

A TRANSPORT NETWORK FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

TRANSPORTATION GROUP CONFERENCE

WHAKATŪ/NELSON 9-12 JUNE 2024

CALL FOR PRESENTERS



TŪPUNA PONO
BEING GOOD
ANCESTORS



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OVERVIEW

Aotearoa New Zealand will have a revised strategic transportation direction set by the new coalition government, to take effect for the next three-year period beginning July 2024.

Our 2024 Transportation Group Conference is ideally timed to allow professionals and advocates to discuss how we respond to the key challenges of our time and move the transport network sustainably forward in this new environment.

In June, Transportation 2024 will be hosted in Whakatū Nelson, a small city with a historically strong walking and cycling following, and a new public transport network that is further supporting the transport choices available for locals. However, both the natural world and population growth are creating challenges to provide resilient access for all. Growth areas have been focused away from existing urban centres, leading to increasing traffic delays, and storm events are disrupting the lives of many, with funding to address these community frustrations remaining limited.

Whilst we face these short-term challenges, we also need to think about how we can facilitate transport accessibility and reliability in the future as well.

The 2024 conference theme is centered around Tūpuna Pono – being a good ancestor, which was inspired by the Te Taihū Intergenerational Strategy developed by Wakatū Incorporation and its partners. This strategy centres on considering what is important to the future generations of Te Taihū and Aotearoa New Zealand – balance and regeneration, leaving a legacy that we can be proud of and contributing to a higher purpose beyond ourselves. This is focused on several intergenerational outcomes that have been used to focus the three conference streams.

Transportation 2024 is Aotearoa New Zealand's premier forum for the transportation planning, safety, engineering, and design community.

The conference is intended to support problem solving and thought leadership amongst peers within the transportation sector and related professions to stimulate debate and action to improve our transport outcomes.

The conference has been running for more than 40 years and is hosted annually.



Clare Scott, WSP
Conference co-convenor



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Conference co-convenor

STREAM ONE

Papa Whenua, Pūtea & Te Taiao

Infrastructure, Economy and the Natural World

This stream will focus on a clean and resilient transport network that supports a healthy relationship with the natural world and an economy that thrives.

This session can cover topics including:

- Resilience and working with the natural world rather than against it
- Reducing the carbon footprint of our transport network
- Mode shift to active modes and public transport
- Sustainable transport and economic outcomes

STREAM TWO

Tangata, Te Rākau Taumata & Te Tauihutanga

People, Place and Identity

This stream will focus on the safety and connectedness of our people, and how the spaces will use can be inviting and welcoming. This session can cover topics including:

- Integrating transport and land use
- Urban design
- Accessibility
- Community engagement and connections
- Equity
- People focussed outcomes
- Road Safety and health

STREAM THREE

Mātauranga & Rangatiratanga

Knowledge and Leadership

The last stream is all about how we can grow our knowledge, as we all need to be leaders within our organisations in order to take action for future generations. This stream will focus on empowering our profession to be knowledgeable, curious and accountable, so that our leaders, now and in the future, can be inclusive, respectful and collaborative when making decisions that make Aotearoa New Zealand a better place to live and thrive for future generations.

This session can cover topics including:

- Research
- Story telling
- Accountability and taking action
- Growing the diversity of our profession
- Leadership
- Training

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Delegates who wish to present at the conference should submit a short (300 words max) abstract submission by Friday 9 February 2024. These will be reviewed for consistency with the conference theme Tūpuna Pono – Being Good Ancestors. Authors will then be notified if they have successfully gained a presentation spot by Friday 8 March 2024.

Note: all abstracts must be the author's own work and appropriately referenced. All abstracts will be reviewed and may be scanned to check for plagiarism.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Abstract submissions, regardless of presentation session type are to be submitted in the form of a synopsis up to a maximum 300 words. More information can be found on the call for presenters page of the website or by clicking the 'Abstract Submissions' button below.

Please ensure that you have obtained the necessary approvals from employers, clients or other relevant parties for the material being presented before offering an abstract. All presenters are also expected to register to attend the conference. Registration rates can be viewed on the conference website or by clicking the 'Registration' button below.

[ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS](#)

[REGISTRATION](#)

REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS

Submissions will be reviewed for consistency with conference theme and focus. Preference will be given to those submissions that link in with the conference theme of **Tūpuna Pono – Being Good Ancestors: A transport network for future generations.**

Priority will be given to submissions that encourage discussion over those that simply supply information. The programme committee will look for high quality, relevance to New Zealand, current topicality, and those that add to the knowledge base of attendees. Overtly commercial submissions (e.g. product or service marketing) will not be considered for the conference.

Submitters must indicate a preference for an Oral, Panel, Poster, Learning Café, Soap Box or Rapid-Fire presentation. However, the final presentation decision will be with the programme committee, who will determine the most appropriate forum for the topic.

Following review, the programme committee will advise authors if their proposed submission is accepted or not.

Guidelines will be provided on how to prepare final papers, as well as how to present in your selected format. Papers must be submitted in advance to allow for peer review and an opportunity for any minor revisions (see key dates below). Final presentations and any required interactive material must be brought with you to the conference. The conference media facilities will include poster display boards, PowerPoint presentation and digital video/audio playback.

For Oral presentations, we will also require a draft of your PowerPoint presentation to be sent prior to conference for revision by the programme committee for formatting (not content).

The programme committee plans to publish the papers and presentations electronically.

PRESENTATION SESSION FORMATS

Authors that intend to submit an abstract are asked to indicate their preferred presentation format. The final presentation format will however be at the discretion of the programme committee. Presenters will be notified of their presentation format well in advance.

ORAL SESSIONS

This will be a conventional lectern presentation to the general assembly of delegates during one of the conference sessions. The expected presentation times will be followed by question time. There will be an emphasis on generating healthy discussion and debate. Presenters will be encouraged to lead this discussion by highlighting key issues during their presentations and prepare topics for debate.

Presentations should have good structure with a clear message and the key points outlined in the introduction. Something unique or engaging in the presentation will make the delivery memorable and hold the attention of the audience.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

This conversation-based forum is an opportunity to hear from a range of viewpoints on a particular topic to stimulate debate. With this format, a moderator should put forward a discussion topic, and a diverse range of panel members to take part in the conversation. The panel should have a clear purpose and direction and consider what the audience would want to gain from the discussion.

Both the moderator and panel participants should be well versed with the topic being discussed, and permission should be sought from the panel members before being put forward. Audience participation should also be considered.

RAPID FIRE

The rapid-fire presentation format is a quick visual style of presenting where a presenter shows 20 slides for 20 seconds of commentary each (6 minutes and 40 seconds total). Challenging views are encouraged and could also include the sharing of any projects that are likely to be of interest to the audience.

LEARNING CAFE/ROUND TABLE

Presenter shares work to a small group sitting at a table with them. Every 15 minutes, attendees switch tables, and the presentation starts again with a new group at the table. The typical length for the session is 60 minutes (attendees can go to 3 presentations). Generally, 5-10 people at the table. The initial presentation is 5-minutes long with 10 minutes being allowed for Q&A and discussion. There is a 5-minute transition time allowed.

SOAPBOX

This format allows the presenter 8 minutes to have their ideas heard. Challenging views are encouraged and could also include the sharing of any projects that are likely to be of interest to the audience.

POSTERS (Generally A1 or A0 size)

Posters can be submitted and will be displayed at the conference. In addition, there will be a short opportunity for the author to present for 1 minute on their poster content.

OTHER SESSION FORMATS

The following session formats will also be part of the conference programme. The programme committee are approaching individuals for these sessions, however if you have an extremely innovative idea/project that you would like to share, please email Harding Conferences with a brief overview for consideration by the programme committee.

PLENARY SESSIONS AND DEBATE

Invited speakers will deliver oral presentations (often using PowerPoint) with Q&A at the end of each session. Some sessions will also incorporate a debate, where participants are polled to measure opinion before and after the debate.

TECHNICAL TOURS

During the Conference there will be at least two Technical tours for attendees to participate in. The Technical Tours will be confirmed closer to the conference date.

KEY DATES

ACTION	DATE
Close off date for submitting abstracts	9 February 2024
Notify successful authors	8 March 2024
Papers written and submitted for peer review	12 April 2024
Peer review comments returned to authors	17 May 2024
Revised papers (if required) received	31 May 2024
Conference	10-12 June 2024

AWARDS

The following awards are made by a panel of judges for peer-reviewed papers. The awards are focused on the technical content of the papers and are irrespective of the presentation format.

- The prestigious NZ Automobile Association award for the best conference paper (Research or Practice)
- Excellence award for Best Practice Paper
- Excellence award for Best Research Paper
- Excellence award for Best Conference Paper
- Excellence award for Best Think Piece Paper
- Excellence award for Best Young Author (solo author, aged under 30 years as at 1 March 2024)
- Excellence award for Best Student Paper (solo author, studying full-time at a tertiary institution as at 1 January 2024)
- Excellence award for Conference Paper that most aligns with the theme

The following award is available to Abstract Only submissions:

- Excellence award for Best Abstract

The following “People’s Choice” awards are decided by delegate votes:

- People’s Choice Award – Poster
- People’s Choice Award - Soapbox
- People’s Choice - Learning Cafe
- People’s Choice Award – Presentation