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**Hybrid event**  
(in person and online)

Registration is free,  
but mandatory.

# Transport and Health Symposium 2025

Tuesday, 10 June 2025 | 1:15 pm to 4:30 pm (New Zealand time; UTC+12)  
Auckland CBD (location TBC), Auckland, New Zealand

Join us to learn from and network with researchers, practitioners and policy makers from various sectors who are interested in transport and health.

## Symposium Programme

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Informal buy-your-own lunch and networking session (Elliot Stables food court, 39-41 Elliot Street, Auckland Central)
1:15 pm	Welcome and introductions
1:30 pm	<b>Distinguished Professor Emeritus James F. Sallis</b> , University of California San Diego, USA: “ <b>Active Transportation is Central to the Health of Cities</b> ”
2:00 pm	<b>Martin Parkes</b> , Manager Urban Transport, Hamilton City Council, Hamilton: “ <b>The Future of Transport: Looking Backward to Move Forward</b> ”
2:30 pm	<b>George Weeks</b> , Principal Transport Advisor, Transport Strategy Team, Auckland Council, New Zealand: “ <b>Transport Planning - Rejecting Received Wisdom</b> ”
3:00 pm	Afternoon tea
3:30 pm	<b>Research Snippets</b>  <b>Professor Ben Wooliscroft</b> , Auckland University of Technology, Auckland: “The Wider Social System that Embeds Non-Sustainable Mobility in Our Lives”  <b>Dr Tamara Bozovic</b> , Stellar Projects Ltd., Auckland: “Walkable for whom? Understanding and Addressing Discriminations in the Car-Centric City”  <b>John Lieswyn</b> , Viastrada, Christchurch: “Austroads Pedestrian Safety Data Research Yields Useful Findings for Health Researchers”  <b>Dr Sandra Mandic</b> , Wellington City Council, Wellington: “Pōneke / Wellington Transport Survey”
4:00 pm	<b>Transport and Health Discussion: Where to Next?</b>
4:30 pm	Symposium close

[Register here](#)

Limited capacity  
for in-person  
attendance.

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Dr Sandra Mandic, PhD, PMP, THSG NZ Co-Chair (Policy), AGILE Research Ltd., Wellington  
Professor Ben Wooliscroft, THSG NZ Co-Chair (Science), Auckland University of Technology  
Dr Tamara Bozovic, THSG NZ Member, Stellar Projects Ltd., Auckland

For questions about this event, send an email to [agile.research.nz@gmail.com](mailto:agile.research.nz@gmail.com).

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## Presentation outlines

### **Distinguished Professor Emeritus**

**James F. Sallis**, University of California San Diego, San Diego, USA

#### **“Active Transportation is Central to the Health of Cities”**

Improving conditions for walking, bicycling, and public transport has the potential to substantially enhance health and environmental sustainability of cities in multiple ways. This talk will discuss research practical guidance about what changes are most likely to be effective in promoting active transport.

**Martin Parkes**, Manager Urban Transport, Hamilton City Council, Hamilton

#### **“The Future of Transport: Looking Backward to Move Forward”**

What people want from a transport system? People want to go about their everyday lives as easily as possible. An effective transport network should be simple to understand and easy to navigate and should provide people with a menu of choices that are well integrated.

**George Weeks**, Principal Transport Advisor, Transport Strategy Team, Auckland Council, Auckland

#### **“Transport Planning - Rejecting Received Wisdom”**

We all know about urban transport – our commonsense knowledge confirms empirical facts. Or does it? There’s more than meets the eye. Learn what this means for transport, health, planning and communication.

**Professor Ben Wooliscroft**, Auckland University of Technology, Auckland

#### **“The Wider Social System that Embeds Non-Sustainable Mobility in Our Lives”**

Sharing a conceptual model designed to measure the interactions between multiple social institutions that lead to our cultures of mobility and demonstrate how hard it is to change them.

**Dr Tamara Bozovic**, Principal – Research and Evaluation, Stellar Projects Ltd., Auckland

#### **“Walkable for whom? Understanding and Addressing Discriminations in the Car-Centric City”**

This short talk will touch on diverse users’ experiences, transport engineering practice and guidelines, and governance.

**John Lieswyn**, Viadrada, Christchurch

#### **“Austroads Pedestrian Safety Data Research Yields Useful Findings for Health Researchers”**

This research shows that emerging new technologies like WiFi probes and artificial intelligence processing of video feeds can help measure levels of walking.

**Dr Sandra Mandic**, Team Leader Transport Strategy, Wellington City Council, Wellington

#### **“Pōneke / Wellington Transport Survey”**

This local government research project examines residents’ travel patterns and their perceptions of the city’s transport system to support monitoring, evaluation and evidence-informed decision making.

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