

Local Government Workshop – School Travel Planning

Date: 29 April 2020

Location: Members Only Lounge, Parliament Buildings, 1 Molesworth Street, Wellington

Agenda Overview

Time	Item
9:00 am	Morning tea on arrival
Local Government Workshop – School Travel Planning (Facilitator – John Lieswyn) <i>(see further details about Speaker overleaf)</i>	
9:20 am	Welcome, introductions and housekeeping
9:30 am	School Travel Planning around the world (John Lieswyn)
10:00 am	Neighbourhood Led Projects (Sarah Wilson, New Plymouth DC)
10:25 am	Tea break (quick 10 mins)
10:35 am	Travel Safe (Cindi Feder, Tauranga City and Western BOP)
11:00 am	Engaging teachers (Pam McConchie, NZ Transport Agency)
11.25 am	Discussion – participant experiences and moving our practice forward
12:15 pm	Next Steps, checking for impact and staying in touch (Pam McConchie)
12.30 pm	Lunch & networking
Trafinz Meeting	
1.45 pm	Trafinz Annual General Meeting
2.30 pm	Trafinz Executive Meeting
4.00 pm	Close of day (Andy Foster)

Invitation:

Trafinz and NZ Transport Agency are pleased to present a School Travel Planning Workshop

A safe school travel plan provides an opportunity for parents, caregivers, schools and the community to work together to improve safety and mode-shift to sustainable, healthy active transport where possible. Although the NZ Transport Agency has a guideline for school travel plan coordinators, and many councils have helped some of their schools create travel plans, there are few good examples of improved and measurable outcomes.

Workshop participants will share their knowledge and aim to further the state of practice in New Zealand.

Speakers:

John Lieswyn, Senior Transportation Planner, ViaStrada

John will share an updated version of his presentations about school travel planning given at the Active Living and Environment Symposium in Dunedin and the Walk21 Conference in Rotterdam. It will include lessons learned from international practitioners at the Rotterdam conference and draw on his [experience](#) with school travel planning in Hastings, Whakatāne, Palmerston North, and across California, USA.

From 2011 to 2013, John was the analyst on the team behind the first major US safe routes to school [programme evaluation](#) for 130 participating schools in Alameda County, California.

John notes that “the actual plan is less important than the engagement, physical changes, and activities that arise from it. However, it is important to document the baseline, rationale, and planned actions for future followup.” Once the plan is launched, recording student participation numbers is key to evaluation.

Pam McConchie, Senior Education Advisor, NZ Transport Agency

Pam supports Travel Safe at School Travel Plan workshops with teachers intended to build understanding of the role teachers play. Pam’s presentation will include a demonstration of the teacher workshop exercises.

Cindi Feder, Travel Safe Coordinator, Tauranga City and Western Bay of Plenty

Cindi has had 10 years’ experience working alongside our schools in Travel Safe School Travel Plans . These school travel plans have a holistic approach to active travel and road safety. We use guiding principles that listen to each school community and supports them to set up an ongoing school travel action plan.

Sarah Wilson, Integrated Transportation Officer, New Plymouth District Council

Sarah’s team is involved in a series of [Neighbourhood Led Projects](#), where engagement with community stakeholders is taken to a more in-depth level for infrastructure improvements. These projects are currently in their construction phase, so outcomes are not yet known, however the process has been positive for the community to date. She has experience with the nationally recognised Let’s Go programme, mostly focused on school travel plans and interventions.

**Please register with Susan Lilley, Dunedin City Council,
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