

# SHAPING CITIES FOR YOUTH

A STUDY TO UNDERSTAND YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCE OF TRANSPORT, PLACE, AND URBAN ENVIRONMENTS

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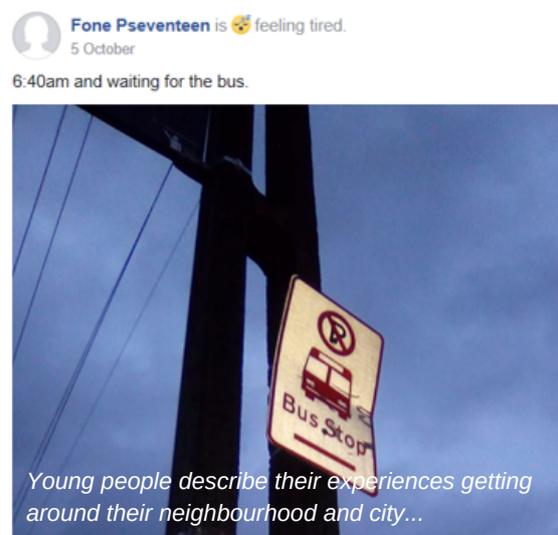
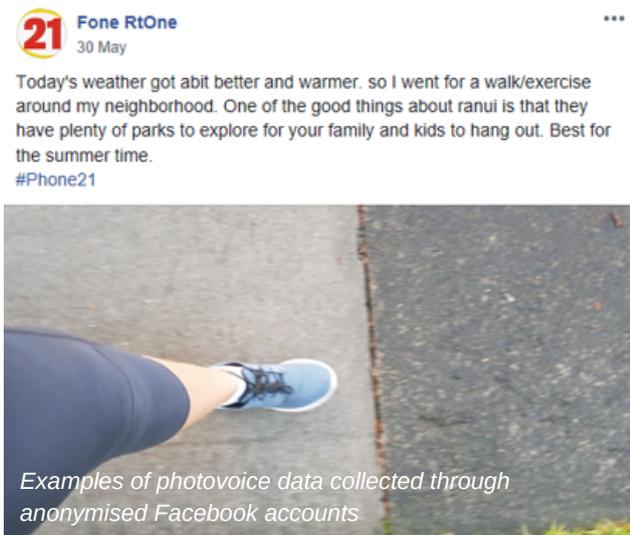
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The last 6-8 months of the Shaping Cities for Youth Study have been both busy and rewarding, and we are now approaching the conclusion of data collection. We have a comprehensive and varied data set, which provides a unique and in-depth understanding of youth/rangatahi experiences in Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland and Ōtautahi/Christchurch,

The participatory research methodology, which included peer-interviewing, mapping and photovoice, built strong relationships with community stakeholders and youth - lessons from this method can inform how youth are engaged in urban planning and research in the future. Interviews with parents, stakeholders, and employers are also providing insight into the normative influences on youth/rangatahi, and how these influences interact with transport preferences and access to opportunities.

Dissemination workshops are planned for March 2019.

As the analysis phase begins, we are looking ahead to identify opportunities for our findings to inform decision-making. See page 2 for a reminder of study goals and methodology.



## DATA COLLECTION QUICK FACTS!

- 4 areas (Papakura, Ranui/Massey West, Hornby, Aranui)
- 12 local youth/rangatahi trained to be Peer Interviewers.
- 53 interviews (including mapping and photovoice) with youth/rangatahi who have experienced not being in work, education, or training.
- 19 interviews with parents/whānau, employers, and stakeholders.

## THANK YOU TO...

Ranui 135, Cadet Max, and our Peer Interviewers for your recent support with the data collection phase.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Workshops with stakeholders and policy-makers are planned for **March 2019**, one in Auckland and one in Christchurch. This will be a chance to hear about and discuss our initial findings, and identify opportunities to inform decision-making.

He patai māu? If you have questions, comments or would like to be involved, please get in touch with a member of the Shaping Cities for Youth team. See contact details on page 2.

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## STUDY OVERVIEW

The study is investigating the mobility needs, preferences, barriers and enablers of young New Zealanders (15-24), with a specific focus on young people who have experienced a period of not being in education, employment or training (NEET). Through focusing on two areas of Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland and two areas of Ōtautahi/Christchurch, we are examining how current transport options and urban design influences young peoples' ability to access jobs, education and places important to them, and how this interacts with their wellbeing.

Ultimately, we aim to provide guidance on how the transport system and urban form can be optimised to meet the needs of young people, particularly the most disadvantaged.

## THE METHOD

- Training young people from each community to interview their peers about how and why they move around their community and city (peer-interviewing);
- Interactive visual mapping to understand transport patterns, needs and experiences;
- Using social media as a research tool (see examples on page 1) and;
- Interviewing parents/whānau and employers.

We are committed to conducting this study within an ethical framework that reflects Te Tiriti O Waitangi and supports Māori aspirations. We aim to ensure meaningful engagement with rangatahi Māori so that they have an explicit voice in the study.

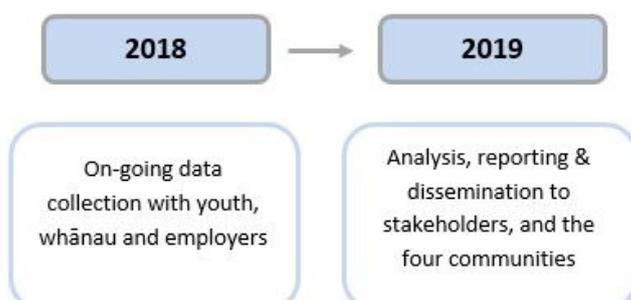
## HOW DID THE STUDY COME ABOUT?

This study is part of a 4-year programme of research called **Healthy Future Mobility Solutions**, funded by the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE). This wider research programme explores how future transport solutions can optimise fair access, health and wellbeing.

## WHO'S INVOLVED?

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## TIMEFRAMES



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