# Innovating our streets to be more equitable spaces for people

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| Cities around the world are choosing to transform their streets to be safer, more liveable spaces through temporary techniques and tactical changes. There are countless cities that have made significant change possible through the employment of small scale, low cost interventions. Many cities are using events and activations to get people thinking about their streets and how else they can be configured. Now New Zealand cities are starting to utilise these techniques, many of them supported by the Transport Agency’s Innovating Streets programme. The approach utilises best practice evaluation and engagement techniques, and data is starting to indicate that transitional design can be more inclusive as a design approach, and lead to more equitable spaces. This presentation will present evidence of where transitional design is building safer, and more accessible streets, and as a result more trusting and happier communities. The presentation will summarise international case studies, as well as experience from recently delivered projects in Auckland, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Dunedin and Wellington. The presentation will make the case for incorporating an innovating streets into business as usual as we retrofit streets across the country. |