The 'economics' of transport

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Overview

- Thinking differently about the 'economics' of transport
 - third party leverage funding
 - Major road projects
 - Heavy Vehicles

Acknowledge
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Project funding

- Examples
 - Road user charges and PED
 - Tolling
 - PPP's
 - Developer contributions
 - Formal or side agreements
 - Generally
 - not significant sums/proportion of money
 - smaller scale projects

Project Evaluation

- Benefit cost analysis
 - Travel time etc
 - Does not acknowledge full impact on land values
- Not able to buy priority

Tauranga Eastern Motorway

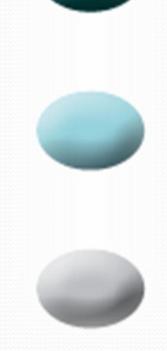




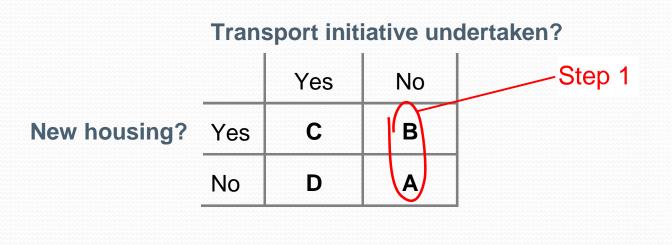
 Analysis considers land development as a given or as set zone

Transport initiative undertaken?

	Yes	No
New housing? Yes	С	В
	or	
No	D	A



 Define and test for dependency – if none then standard analysis



Identify appropriate transport intervention



		Yes	No	
New housing?	Yes	C	В	
	No	D	A	Step 2



Assess benefits of transport intervention in isolation



Transport initiative undertaken?

		Yes	No
New housing?	Yes	С	В
	No	D	A
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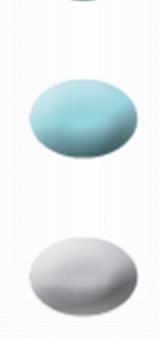


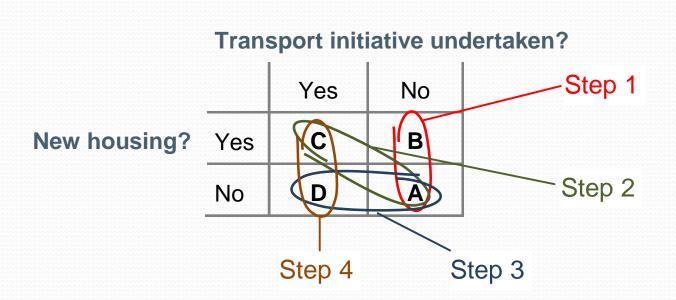


Assess benefits of the dependent housing



		Yes	No
New housing?	Yes	C	В
	No	D	A
		Step 4	







Challenges and opportunities

- Seems common sense but challenging to do properly
 - Have the 'right' kind of projects
 - Develop and test the methodology
 - Develop consensus
 - Could be seen as 'buying priority'
 - Modify existing frameworks

Other applications?

Heavy vehicle productivity

- Mass and dimension rule (as announced)
 - Increase gross mass
 - Increase in RUC
 - Increase axel loading
 - No increase in RUC

Aim to realise economic benefits however ...

- Demand driven
 - Where the greatest mutual and economic benefits are
- Commodity driven
 - Recognise there are different needs and solutions

= Targeted solutions

Challenges and opportunities

- Challenges
 - The charging and funding system PAYGO
 - Thinking differently
 - Understanding the 'economics' of this approach
- Opportunity
 - Leverage funding/sharing economic rent
 - Frameworks
 - eg address free rider issues
 - Maximise the economic returns

Thank You

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