

Te Ara Mua Future Streets

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What would 'optimised' suburban routes look like?

How user-friendly are our routes?

What are the wider costs and benefits of better routes for pedestrians and cyclists?













**No!!!! I can't
park my car
out front?!**





Human Centred Design



**But we are
not Dutch!!!**



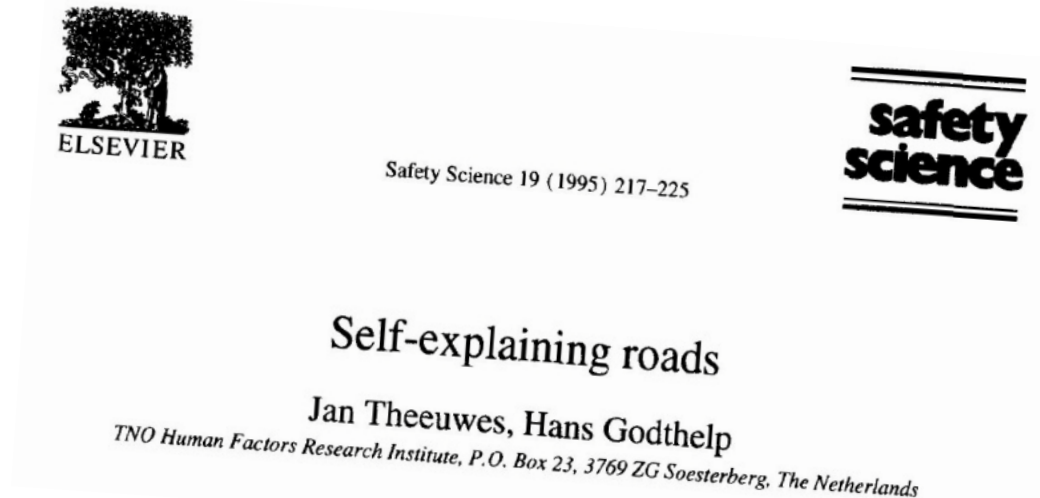
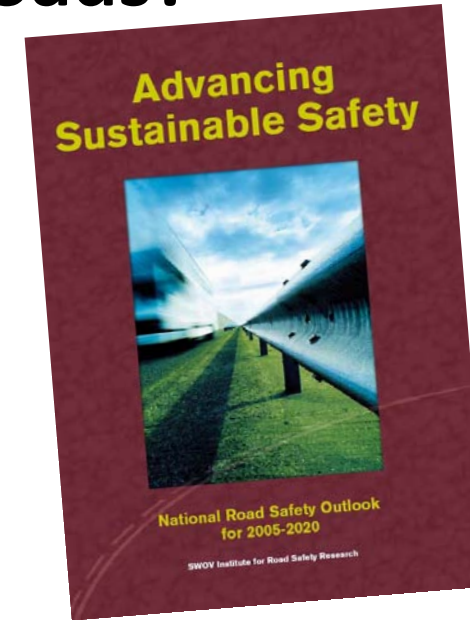
Self Explaining Roads

What are self explaining roads?

Functionality

Homogeneity

Predictability



Self Explaining Roads demonstration project

Project aim

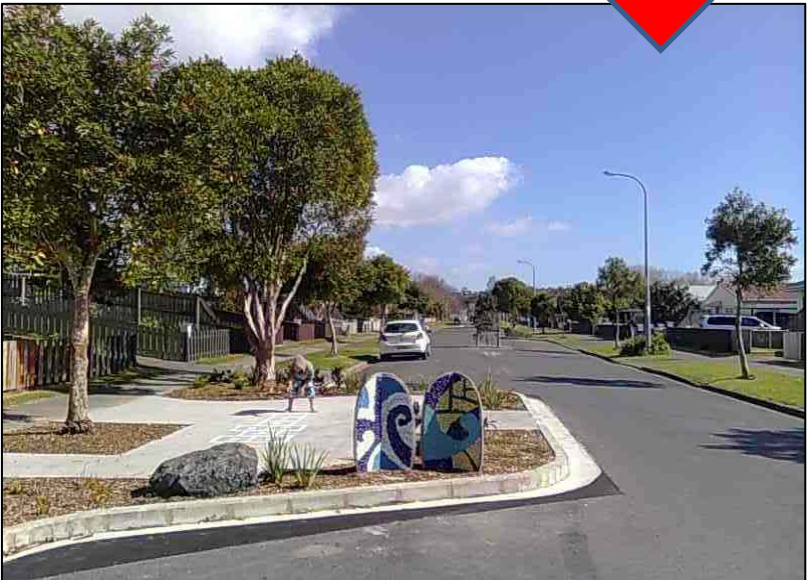
Understand road user behaviour changes
and road safety outcomes from Self-
Explaining road trial in New Zealand



Local roads before



Local roads after



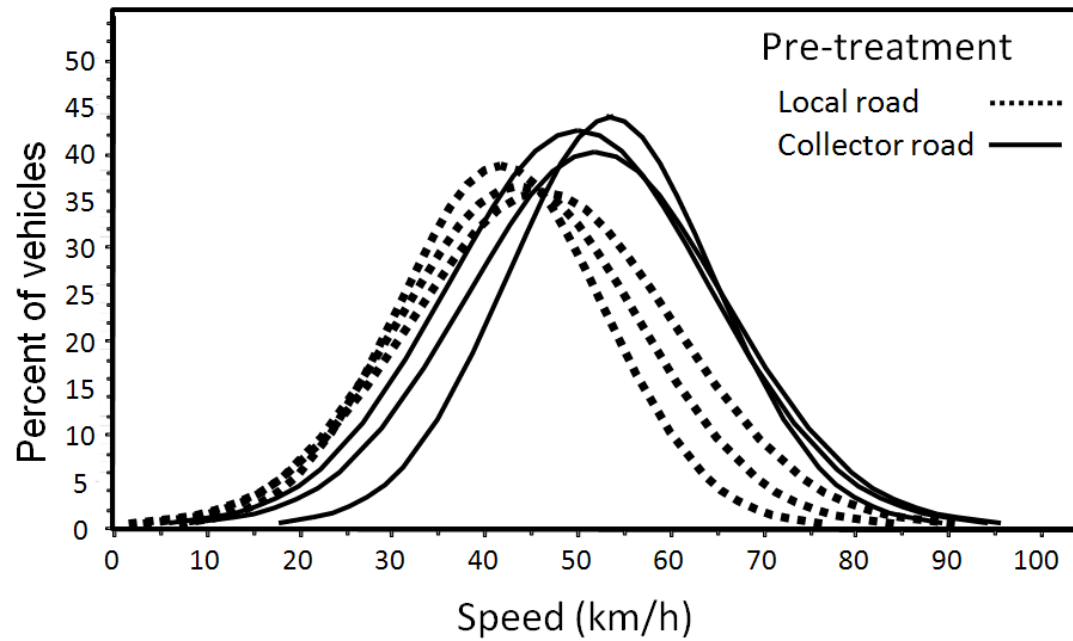
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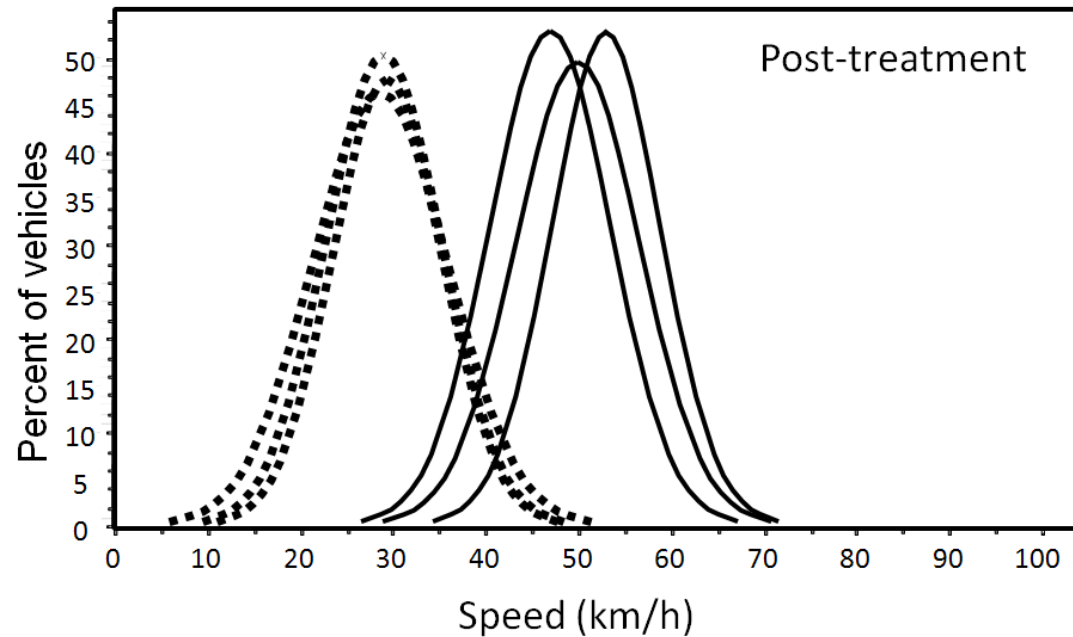
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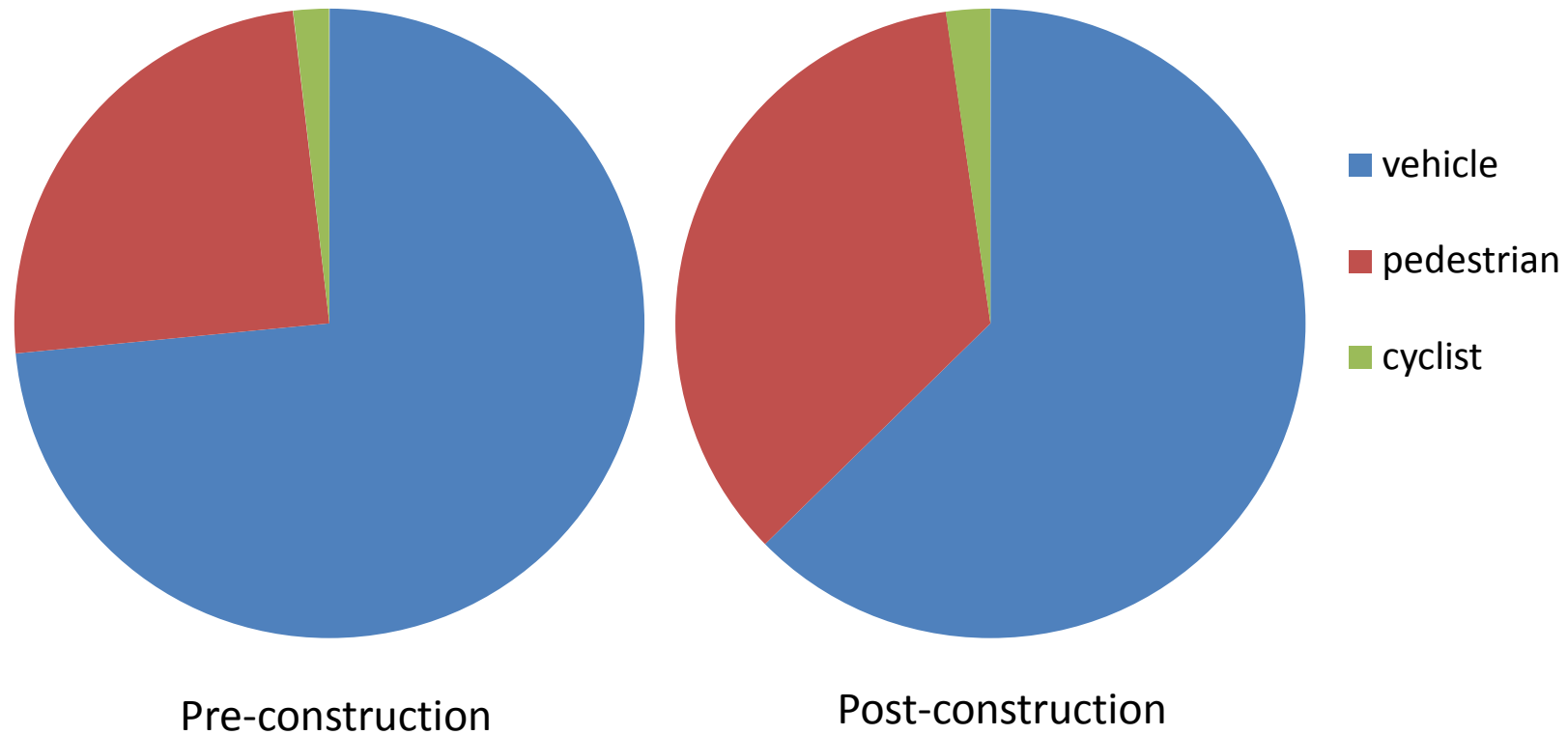


Similar speeds between categories with large variation



Distinctly different speeds with much less variation

A higher proportion of active trips on Local streets



Fewer and less severe casualties

30% reduction in crashes → Consistent with overseas literature

75% reduction in crash costs



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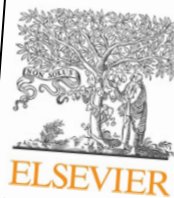
Using endemic road features to create self-explaining roads and reduce vehicle speeds

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Road user behaviour changes following a self-explaining roads intervention

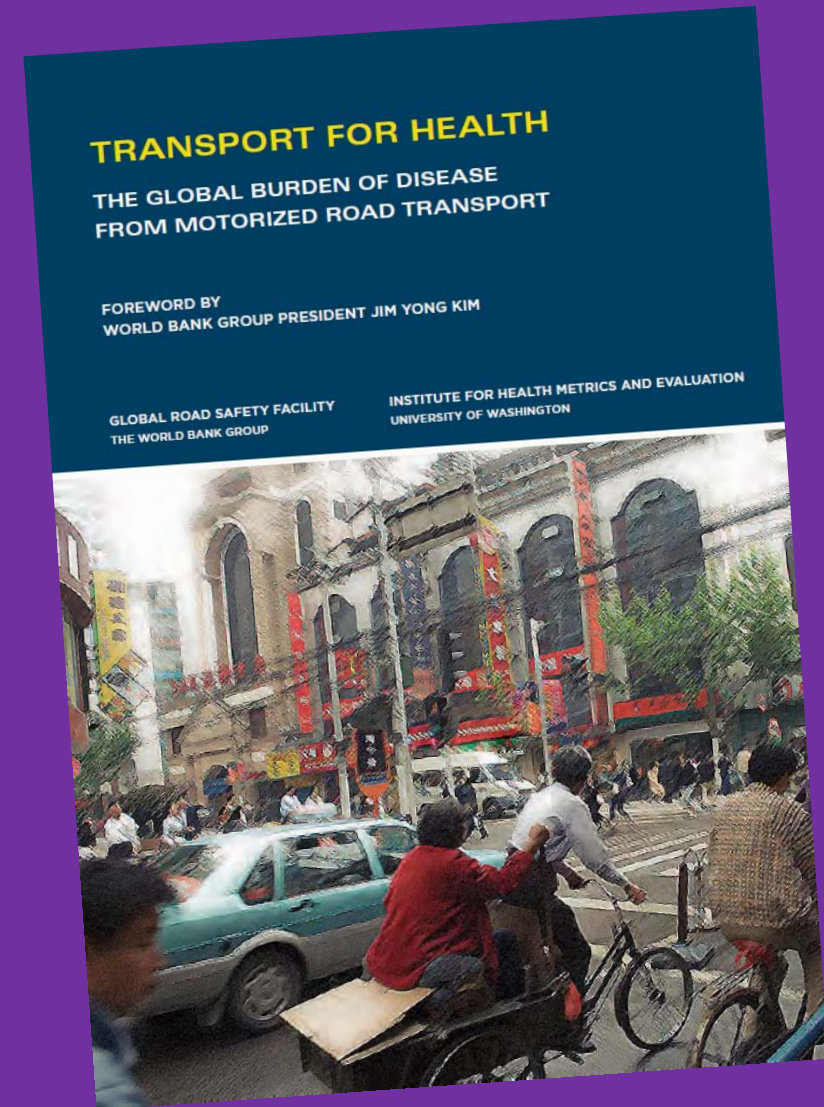
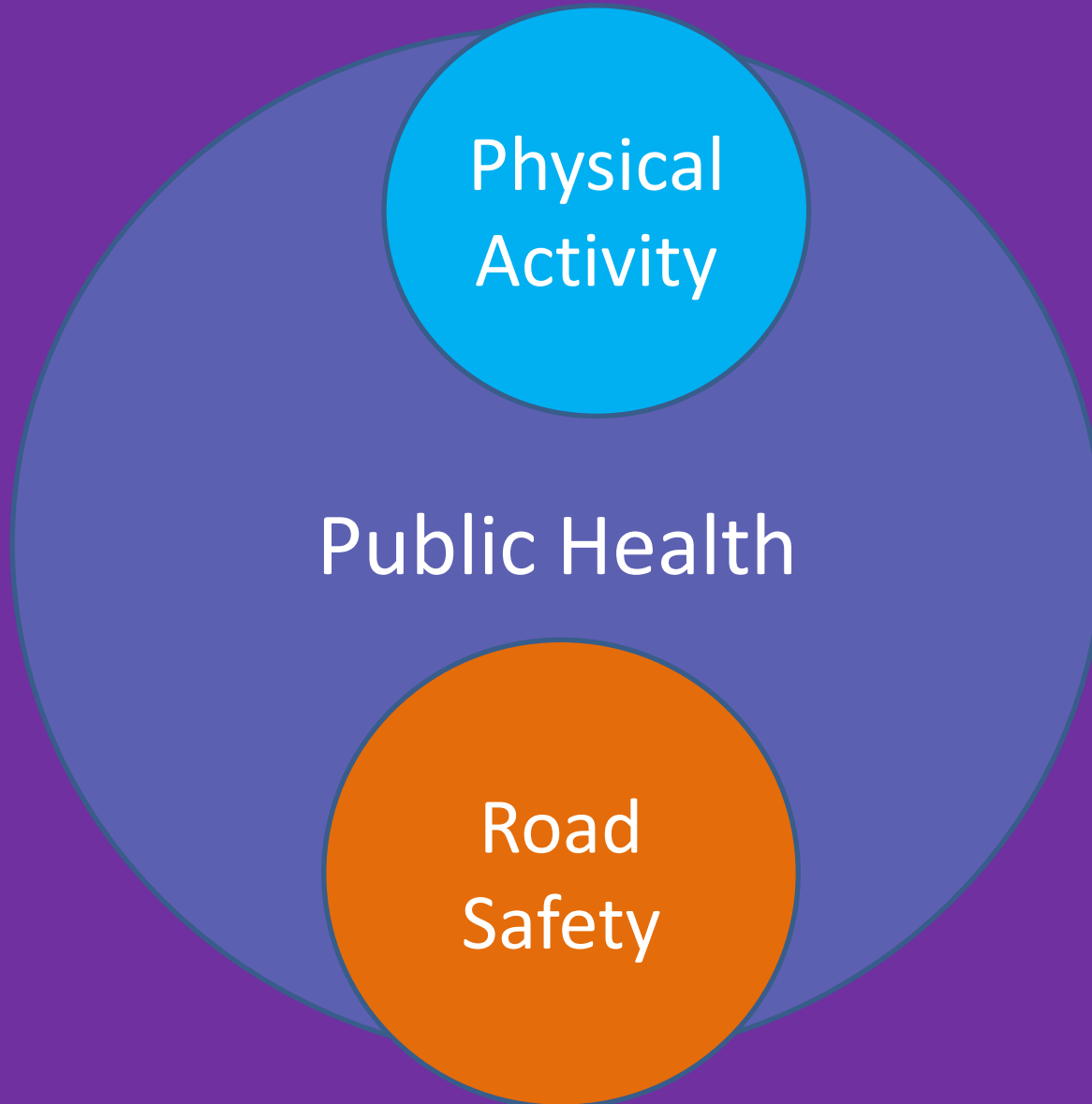
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Road design is a public health issue



The health benefits are likely to be much greater than safety benefits

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The Societal Costs and Benefits of Commuter Bicycling: Simulating the Effects of Specific Policies Using System Dynamics Modeling

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Benefits (mostly health related) 10-25 times the costs

Do the Health Benefits of Cycling Outweigh the Risks?

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Health benefits substantially larger than safety risks



FUTURE STREETS Te Ara Mua

Te Ara Mua – Future Streets is an exciting project to make streets around Māngere Central safer and easier for people to travel around, especially by walking or cycling.

Please let us know what you think by December 8 at www.futurestreets.org or by calling Hamish on (09) 579 2328



Te Ara Mua Future Streets

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Key Statement

Future Streets – Te Ara Mua will demonstrate what New Zealand's urban streets and connections will look and feel like in the future to optimise road safety and public health outcomes.

**Making streets around Mangere Central
safer and easier to travel around,
especially by walking and cycling; and
reflecting local identity**

Future Streets Partners



**Ministry of Business,
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**The People of
Mangere**



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Safer Journeys
Signature Programme

What is the problem?

- Mangere Central ranks 4th out of 275 Auckland communities/suburbs for fatal and serious crashes. There is inequity in traffic crashes
- The social costs of crashes in Mangere Central over the past five years are estimated at \$18.2m (conservatively).
- Pedestrian crashes account for 26% of all crashes in the area.
- Infrastructure heavily weighted to car travel
- Chronic diseases



1980



2007

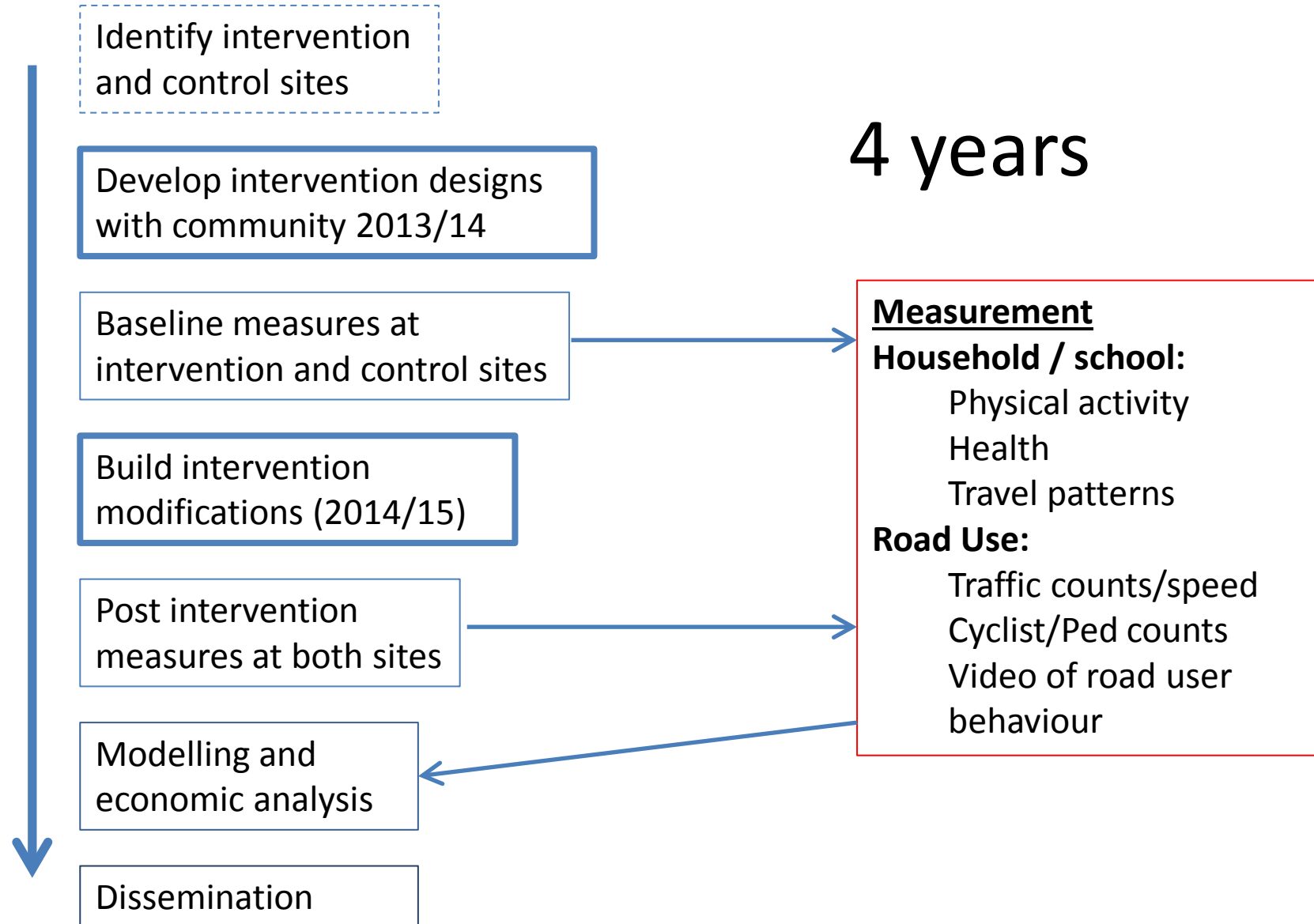
Project goals

1. demonstrate **Future Streets** implementation feasibility
2. measure and describe the integrated road safety, health, environmental and social outcomes

Ultimately inform road investment decisions



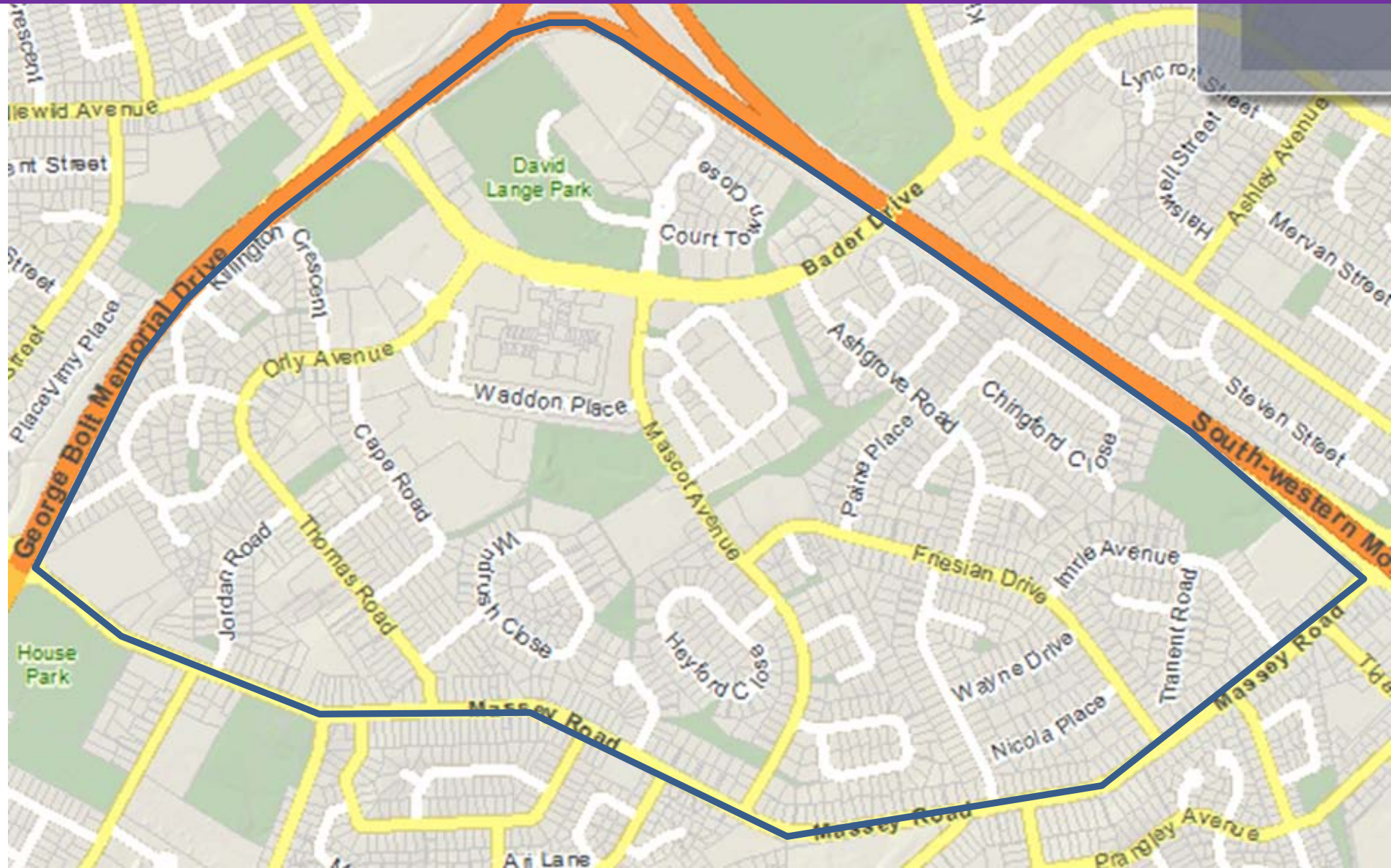
Method



Area selection



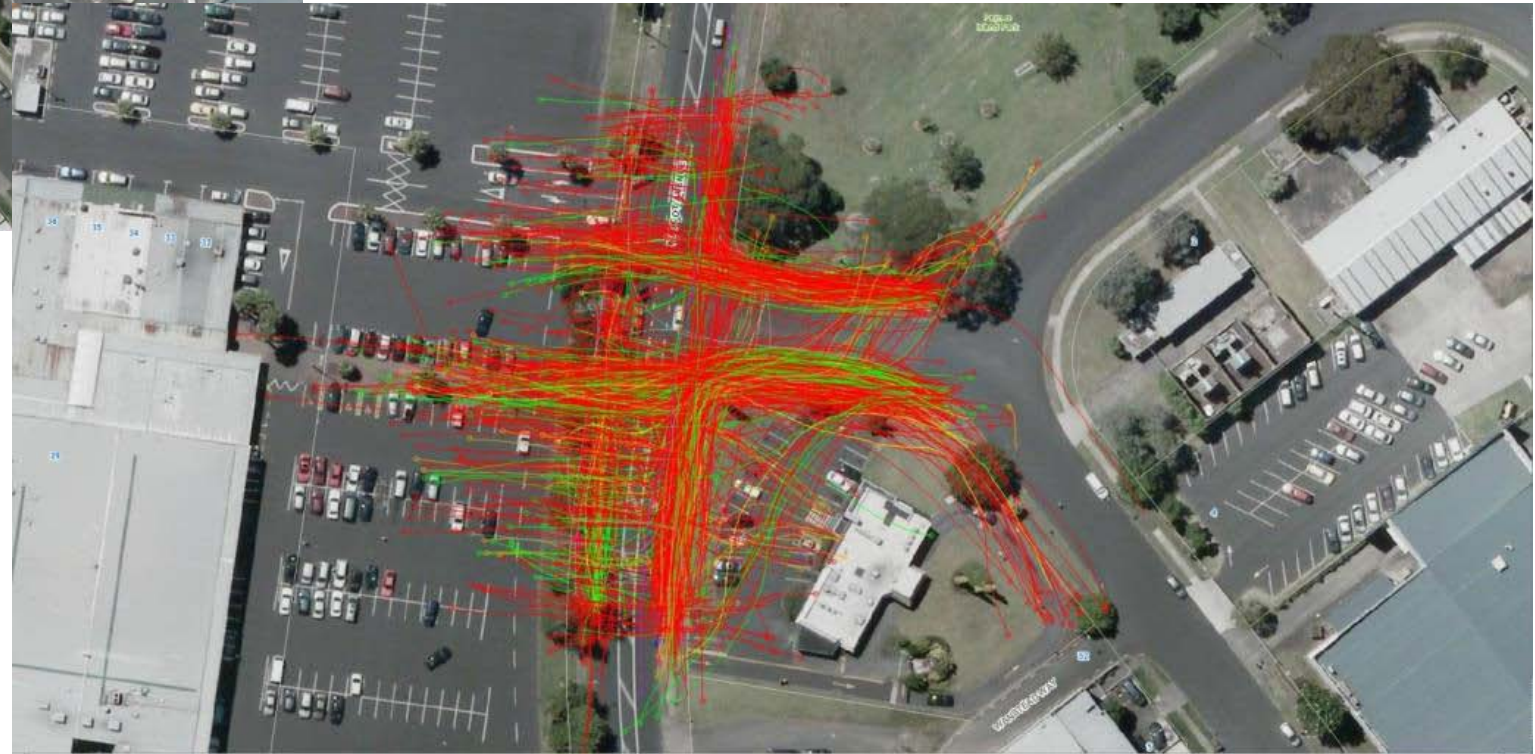
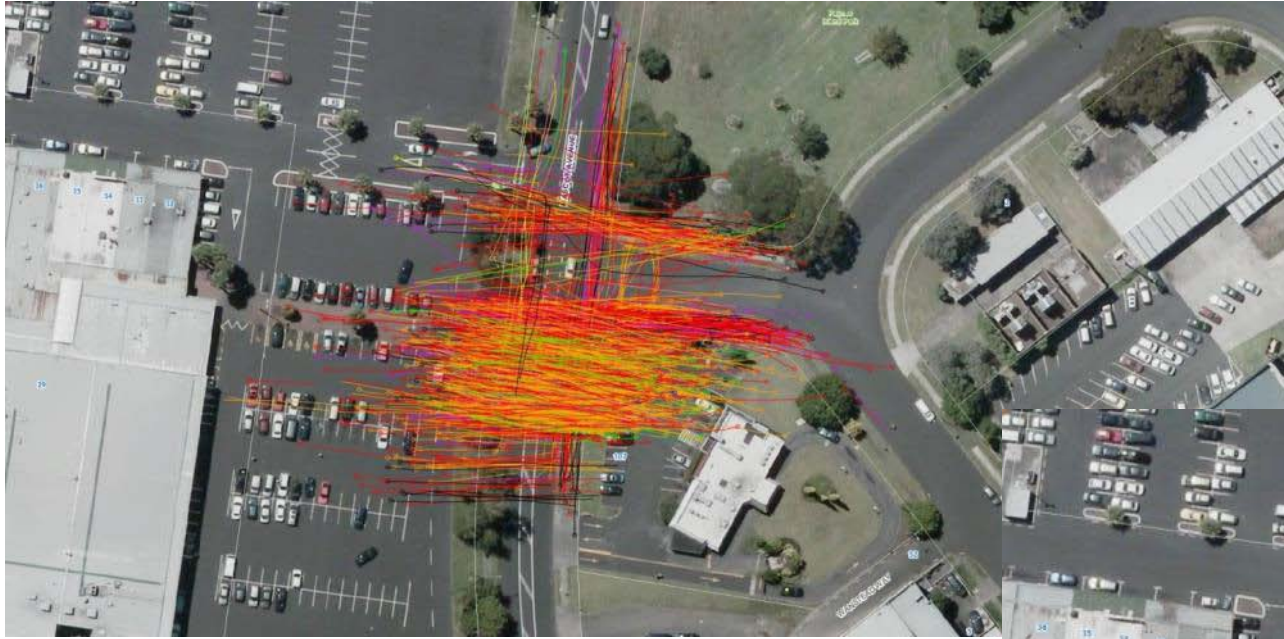
Intervention area Mangere Central



Community Engagement



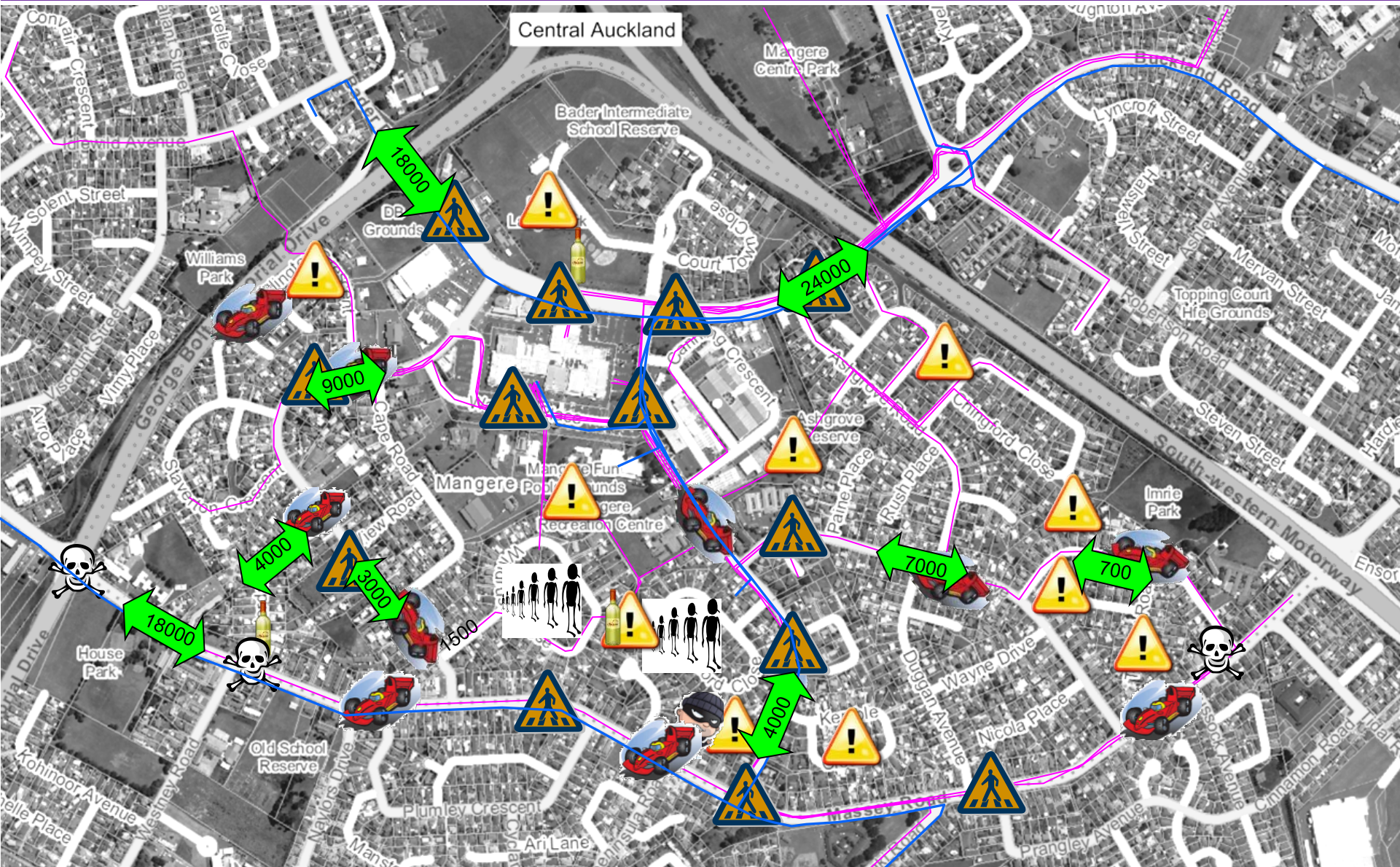
Background data



Key community concerns

- Personal Safety
 - Especially pathways due to poor lighting, youth drinking, crime and gang affiliations
- Speeding
- Lack of crossings
 - Massey Road and Bader Drive
- Confusion around priority on Waddon place and around mall
- Dogs in the area pose a threat to walkers and cyclists

This aerial map of Central Auckland illustrates a complex network of roads and traffic management. The map features several key roads, including George Road, Lincroft Street, and the South-western Motorway. Landmarks such as Williams Park, Mangere Centre Park, and Bader Intermediate School Reserve are clearly marked. The map is overlaid with various traffic signs and vehicle icons, indicating specific traffic conditions and hazards. Green arrows with numbers (e.g., 18000, 24000, 9000, 4000, 3000, 1500, 7000, 700) likely represent speed limits or traffic flow indicators. Yellow and orange warning signs (e.g., pedestrian crossing, school zone, narrow road) and hazard signs (e.g., skull and crossbones) are also present. Vehicle icons, including cars, trucks, and a bus, are placed along the roads to show traffic composition. The map provides a detailed view of the urban environment and its associated traffic infrastructure.



Key Destinations from Community Feedback



Town Centre
Rec Centre
Nga Iwi School

Source:
Boffa Miskell

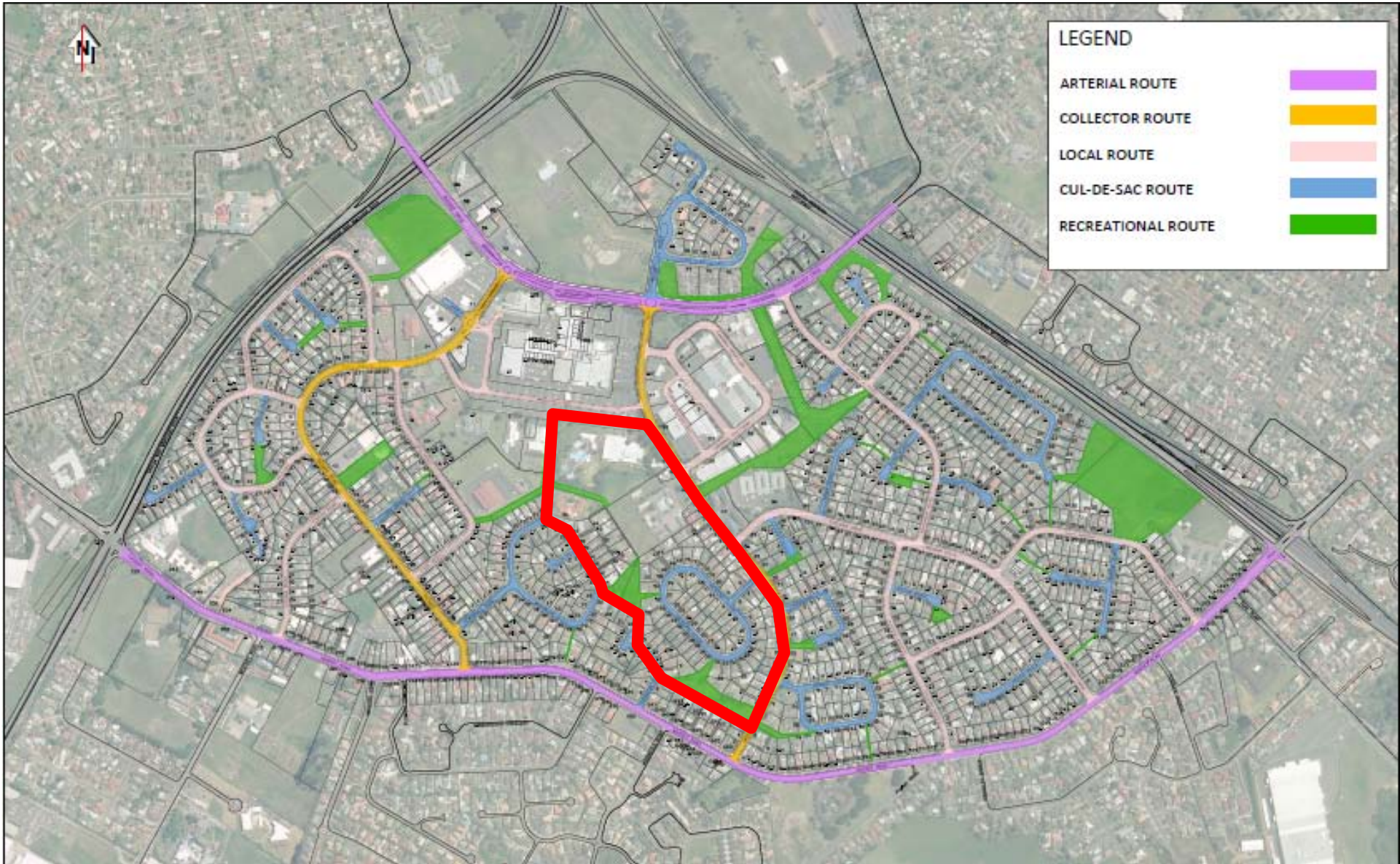
Design principles

- A street hierarchy reflecting desired FUNCTIONS
- High quality cycle and pedestrian connections reflecting the needs of **young, old and those with disabilities**
- Safe traffic behaviour when active speeds
- Safe and reliable travel by active modes
- Integration with the wider public transport and arterial network
- Enhance a sense of place and community identity

This is not business as usual:
push the boundaries



Iconic fitness circuit - Extending the Nga Iwi cycle track into the community?







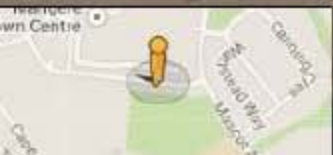
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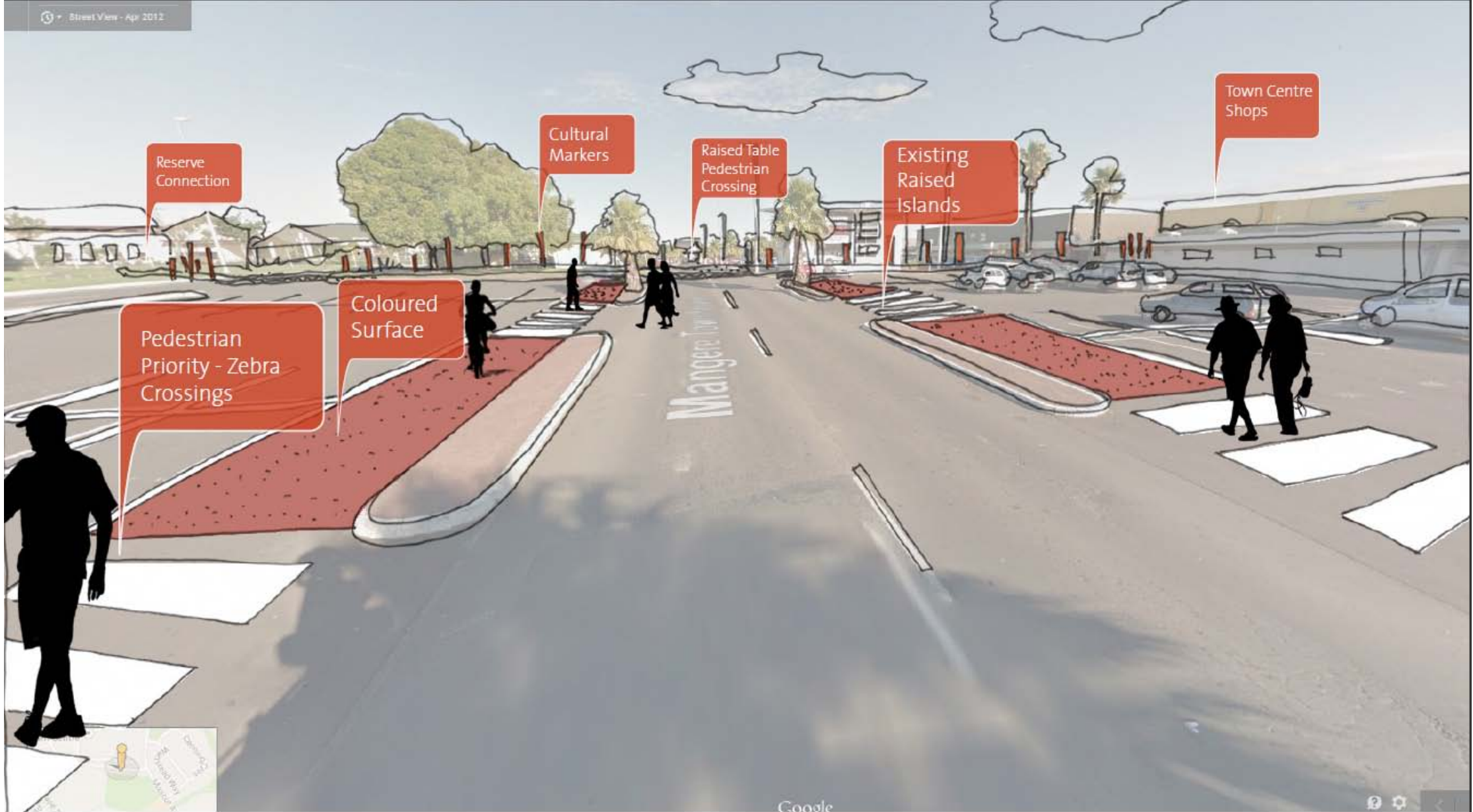




Windrush Reserve







Carpark Road

Source: Boffa Miskell



Park entrance - narrow



Park entrance - narrow

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Fresian Drive



Fresian Drive



Mascot Ave





Mascot Ave





**Prioritising
pedestrians at
intersections:**



LOCAL STREETS ~ Slow Traffic
Fresian gateway to show that it's a local street

Heyford local street gateway with priority for pedestrians

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MASCOT AVE

Part of the recreation circuit 6 Mascot Ave near Nga Iwi School. More space for people walking and cycling

OPTION 1:
Footpaths and cycleways, in behind tops

OPTION 2:
Wide footpaths and two-way cycle way on Nga Iwi school side

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based on the ***known*** benefits and costs?



Thank you

