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| **Overview of presentation** (300-word maximum)  Smart Travel is the first multi-modal transport platform in New Zealand. It’s not Mobility As A Service (MaaS) but is the precursor to it.  Initially acquired as a congestion relief tool to replace “Let’s Carpool”, the Smart Travel platform enables users to access cycling, walking and public transport information as well as finding carpool matches for their commute. Not only that, it rewards people for their sustainable transport trips which is a valuable means of encouraging good transport choices.  Carpooling websites and apps fly or fail depending on their ability to attract a critical mass of registrants. For a small country like New Zealand, multiple carpooling sites make creating this critical mass difficult. With 9 regions across the country promoting Smart Travel, that critical mass is building. It has evolved through cross regional collaboration over the past five years. Smart Travel promotes genuine transport choice and helps people connect with their neighbours and workmates.  Many people make their transport choices late in their journeys. Smart Travel enables people to determine how long trips using different modes will take and make a last minute choice. They can plot their various public transport trips or if they’re new to public transport, they can find a buddy to help them through their first few trips. They can also find a cycling or walking buddy to help them figure out the best routes.  Local government is responsible for developing, maintaining and operating a large network of local roads and for delivering public transport infrastructure and services. It also has a key role in achieving integrated transport planning. Reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips, particularly during peak-hours, is another key objective of local government in order to ease congestion and make better use of existing transport capacity. | | | | |