At the heart of the community: creating vibrant and inclusive urban places through rail

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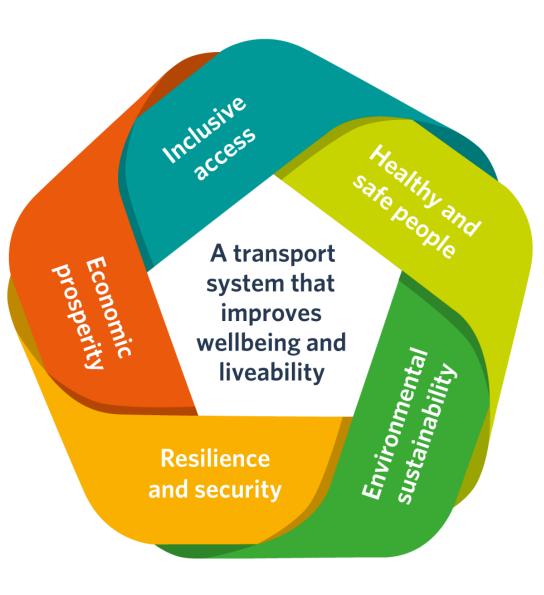
### Overview

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## Why focus on stations?

Supporting economic activity and vibrancy, improving transport options and allowing people to access opportunities

Resilient and adaptable stations, environments and communities, responding to change

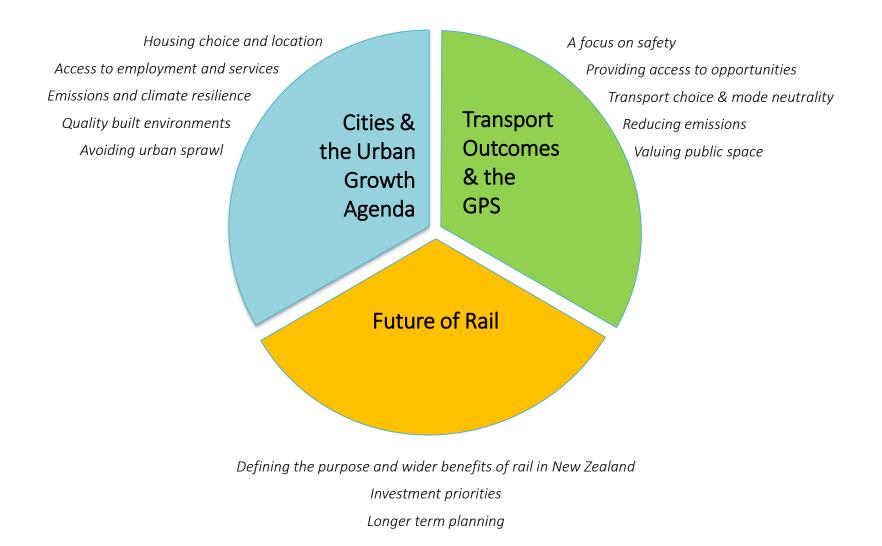


Stations as gateways for accessing the wider network, as interchanges and centres of inclusive urban areas

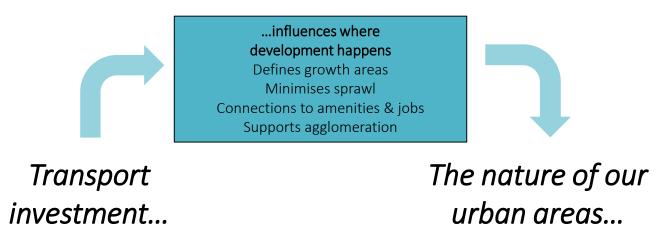
Supporting active and sustainable travel, reducing crime and the fear of crime, and supporting safe urban realm

Supporting more efficient use of urban land and transport assets, encouraging more sustainable travel

### Why are rail stations relevant?



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...influences how we travel Reduces the need to travel Supports mode shift Reduces the need for car parking/use Incentivises walking and cycling

### Stations as Catalysts for growth

### Defining an area of influence

### Over Station / Adjacent to Stations

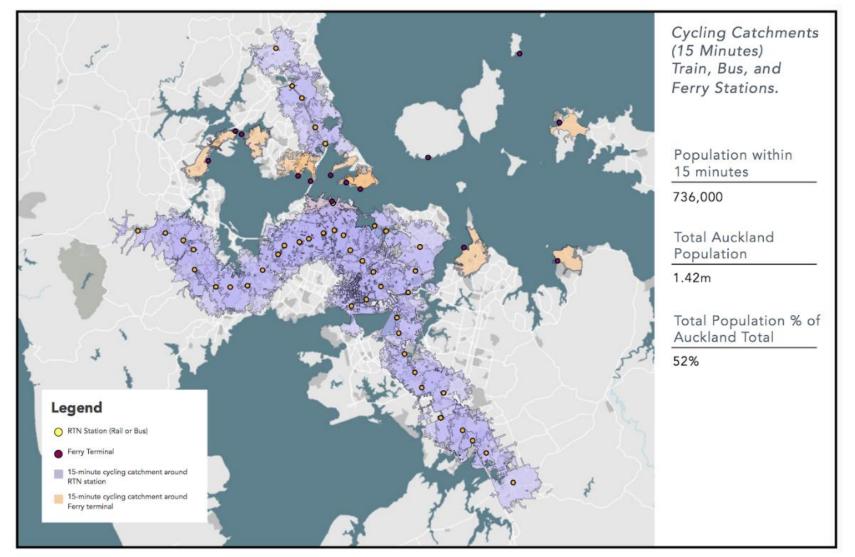
- A natural meeting point and interchange
- Most accessible, highest density
- Landmark building
- Opportunities for public ownership



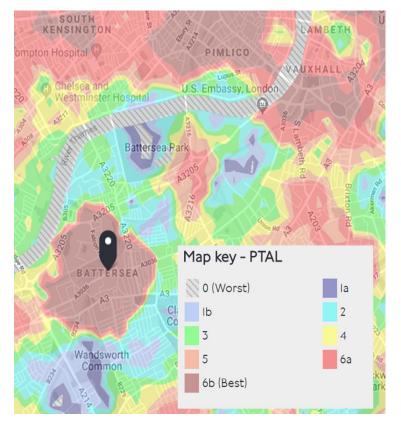
#### 1km (c. 10 min walk)

- Comfortable walking distance
- Land value
  increases
- Wider land use change and increased density
- Supported by walking and cycling links

### ...and beyond



### Supporting higher densities...

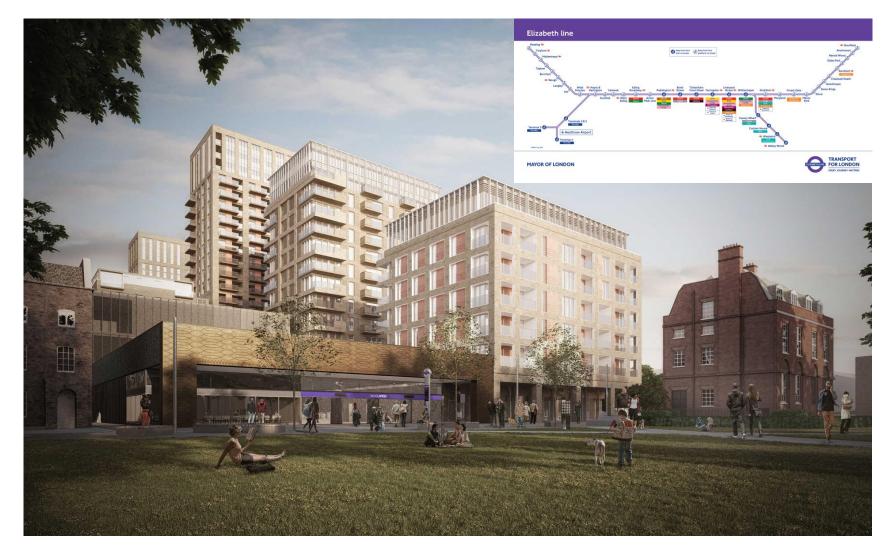


| Setting                  | Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL) |                        |                |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------|
|                          | 0 to 1                                      | 2 to 3                 | 4 to 6         |
| Suburban                 | 150–200 hr/ha                               | 150–250 hr/ha          | 200–350 hr/ha  |
| 3.8–4.6 hr/unit          | 35 <b>–</b> 55 u/ha                         | 35 <b>–</b> 65 u/ha    | 45–90 u/ha     |
| 3.1–3.7 hr/unit          | 40–65 u/ha                                  | 40–80 u/ha             | 55–115 u/ha    |
| 2.7–3.0 hr/unit          | 50 <b>–</b> 75 u/ha                         | 50 <b>–</b> 95 u/ha    | 70–130 u/ha    |
| Urban                    | 150–250 hr/ha                               | 200 <b>–</b> 450 hr/ha | 200–700 hr/ha  |
| 3.8 –4.6 hr/unit         | 35 <b>–</b> 65 u/ha                         | 45–120 u/ha            | 45–185 u/ha    |
| 3.1–3.7 hr/unit          | 40–80 u/ha                                  | 55 <b>–</b> 145 u/ha   | 55–225 u/ha    |
| 2.7–3.0 hr/unit          | 50–95 u/ha                                  | 70–170 u/ha            | 70–260 u/ha    |
| Central                  | 150-300 hr/ha                               | 300–650 hr/ha          | 650–1100 hr/ha |
| 3.8 <b>–</b> 4.6 hr/unit | 35 <b>–</b> 80 u/ha                         | 65 <b>–</b> 170 u/ha   | 140–290 u/ha   |
| 3.1 <b>–</b> 3.7 hr/unit | 40–100 u/ha                                 | 80–210 u/ha            | 175–355 u/ha   |
| 2.7–3.0 hr/unit          | 50–110 u/hr                                 | 100–240 u/ha           | 215–405 u/ha   |

### Sydney Metro

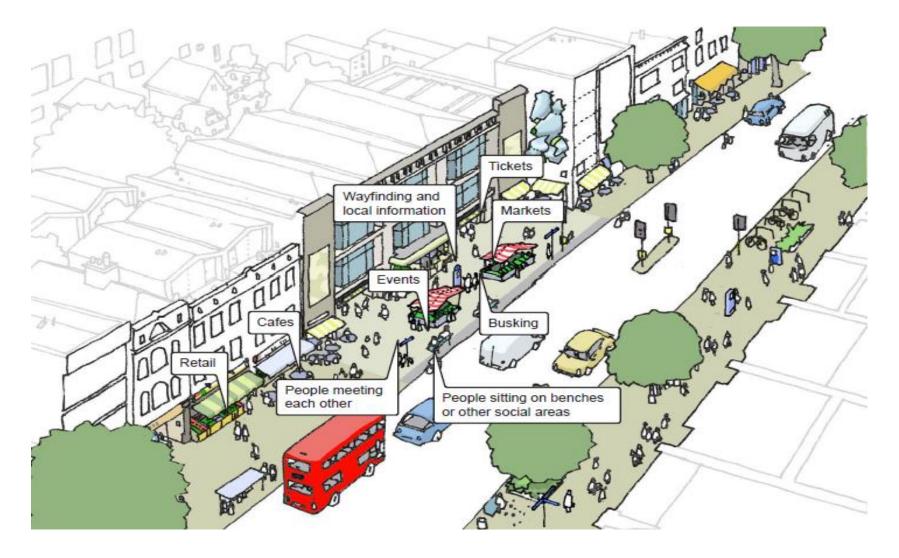


### Elizabeth Line (Crossrail), London



## Stations as gateways

### Part of the urban fabric



### Interchange and onward travel



Safe & secure cycle parking



Walking and cycling connections



Car parking strategies



Information & wayfinding



Street furniture, trees and lighting



Accessible and vibrant places

### Ōtāhuhu Station, Auckland



### Stations as Community assets

### Community wellbeing



### More than just a station...







"It's hard for people to engage with each other when you don't have a meeting place to come together...I really worry about the suburbs with a lack of a hub as it makes it so hard for communities to connect well".

> - Christchurch resident (research by Banwell & Kingham, 2015)

# Application and Delivery

### How do we do this?

- ...**recognising the value** of stations in our urban areas and regions
- ...joined-up and proactive land use planning and transport investment and planning
- ...localised masterplanning to test development assumptions and shape proposals
- ...**land assembly** to protect and enable development
- ...joint ventures with developers, especially for stations and over station development
- ...**stakeholder engagement** to ensure rail and stations meet current and future needs



### Key ingredients for success...

- ✓ Joined-up planning, transport investment and delivery
- $\checkmark$  The right density and mix of land uses
- Excellent interchange, walking and cycling infrastructure
- ✓ High quality urban design, with active frontages
- ✓ Multi-functional spaces