

## **Fundamentals of Planning & Design for Walking**

**Nelson, Thursday 27 August 2009**

**ACC Meeting Room, Halifax/Collingwood Street, Nelson**

**Attendee numbers limited to 20**

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### **Why a course on Walking?**

For a number of years, an industry training course (developed for NZTA and its prior organisations) has existed for cycling. Now, with the development of appropriate design manuals and policy work, the time has come for a walking course. You are invited to attend. You'll learn about the policies and practices that can make our towns and cities better for walking from leading practitioners Tim Hughes and Andrew Macbeth.

There are many reasons why New Zealanders need to start walking more and more often. Just a few of them are congestion, pollution, peak oil, the obesity epidemic, climate change. And the new NZ Transport Strategy has targets to increase active transport activity. Yet many barriers exist to discourage people from walking – physical, social, cultural and institutional.

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Streets around the world are being opened up again to people on foot, with spectacular benefits to communities in terms of traffic and personal safety, economic well-being, community cohesiveness and children's health.

New guidance and tools published by the NZTA enable better practice in meeting user needs. This course aims to ensure participants are inspired, understand the key principles behind the new guidance, and are equipped with the basic skills needed to apply them. The issues will be illustrated in practice by an audit of existing conditions for walking in nearby streets. Participants will work on project examples, choosing the appropriate pedestrian facilities and grappling with those "devil in the detail" design issues that make all the difference.

Course presenters will be Tim Hughes and Andrew Macbeth. Tim Hughes has over 25 years experience as a road safety engineer, managing projects to provide guidance on provision for pedestrians with different needs and auditing new works to assess walkability and ensure that they are walking friendly. He led the development of various NZ guidelines for walking, including the Pedestrian Planning and Design Guide (2008) and RTS 14, Guidelines for facilities for blind and vision-impaired pedestrians.

Andrew has been active as a traffic engineer and transportation planner in New Zealand and Canada for over 30 years. He specialises in sustainable transportation, including both policy and detailed design work on walking and cycling issues. Previous research projects for Land Transport New Zealand include best practice for walking and cycling strategies (2005). Andrew has led or been involved in the preparation of walking and cycling strategies in 10 local or regional authorities. Andrew also helped develop content and deliver walking and cycling strategy workshops with ARRB in Wellington and Christchurch in 2007.

We have several different registration fee categories reflecting the date of registration and whether or not attendees are volunteers from approved community organisations. See the registration form on page 3 for fee details. Please apply using the attached registration form, or contact Helen Woodhouse (03-366-7605), [helen@viastrada.co.nz](mailto:helen@viastrada.co.nz) if you have questions.

**Please note the cut-off date for "early bird" registrations of Monday 17 August 2009.**

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**Duration: 08.45 am – 16.45 pm**

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## Programme

**8.45 Introduction, Planning Policy and Context, Funding overview**

**9.15 Pedestrian Characteristics and Preferences**

**9.45 Walkability – Approaches to Provision**

**10.15 Morning Tea**

**10.30 Network components – overview of options**

**11.00 Footpath Design**

**11.45 Crossing Design**

**12.30 Lunch**

**13.15 On-street audit and feedback (group exercise)**

**14.30 Network Planning and Implementation**

**15.00 Afternoon Tea**

**15.15 Project facility selection and evaluation exercise:  
Using the crossing facility selection tool - spreadsheet**

**15.45 Project Evaluation tips, and exercise**

**16.45 Close – course evaluation and feedback**

# REGISTRATION FORM



## FUNDAMENTALS OF PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR WALKING

**Date: 8:45 am to 16:45 pm, Thursday 27 August 2009**  
**Venue: ACC Meeting Room, Halifax/Collingwood Street, Nelson**

To register, post, fax or e-mail details to Helen Woodhouse, ViaStrada Ltd, PO Box 22 458 Christchurch, fax 03-366-7603; e-mail helen@viastrada.co.nz

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation (where applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any special catering or dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**All participants will receive a copy of the Pedestrian Planning and Design Guide and presentation notes.**

**Withdrawals** of registrations after the early bird cut-off date incur a **\$50 fee**. However, substitutions are welcomed at no charge. "No show" of registered attendees will be charged at the rate used for registration.

**Fees** (all fees exclusive of GST)

**Delegates**

**Standard Registration**

(For registrations received after 17 August 2009)

x \$450.00

**Volunteer Standard Registration**

(Volunteers – those attending on behalf of community groups)

x \$150.00

plus 12.5% GST

**Total**

Please find enclosed a cheque payable to "ViaStrada Ltd" for the required amount.

I wish to pay by direct credit.  
ASB Bank Account No: **12-3209-0359974-00** Please include "Fundamentals" and registrant name(s).

Please invoice my organisation. Purchase order no: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt required.  
In accordance with standard business practice, no receipt will be issued unless requested.