# Supercharging Urban Development in **Otautahi** Christchurch







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## High density is ...

My husband now sends me photos of attractive high density housing as a romantic gesture. I appreciate it.



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Increased vehicle ownership

Dispersed development patterns

Car-centric transport planning

Generous parking supply Transport and land use planning in New Zealand since the 1950s

Car-centric land use planning

Other transport modes stigmatised

Urban sprawl and degraded cities

adapted from Todd Littman

**Reduced travel options** 

#### Parking management

- CCC has two main tools for dealing with parking
  - Parking requirements through district plan
  - Parking management for on-street parking
- Minimum parking requirements
  - Generally result in oversupply
  - NPS-UD will remove minimum parking rates from district plan
    - Does not apply to mobility parking
    - Already in place for central city
  - Does not mean that developers won't provide parking



#### Parking management for on-street parking

- Good 2003 policy framework →
  - Residents favoured in residential streets
  - In practice, commuters come first
- Putting policy into practice will enable densification

	<b>RESIDENTIAL PARKING PRIORITY*</b>
1	Bus stops
2	Residents parking
3	Parking for People with Disabilities
4	Short-stay vehicle parking
5	Taxi, Limousine and Shuttle services
6	Commuter Parking





Parked out by commuters



## Parking management – now and future

#### Now

- Parking free or time-restricted
- First come first served (where free)
- Road space taken up by commuters
- Hard to find a park during the day
- Lots of illegal parking
  - On footpath
  - Exceeding time restriction (difficult to enforce)
- Perceived shortage of parking
  - Challenging to implement projects that impact on parking

#### Future

- Parking for residents by (paid) permit
- Other parking mostly paid for
- Price balances demand & supply
- Parking always available
- More orderly as less pressure
- Easier to implement projects
  - As parking is always available

## Parking & intensification relationship

- Higher density = more people need to move around
- Need to encourage walking / scooting / biking / public transport as more space efficient than cars
- Developers more likely to provide less parking...
- Residents more likely to buy into / rent with little parking...
  - If they have surety that on-street parking is a viable option
  - This will help build denser & at less cost



#### Mass rapid transit

- National Policy Statement has emphasis on mass rapid transit
- "existing or planned frequent, quick, reliable and high-capacity public transport service that operates on a permanent route (road or rail) that is largely separated from other traffic"



#### Tram-trains

#### Karlsruhe, Germany





#### **Heavy rail**

**Light rail** 

#### **Tram-trains for Christchurch**



## Conclusions

- Meaningful parking management is an enabler for higher density
- Christchurch can (and should) introduce mass rapid transit



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