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2:00pm – 2:30pm

Alex is an Associate Professor in environmental public health at the University of Otago. She currently leads the Te Ara Mua multidisciplinary research team and is most interested in how we successfully achieve policy change in areas that are critical for linking up health, equity and environmental sustainability, such as transport and urban planning.

Could 2020 be a turning point for walking and biking? Insights from Te Ara Mua and beyond

Te Ara Mua Future Streets is a longstanding intervention study of street changes for walking, biking, placemaking and re-indigenising cities in Māngere, Auckland.

It has a range of innovative features, including its focus on social and health equity, its partnership and co-design model, and its research design. It's now 6 years since the beginning of the study, with lots of opportunity for learning along the way. In the meantime, there has been a change in government, without a perceptible change in the political economy of walking and cycling. What is holding us back from making the urgent transformative changes needed to address climate change, health equity and respond appropriately to COVID?