

## Training Course



# Fundamentals of Planning & Design for Walking Palmerston North, Thurs 9 July 2009

#### **Meeting Room at Te Manawa - Map Below**

Attendee numbers limited to 25

#### 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.

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

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.

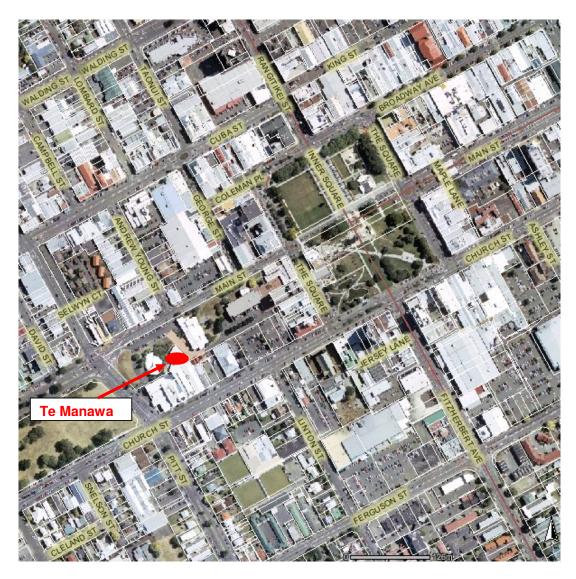
We have several different registration fee categories reflecting the date of registration and whether or not attendees are volunteers from approved community organisations. See the registration form on page 3 for fee details. Please apply using the attached registration form, or contact Helen Woodhouse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

Please note the cut-off date for "early bird" registrations of Thursday 25 June 2009.

Venue: Meeting Room at Te Manawa

Duration: 08.45 am - 16.45 pm

#### **Venue MAP**



Parking:

All day parking is available entering from the Church Street or Main Street sides of Te Manawa. Parking can be paid for by texting the machine, by credit card or by cash. Costs are: Main Street Side 50c/hr all day and Church St side \$1/hr all day (but capped at \$5).

# Fundamentals of Planning and Design for Walking



### 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 /F	Close course evaluation and feedback					

#### **REGISTRATION FORM**



#### FUNDAMENTALS OF PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR WALKING

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