



ROAD USER WORKSHOP



## Sharing the Road: Buses & Bikes

As cycling numbers increase, so are the frequencies of bus services. It is likely that motorists, bus drivers and cyclists will face increasing tension as congestion grows on our roads. With proposed changes to Health and Safety Legislation and ACC's Fleet Saver Programme, which offers levy reductions to those companies operating heavy vehicle who demonstrate a strong safety culture, there has never been a better time to review your company's road safety policies. The **Road User Workshop** programme is educating professional drivers and cyclists about sharing the road.

**The Auckland Plan has set a number of challenging PT targets, including:**

- Doubling public transport from 70 million to 140 million trips by 2022
- Increasing non-car (walking, cycling and public transport) mode share in the morning peak from 23% to 45% of all trips by 2040
- Increasing trips made by public transport into the city centre during the morning peak from 47% to 70% by 2040

**Representatives from Auckland bus & coach companies are invited to participate in an upcoming workshop session** designed specifically for management, health and safety officers, and trainers wanting to learn more about mitigating on-road difficulties between cyclists and professional drivers. Additionally the session aims to address regional issues, including black-spots and user behaviour.

### What is a Road User Workshop?

This initiative seeks to provide an improved understanding of other road user's needs with the aim of creating safer roads for all. In particular, the workshops work towards:

- Developing a shared understanding of common on-road experiences (blind spots, road space).
- Creating positive dialogue between local cycling groups and bus company representatives with the outcome of establishing practical solutions to localized issues e.g. separation between cyclists and buses on training routes when required.
- Establishing mutual empathy between road users through providing the opportunity for cyclists to experience first-hand what it's like to be in the driver's seat and vice versa.

**Date:** Wednesday 27 August

**Time:** 10am - 12:30pm

**Location:** 1 Queen Street, Level 11, NZTA Meeting Room: Kauri Room

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Learn more about buses and bikes sharing the road in Auckland. The session includes a short ride and observation of a well used central city intersection. This will be followed by lunch.

Participant feedback indicates that the workshops were excellent. *"I can better predict what a cyclist is going to do and allow space for this to happen."* John NZ Bus Operator

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