

The Congestion Conversation Symposium 2025

Hybrid event
(in person and online)

Registration is free,
but mandatory.

Hosted by
the New Zealand
chapter of

Transport & Health

THSG
Science Group

Tuesday, 26 August 2025 | 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (New Zealand time; UTC+12)

Wellington City Council, 113 The Terrace
Wellington, New Zealand

Join us to learn from and network with researchers, practitioners and policy makers from various sectors who are interested in transport and health.

Symposium Programme

[Register here](#)

Limited capacity
for in-person
attendance.

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| 11:00 am
– 11:45 am | Informal buy-your-own lunch and networking session
(Sierra Café, 1st Floor/250 Lambton Quay, Wellington) |
| 12:00 pm | Welcome and introductions |
| 12:10 pm | Professor Simon Kingham , University of Canterbury, Christchurch:
“How electronic Road User Charges could allow us price congestion and other externalities”
<i>The New Zealand Government recently announced plans to move away from Fuel Excise Duty (FED) to electronic Road User Charges (RUC). This actually creates an opportunity to price for more than just wear and tear to the roads, for example it could be used to price congestion.</i> |
| 12:20 pm | Michael Roth , Lead Transport Advisor, Auckland Council, Auckland:
“Views from Auckland on how to design Time of Use Charging”
<i>This talk will explore Auckland Council’s perspective on time of use charging.</i> |
| 1:05 pm | Christoph Gerds and Gabriel Fraser-Hoult , Wellington Transport Analytics Unit, Wellington:
“Stuck in the wind? A snapshot of congestion in Wellington City”
<i>This presentation will use a variety of data sources to find out more about congestion in Wellington City.</i> |
| 1:25 pm | Dr Rajan Ghosh , Senior Advisor Transport Strategy, Wellington City Council, Wellington: “Understanding public attitudes towards congestion in Wellington City”
<i>This presentation will share preliminary findings from the Poneke / Wellington Transport Survey 2025, which explores Wellingtonians’ travel behaviours and attitudes towards congestion charging in the absence of the scheme proposal.</i> |
| 1:35 pm | The Congestion in New Zealand Discussion: Where to Next? |
| 2:00 pm | Symposium close |

For questions about this event, send an email to
Dr Sandra Mandic, PhD, PMP, THSG NZ Co-Chair (Policy) at agile.research.nz@gmail.com.

About us



Transport and Health Science Group (THSG)

<https://www.transportandhealth.org.uk/>

The Transport and Health Science Group (THSG) is an independent group of global public health and transport practitioners and researchers. It is committed to understanding and addressing the links between transport policies and health and promoting a healthy transport system.

The THSG's aim is to identify and promote the evidence base for [policy](#) and [advocacy](#) objectives that will enable a healthier and sustainable transport system. THSG is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and now operates globally.

Membership of the THSG is open to anyone interested in the effects of transport and health. Members include public health specialists, transport planners, engineers, academics, members of non-governmental organisations, professionals working in the public and the private sector, policy-makers, and members of the public. Individuals and organisations can join THSG. Details on membership rates can be found at the [THSG website](#) (individual member per year: UK £10).

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The New Zealand Chapter of the Transport and Health Science Group (THSG)

<https://www.transportandhealth.org.uk/thsg-new-zealand-chapter/>

The New Zealand chapter of THSG aims to facilitate transport and health related discussions in Aotearoa New Zealand and promote the evidence base for policy and advocacy that will enable a healthier and sustainable transport system in Aotearoa.

New Zealand has two representatives on the THSG Board:

- [Dr Sandra Mandic](#), PhD, PMP, THSG NZ Co-Chair (Policy), AGILE Research Ltd., Wellington, New Zealand
- [Professor Ben Wooliscroft](#), THSG NZ Co-Chair (Science), Auckland University of Technology, Auckland, New Zealand

Members of the THSG New Zealand chapter will receive emails about relevant transport and health events and activities in New Zealand.

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New Zealand Chapter](#)

**We invite individuals and organisations in New Zealand
who are interested in transport and health
to sign up for THSG membership and join the THSG New Zealand chapter
and engage in conversations and events
to shape the healthier and sustainable transport future
for New Zealand.**
