

## WORKSHOP REMIT

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Transport is a changing landscape in New Zealand and sustainable transport, although a key objective of New Zealand's Land Transport Strategy is difficult for practitioners to envisage without practical, real and feasible examples.

Policy is the 'what' but often at the grass routes the 'how' of implementation is very difficult. This is especially relevant when New Zealand's transport vision is very high on ideal but because it is so new, the how is generally untested other than at a very strategic or endorsement level. Also, because New Zealand is a small country with limited resources we therefore have a requirement to look outwards to discover areas of best practice in relevant topics. This allows us to learn from the experience of other countries and cities, rather than making our own mistakes, which can be costly.

To assist practioners in meeting New Zealand's transport vision Steve Abley spent two months last year travelling the world searching out and investigating sustainable transport initiatives that could feasibly transfer to New Zealand. Steve's global investigation included visiting Rio de Janeiro, Curitiba, Lima, Bogota, Boulder, Portland, Amsterdam, Delft, Houten, Drachten, London, Singapore and Perth. He met with the decision makes in each of the cities including politicians, technical representatives and managers. This presentation paper will identify some of the successful and not so successful sustainable transport initiatives implemented overseas and what New Zealand can learn from these experiences.

Steve observed both mainstream sustainable transport modes, including walking and cycling and non mainstream modes, also including walking and cycling. Often there was a dichotomy that such major differences exist in transport planning policies that sustainable transport can be accepted, safe, cheap, healthy and fun and within a fairly short plane trip it can be perceived as unacceptable, unsafe, expensive and not fun. Not everything Steve experienced was applicable in New Zealand although often a city's improvement from a very low base is a case study in decision making and the strength of an individual leader, so in some ways every city he visited had something to offer in terms of how NZ could improve.

At Conference Steve will be concurrently launching the report of his tour to assist practitioners to meet New Zealand's sustainability objectives.

People who have seen Steve present have said...

- "I really enjoyed it and it was just pitched right" - Celia Wade-Brown, Wellington City Councillor

- "Many thanks for coming to Hamilton and for your presentations. I am hopeful that we may be able to move things along more than thus far ... I was impressed by your familiarity with what is happening here and linking your overseas findings to here" Daphne Bell, Hamilton City Council Councillor