# Micro-mobility in an uncertain future – what to do with E-scooters?

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| *Dr Iain McAuley, Principal Advisor, Safety, Health and Environment, NZ Transport Agency**Dr Angela Curl, Senior Lecturer, Department of Population Health, University of Otago* Emerging micro-mobility devices are changing the transport landscape and increasing competition for corridor space. New Zealand is experiencing this with the introduction of E-scooters for hire in several cities. This phenomenon has highlighted a broader question around micro-mobility in an uncertain future - What frameworks do we use to ensure they can be safely integrated into the existing transport system?The introduction of E-scooters gives us an opportunity to monitor how they are actually being used, which is important for determining where they should be used and under what conditions. Empirical data is presented from Auckland, Hutt Valley, Christchurch and Dunedin on patterns of use, their safety record, and how other road users perceive them. |