## **City Wide Planning**







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# Delivering An Accessible City







## Christchurch Central Recovery Plan

Te Mahere 'Maraka Ōtautahi'



He Taone Wātea









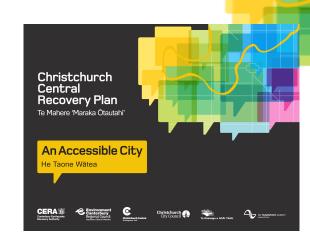


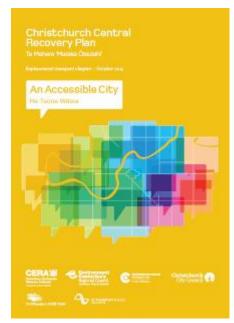




## What is An Accessible City?

- •AAC is the **Transport Chapter** of Christchurch Central Recovery Plan
- Developed by CCDU, in partnership with CCC, ECan and NZTA.
- Was approved October 2013
- Provides a framework for recovery partners to work to



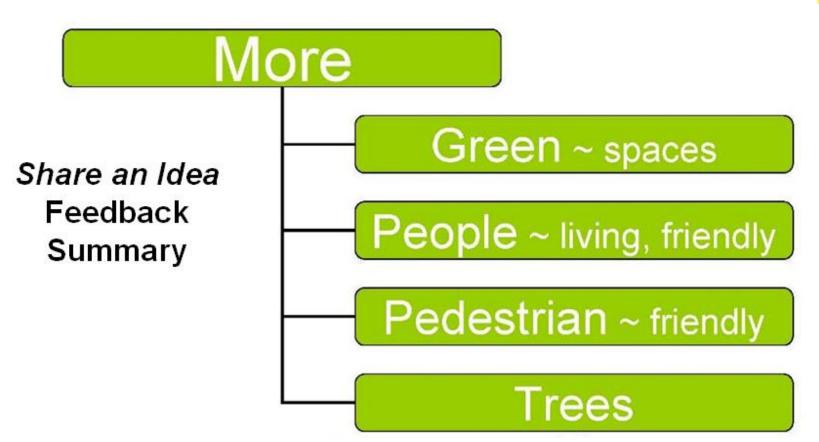


## Community views on transport



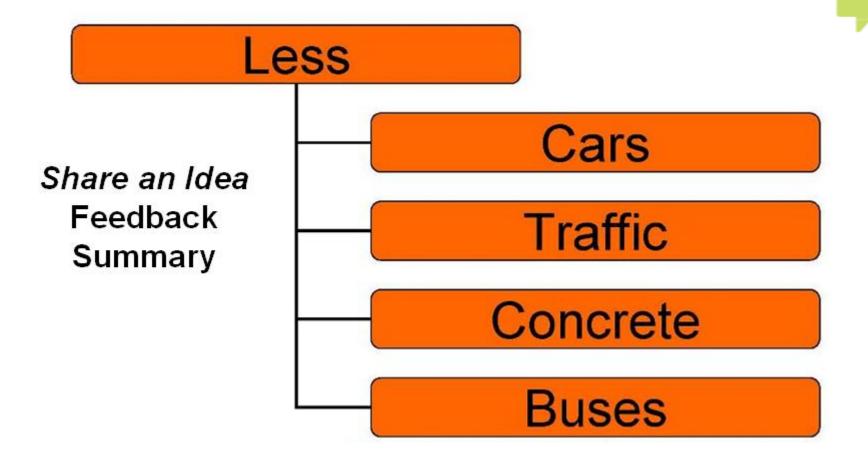
An Accessible City responds to community feedback received through *Share an Idea...* 

#### People wanted more....





## People wanted less....





## Christchurch Central Recovery Plan

 increases the central city's value to the wider city, the Canterbury region and New Zealand as a whole.

#### An Accessible City aims to:

- mitigate congestion in the central city
- move more people
- create enjoyable journeys, with more choice







## Transport to support anchor projects









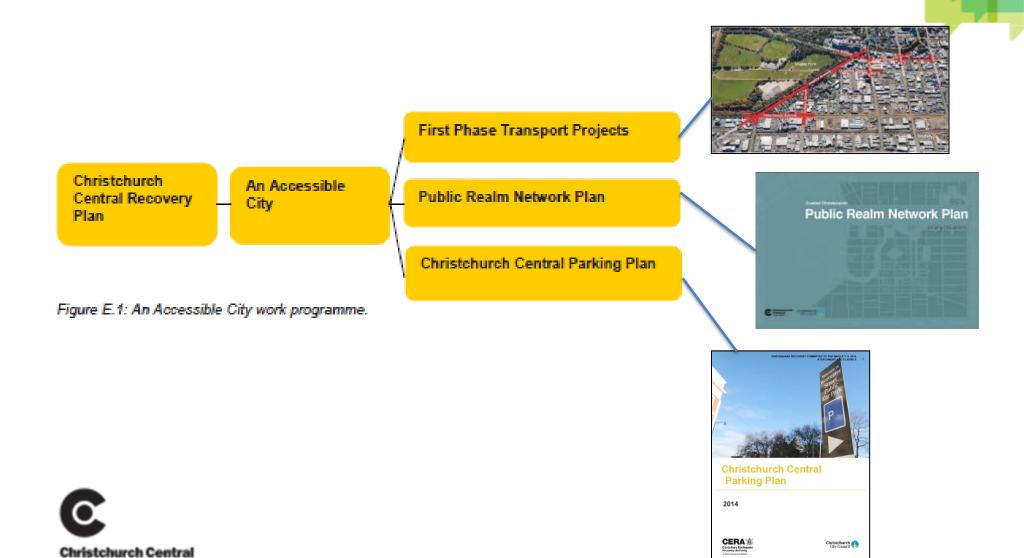






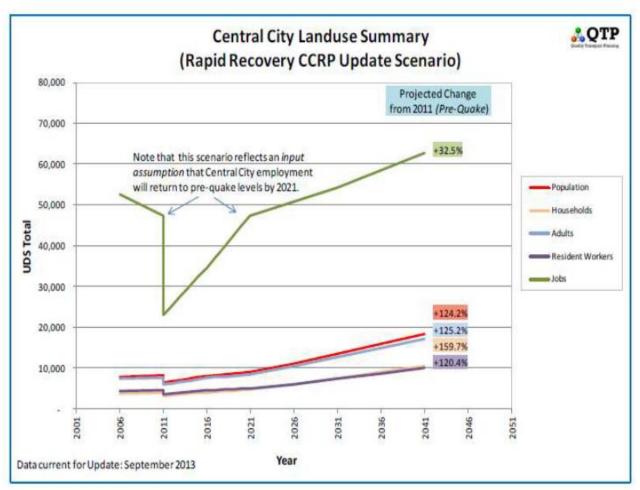


#### **Current Accessible City work programme**



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#### Forecast activity levels in the new central city

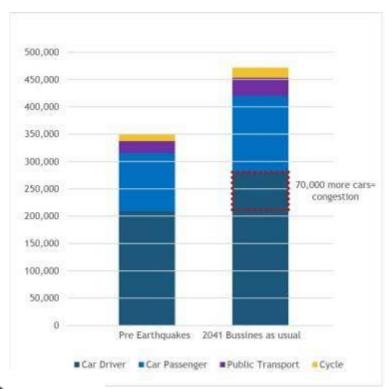




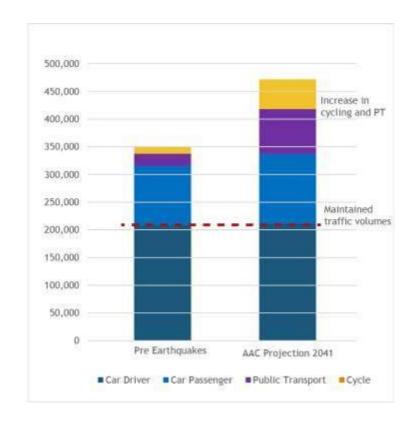


#### Managing future travel patterns

#### Mode share - BAU



#### Mode share - shift



#### An Accessible City - Principles

- A transport system to support anchor projects and other developments in Recovery Plan
- Emphasis on improved walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure – increasing choice
- Preferred routes by mode of travel
- More pedestrian friendly city core with low speed streets
- Use of surrounding Avenues for traffic without a destination in the central city
- Efficient N-S and E-W distributor streets to help further reduce traffic pressures in heart of central city





## The challenge of space...





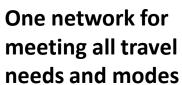


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#### Which has resulted in referred routes by mode of travel...

#### The Road User Hierarchy



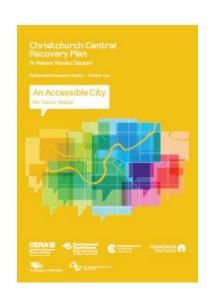


Clear mode priority on some links for:

- Walking
- Cycling
- Public transport
- •General traffic



So how will we manage the different mode choices?

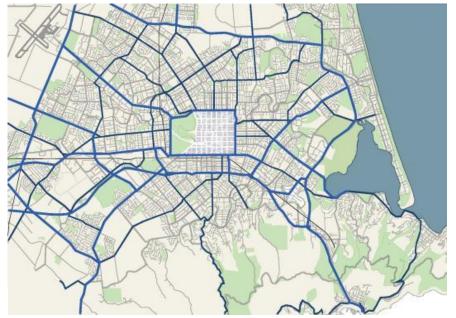


# Use of surrounding avenues for traffic without a destination in the central city



#### Aim:

Significantly less trips through the central city

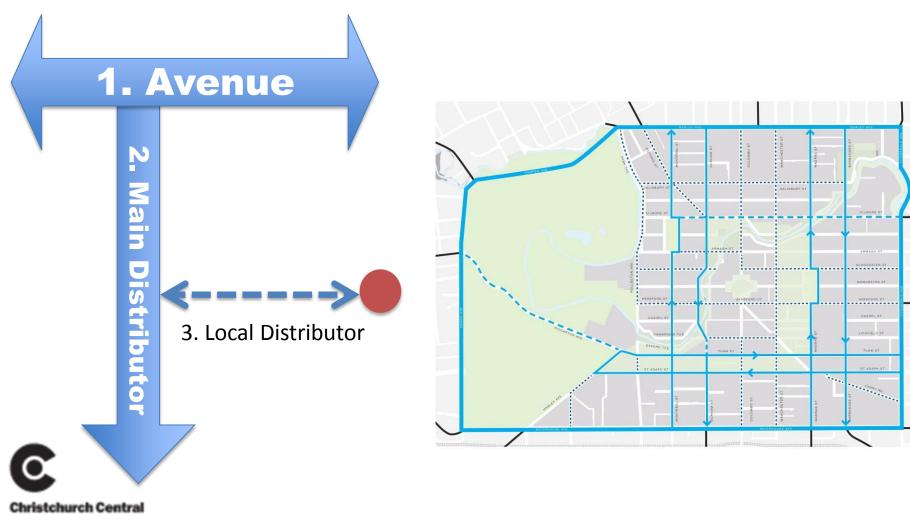


## **Delivery:**

Te Ueps Whahabiato

Preferred vehicle routes to minimise conflicts with other modes and maximise efficiency





## New speed zones





#### Aims:

- Improving safety
- Improving amenity and footfall
- •Creating a more people friendly central city
- Improving vitality and economy



## Preferred routes by mode of travel

## **Walking**





#### **Delivery:**

Slow speed Inner Zone



More slow, shared streets



Barrier free / universal design principles

## Preferred routes by mode of travel

## **Cycling**

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Development Unit

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#### Aims:

Safer, better protected cycling environment for nervous cyclists Support three fold increase in usage

Links to city – wide Major Cycle Routes networks







Separated cycling facilities





Slow streets and shared streets

#### Preferred routes by mode of travel

#### **Public Transport**

#### Aims:

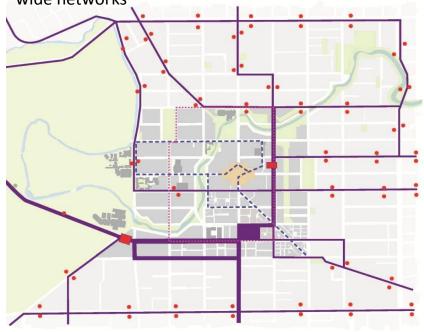
Triple public transport mode share

Reduce bus dominance on central city streets

Ensure efficiency on key routes

Improve passenger comfort and amenity

Fewer bus routes into city centre, but higher frequencies – links to new city wide networks



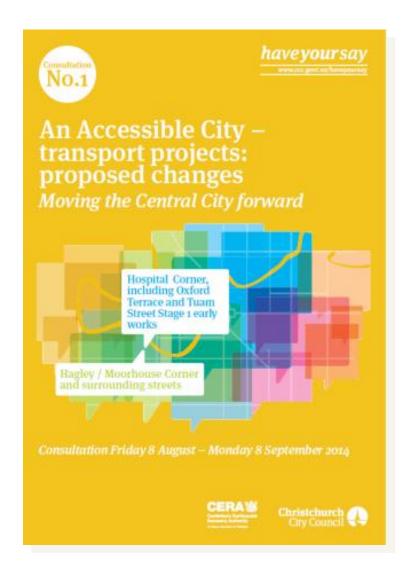
#### Delivery:

- New Bus interchange
- Manchester Boulevard (bus priority)
- Two super-stops at Manchester Street and Hospital





## The First Phase Projects...







## First Phase Transport Projects Key aims:



#### **Supporting the early Anchor Projects, especially:**

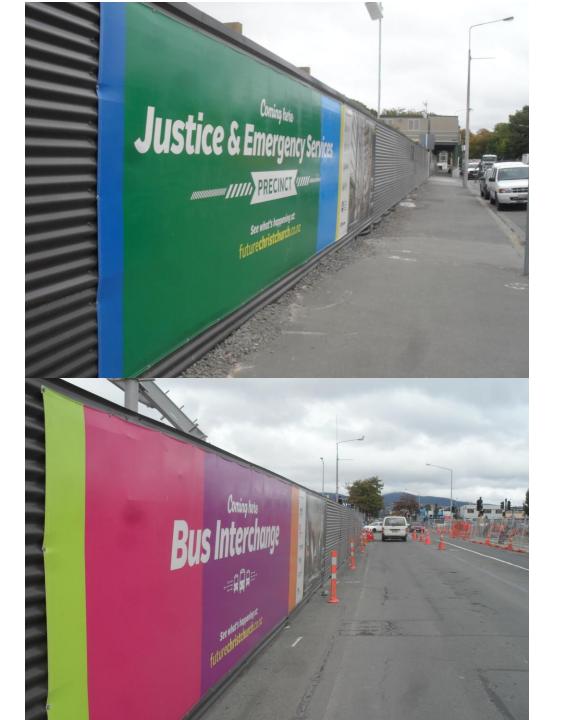
- Bus interchange (opening mid 2015)
- Avon River Precinct
- Health Precinct
- Retail Precinct



Achieving early benefits of AAC — enabling improved mode choices

Offering best value from Council / Crown Funding agreement

Making the most of the SCIRT underground utilities repair programme



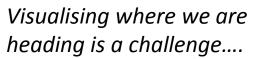


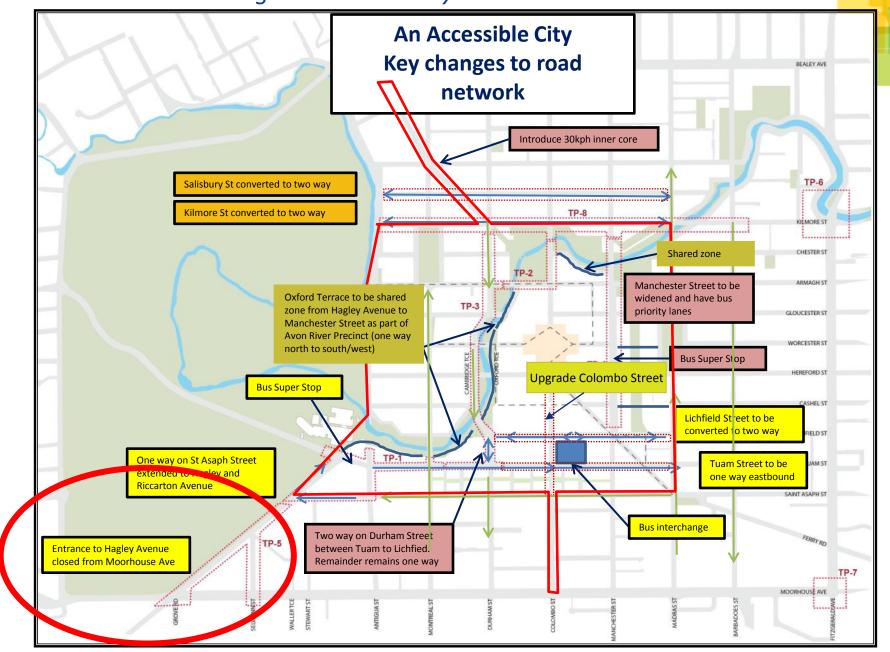
Visualising where we are heading is a challenge....









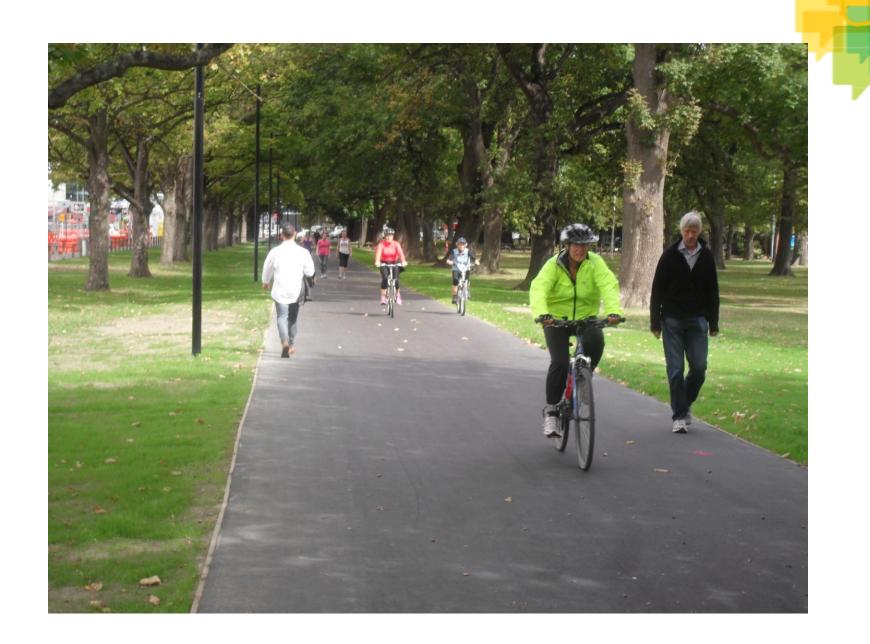


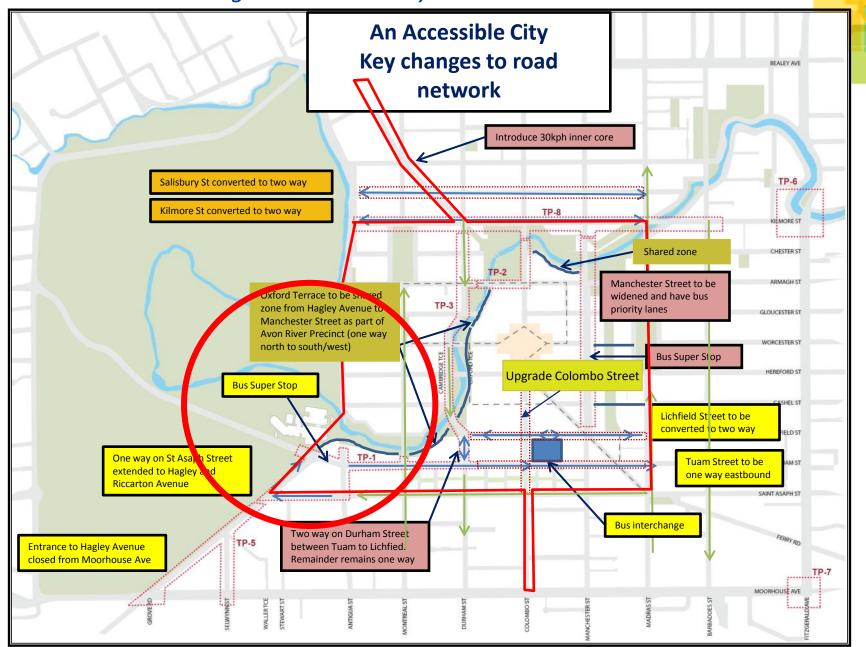










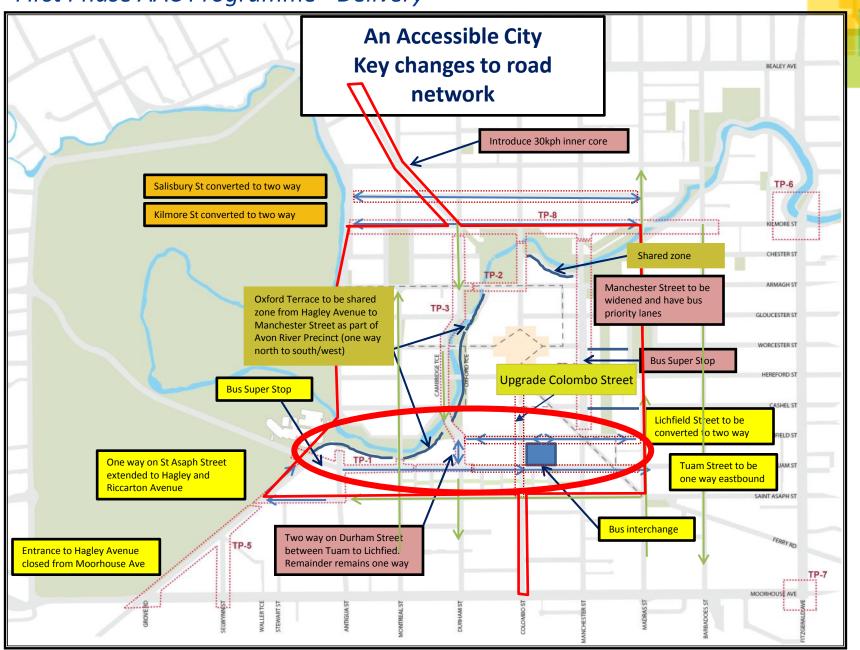












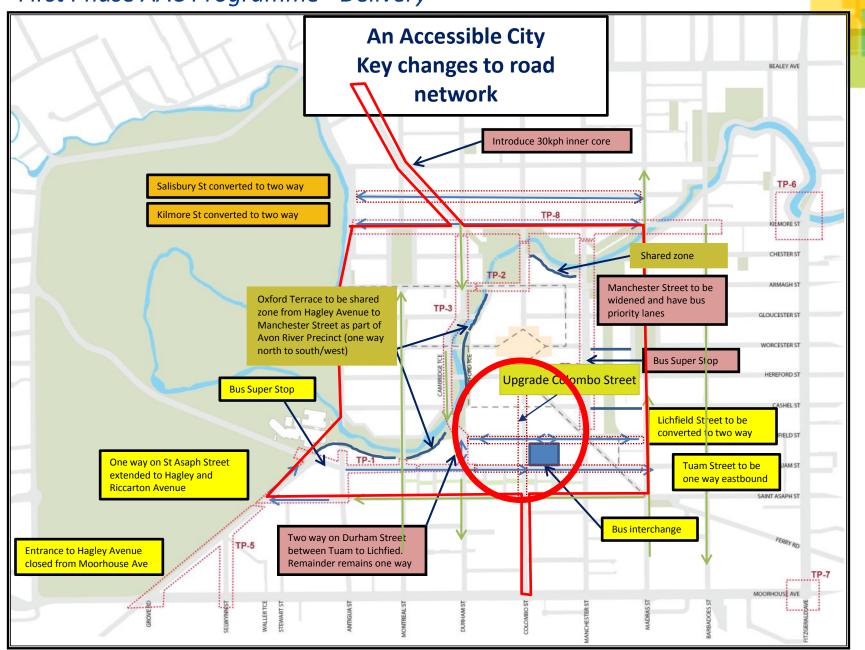




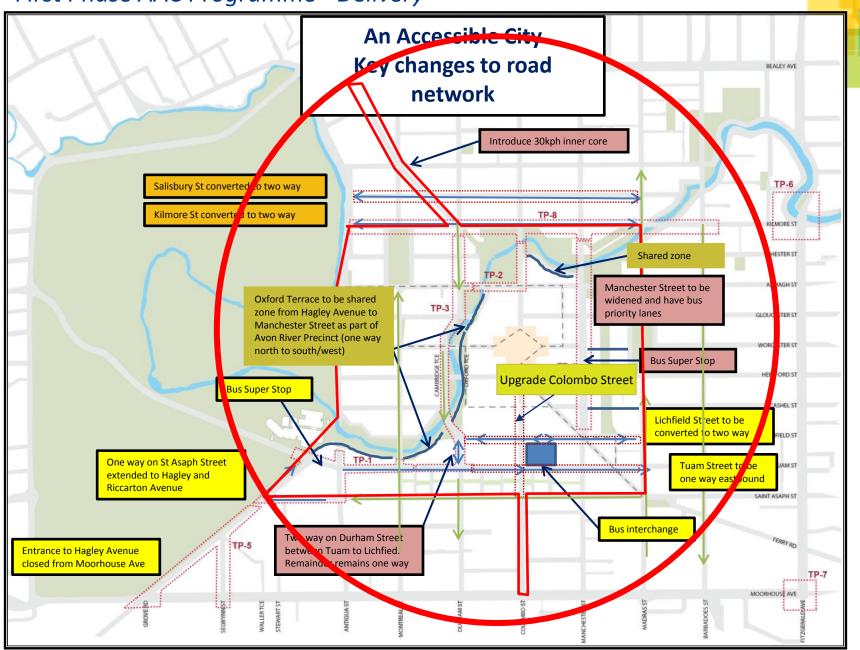








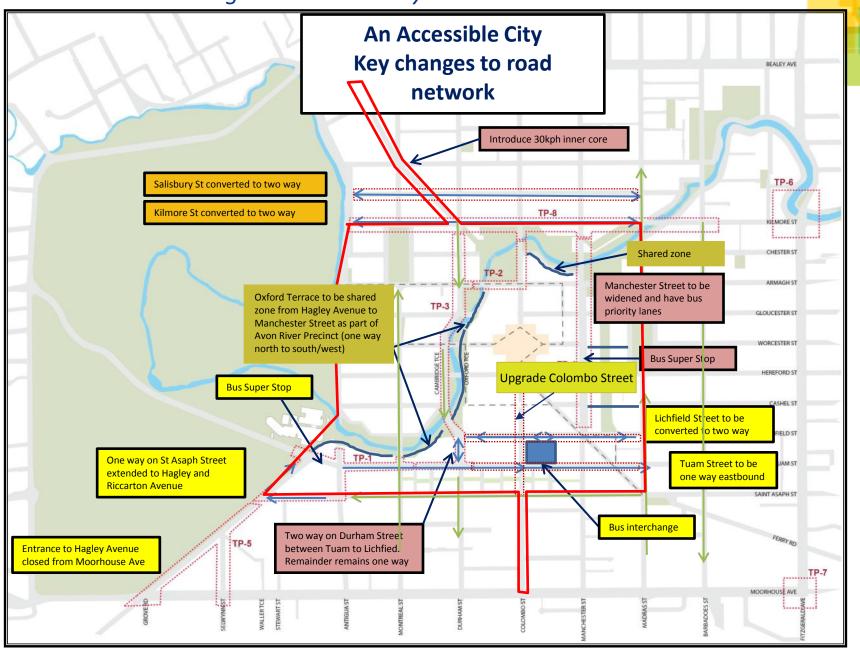








Removing the TEMPORARY plate...



## And finally....











## Some key challenges so far...



- There is rarely enough space to accommodate all modes to a "5 star" level of service on each corridor, hence some difficult choices have been made. Here, the Road Use Hierarchy is proving invaluable
- Undertaking complex public and stakeholder consultation in parallel with tight delivery timetables is one of our greatest logistical challenges
- Securing further funding for the full AAC package is a current focus – demonstrating the transport, social and wider economic benefits of further investment

### Some key learning points so far....



- A clear vision for the future shared with the community is the Plan's key asset
- We always need to keep the outcomes and vision in mind, especially when difficult choices are being made over the shape, look and cost of projects
- A suitable scheme is nearly always there but it will often involve compromise
- The transport network is <u>not</u> an end in itself it is instead simply about finding the best response to the Recovery Plan's vision
- Our greatest strength is our team approach to challenges and having difficult conversations with friends!
- ...oh, and as they say, Rome wasn't built in a day!

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