

# Te Ara Matatika | The Fair Path

## Easy Read Summary



*Te Ara Matatika | The Fair Path* is a report about fairness in Aotearoa New Zealand's transport system.



It was done by The Helen Clark Foundation and WSP New Zealand.



The Helen Clark Foundation does research about how to solve problems and make people's lives better. WSP is a company that works on design, engineering, and planning for the future.



Transport is how we get around. The transport system means all the roads, footpaths, cycle lanes, buses, trains and cars that connect to each other to get us where we need to go.



We wanted to find out if the transport system is fair. We also wanted to know how to stop pollution from cars without making it harder for anyone to get around.



We think it should be easy for everyone in Aotearoa NZ to get where they need to go. It should be cheap and easy, and everyone should be able to travel in ways that are good for the environment.



At the moment, our transport system is not fair. Some people can't get around easily, and this makes it harder for them to have a good life.



The government has promised that we will do our bit to slow down climate change. To do this, we have to reduce pollution from transport, especially cars.



We think the transport system will need to focus on two things in the future:

1. Making transport fairer.
2. Driving less.



Transport can be expensive. Cars cost a lot and you have to pay for fuel and get them fixed. Some people can't afford a car, and even a bus or train fare is too much for some people.



It can be hard for some people to get around, especially disabled people. They might not be able to drive or get onto a bus or train, or they might not be able to walk or bike.



Transport can be dangerous. Lots of people die each year in road crashes or get hit by cars. Some people also feel unsafe catching the bus or train in case they get hassled or beaten up.



Too much traffic makes it hard to get around because it causes traffic jams and slows everyone down. Sometimes buses and trains don't go where you need.



Transport is worse for some people, including Māori, Pacific people, other minorities, women, disabled people, people on low incomes, and LGBTQI+ people.



We need to reduce the number of cars on the road. This will help the planet. But we have to be careful about how we do it, so we don't make it harder for some people to get around.



We think an idea called 20-minute cities could work well.

This means everyone can access everything they need for work, school, play, and shopping within a 20-minute trip walking, on wheels, or public transport.



In the future, we hope it will be easier to walk, bike, and use public transport. Everyone will be able to get where they need to go, no matter where they live, how much money they have, and how they identify.