



“Sustainable transport networks connect people and places.”



TRANSPORT

Did you know?

- Transportation can affect our health and the environment. The use of fossil fuels affects the air we breathe and produces greenhouse gases. Run-off from roads affects our waterways and used cars, tyres, and oil require careful disposal.
- Transport emissions include both particulate emissions that are harmful to your health and greenhouse gas emissions that affect the atmosphere.
- Walking and cycling are active and sustainable ways of travelling. They also generate significant benefits for your health and the economy.
- New Zealand has one of the highest rates of vehicle ownership in the developed world. The number of vehicles on our roads jumped 15 per cent between 1997 and 2005.
- On average, our cars are getting older, we are driving them further, and their engines are getting bigger.
- Use of public transport is increasing, with a 45 per cent increase in usage nationwide between 1999 and 2006.

What can you do?

- Buying a new or late-model used car? Compare the environmental and fuel performance at **www.rightcar.govt.nz** and look for the vehicle's fuel economy label. The more stars the more you save on fuel, and the lower your emissions.
- Inflate your tyres correctly and you'll use up to 5 per cent less fuel.
- Help lower air pollution, fuel use, and traffic congestion by leaving your car at home, especially for short trips – car engines use 20 per cent more fuel and produce up to 20 times the exhaust emissions when cold.
- Taking public transport and sharing car trips can save you money on fuel and reduce your carbon dioxide emissions.
- Walking and cycling are ideally suited to short trips. It is good exercise and can save you money.
- Look out for walking school buses in your community to give your children a safe, sustainable way to travel to school.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION about the impacts of transport on the environment see *Environment New Zealand 2007* at **www.mfe.govt.nz**



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