space on the nation's extensive roading networks. Reallocation of space can be achieved at relatively low cost and enables short journeys to be made by people using low carbon transport modes.

The Innovating Streets for People programme is the first programme in Aotearoa targeted at building capability in rapid reallocation of street space. The programme is designed to scale up over time and tackles barriers across the system to support Councils and communities to flourish.