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- **ITS and New Technology**

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I will highlight how the Signals New Zealand User Group, who have traditionally focussed on Traffic signals, are embracing new technology to manage traffic, transport data flow and communications and that this is by definition moving into ITS.

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IPENZ Transportation Sub-group SNUG

(<http://www.ipenz.org.nz/ipenztg/Subgroups/SNUG/>)

The object of the **Signals NZ User Group (SNUG)** is the advancement of the fundamental knowledge of the art, science and practice of design, operation and maintenance of traffic signals.

ITS New Zealand (<http://www.itsnz.org/>)

Intelligent Transportation Systems (Inc) commonly known as ITS NZ, provides leadership in the promotion, development and facilitation of ITS in New Zealand to achieve a sustainable, effective, efficient, safe and environmentally friendly transportation system.



ITS Intelligent Transport Systems

A broad range of communications-based information, control, and electronic technologies integrated into the transportation system infrastructure, and in vehicles, to help monitor and manage traffic flow, reduce congestion, provide alternate routes to travellers, enhance productivity, and save lives, time, and money



Tools for managing traffic

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- Traditional
 - Traffic signals controlling traffic
 - Automated systems optimising the traffic signals
 - Operators in traffic operating centres
 - Management by exception – traffic congestion monitor
- Advances
 - Faster communications
 - Better analytics



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Improvements in traffic control technology ⁷

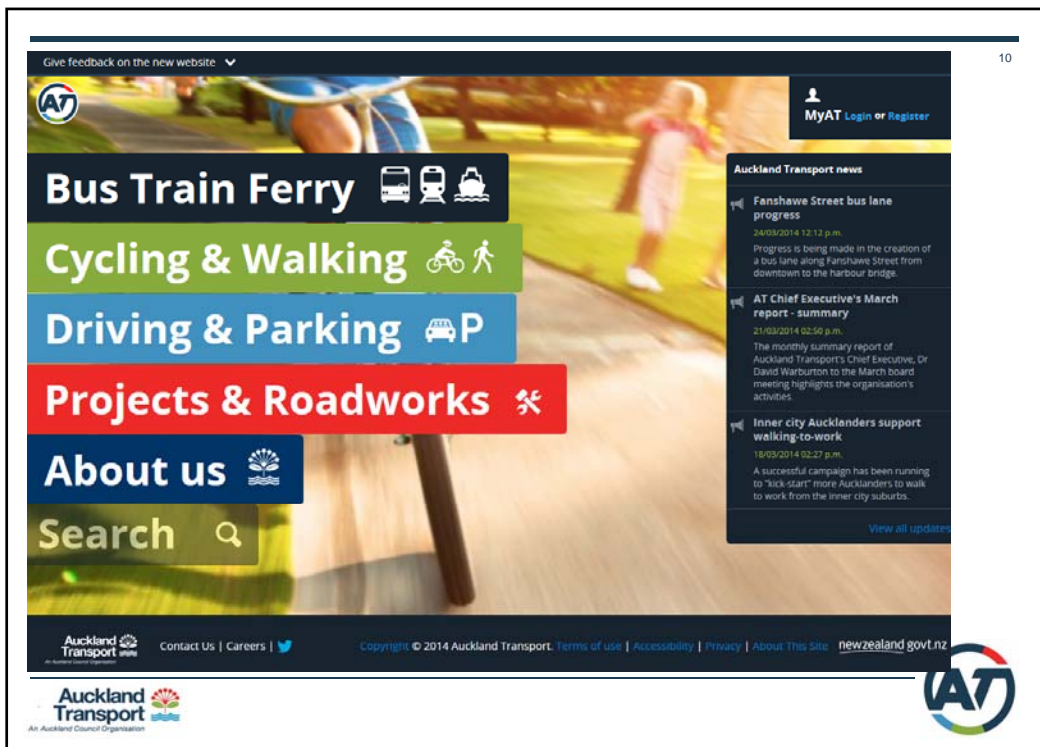
- All traffic signals on adaptive traffic control (SCATS)
- Upgrade traffic signals communications
 - High speed communications, fibre optics, ADSL, VDSL, Wifi
- Increase traffic/transport CCTV coverage
- Buses communicating with traffic signals (RAPID)
- Cyclist and pedestrian detection
- Use traffic signal loops data to get volume data translated into traffic density, estimated travel time and estimated LOS – congestion information



Tools for managing transportation systems ⁸

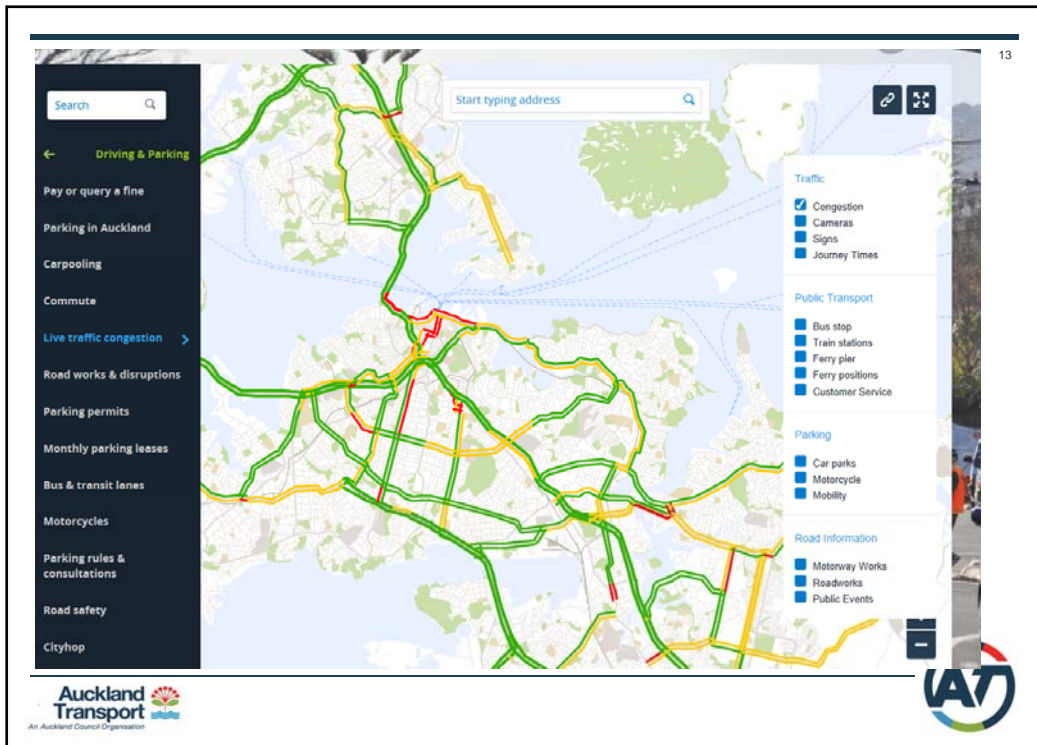
- Modern information sharing
 - Congestion information
 - Relating traffic signal data to congestion
 - VMS on road
 - Real Time Travel Information Signs
 - Public Transport Information Devices
 - Web sites and mobile apps
 - Mode choice information
- Network operating strategy and network operating plans
- Incident management & Information sharing





This screenshot shows the 'Driving & Parking' section of the Auckland Transport website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Bus Train Ferry', 'Cycling & Walking', 'Driving & Parking', 'Projects & Roadworks', and 'About us', along with a 'MyAT Login or Register' button. A search bar is located on the left side of the page. The main content area features three primary sections: 'Find a carpark in Auckland', 'Pay or query your fine', and 'View traffic congestion'. The 'Pay or query your fine' section includes a button for 'Pay or query a fine online'. To the right, there is a 'Parking locations map' and a list of 'CBD parking buildings' including Civic car park, Downtown car park, Victoria Street car park, and Fanshawe Street car park. Below these are three image-based links for 'Parking in Auckland', 'Carpooling', and 'Commute'. The footer contains the Auckland Transport logo and the AT logo.

This screenshot displays the map interface of the Auckland Transport website. The top navigation bar is identical to the previous screenshot. The main area is dominated by a map of Auckland with various overlays. A search bar at the top of the map area says 'Start typing address'. On the left, a sidebar menu is visible with 'Driving & Parking' selected. On the right, a legend panel is open, showing categories for 'Traffic' (Congestion, Cameras, Signs, Journey Times), 'Public Transport' (Bus stop, Train stations, Ferry pier, Ferry postions, Customer Service), 'Parking' (Car parks, Motorcycle, Mobility), and 'Road Information' (Motorway Works). The AT logo is present in the bottom right corner.



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Future tools for managing transportation

- I2V - Infrastructure to vehicle
- V2V - Vehicle to Vehicle
- I2I - Infrastructure to Infrastructure
- Smart vehicles
- ITS
 - Systems – communications, end devices
 - Traffic and transport network management
 - Vehicle, people and infrastructure communications

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Summary

- **SNUG** Traditional Focus on Traffic Signals
- **ITS** focus on transportation system
- **SNUG – ITS** information, control, and electronic technologies integrated into the transportation system infrastructure and in vehicles
- Real time **Network performance** and
- Information Management – **website - apps**
- Future Identifying **ITS opportunities** for integration of infrastructure and operations

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