

#### **QUEENSTOWN TOWN CENTRE TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

Preserve and improve resident and visitor enjoyment of the town centre by reducing congestion and leading a necessary shift away from reliance on private cars.



## Improving transport choices in and around Queenstown

Cars are overwhelming our downtown roads and this is impacting on the enjoyment of our town and the health of our environment. We envisage a town centre that is easily accessed in many ways, with limited and expensive car parking (reflecting the true value of the space) and well connected routes for walking and biking. Our actions will make alternative modes convenient and the private car the last choice for many trips.

To help reduce the growth of numbers of cars on the road we are working to make it easier for people to use other means of transport.

Transport strategies are about keeping an eye on the future. Queenstown will offer more and better transport choices – both for locals getting to and from work, and for visitors to the area.



- Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC)
- The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA)
- The Otago Regional Council (ORC)



About 1000 CARS park all day in the town centre and periphery Visitor surveys indicate 40-50% of visitors arrive in our district by AIR

Traffic volumes are seasonal – highest in the WINTER PM PEAK and lowest in shoulder seasons (April/May and October/November) Around 2500 PEOPLE travel to work in the town centre, and 1600 PEOPLE travel through the town centre to work Most on and off-street PARKING IS 80% OCCUPIED during the day

## Roads, roadsides and pathways are about so much more than cars

Infrastructure that lets you drive, walk, bike and take the bus includes footpaths, roads, tracks, bus shelters and street lights.

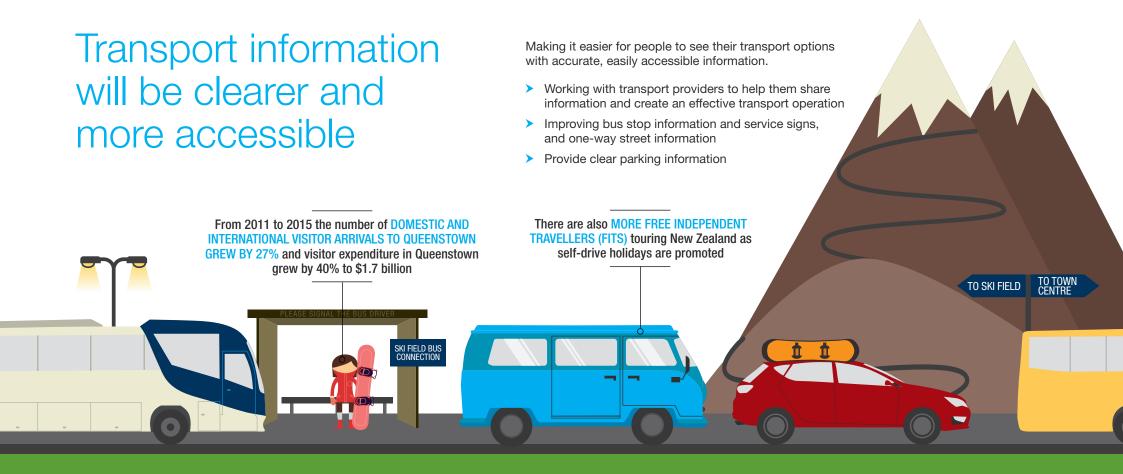
- Queenstown will be better for people on foot, with more shared spaces and pedestrian-only areas
- Creating better and safer cycling routes to and through the town centre, linking with the Queenstown Trails network
- Improving key intersection problem spots in town



Parking and facilities need to work for all types of transport

We plan to keep the number of parks at the same level as 2015, and make better use of existing parking spaces.

- Revenue from parking will go directly into improving transport choices.
- Parking must be reliable and easy to access; and include parking for bikes and vehicles
- Parking changes and developments must be safe and simple for all road users, cyclists and pedestrians; making the town centre more attractive and useable



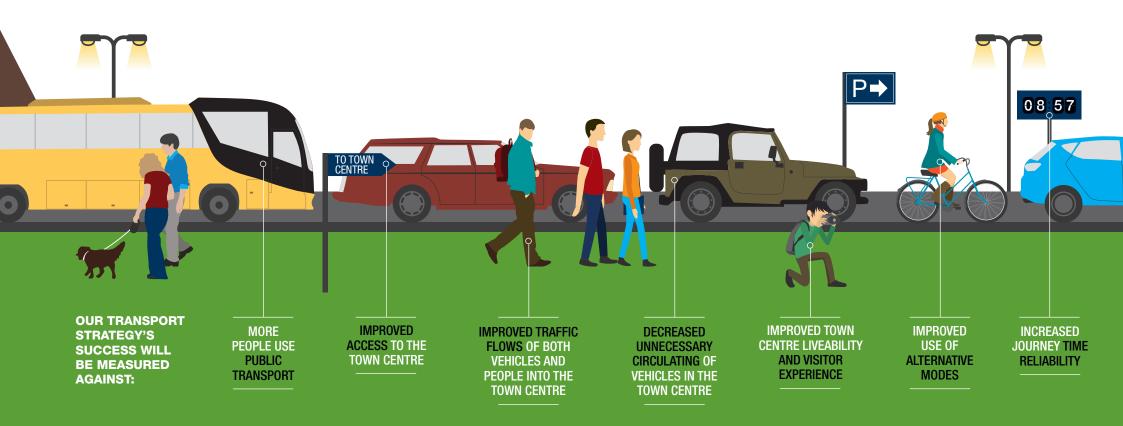
Public transport services are an easy option for some routes

Working with the Otago Regional Council on its review of public transport.

- Motivate commuters to use public transport
- Work to influence visitors and commuters' travel decisions
- Working on ways to encourage visitors to use public transport on some key routes – such as from the airport to the town centre; and from town to the skifields

#### Principles of QLDC transport strategy

- Provide an attractive town centre for people and businesses, with good transport connections for a variety of travel types
- > Use what we have well, and improve upon it for greater use of cycling, walking and public transport including ferries
- > Facilitate freight movement as it is a critical part of the district's economy
- Recognise the impact that changes to town centre transport have on the wider district
- Acknowledge that quality transport choices are important to the health and wellbeing of our community and environment



# What's coming up first in Queenstown transport improvements?

- A programme to deliver more pedestrian friendly streets, starting with Marine Parade and Beach Street
- Improved roads including arterial routes for cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles
- Key intersections are safer and easier to use including Stanley/Shotover Streets and Stanley/Ballarat Streets
- Carparking controls to support public transport improvements and to ensure better shopper and visitor access
- Progress the connection between Melbourne and Henry Street to support access to additional carparking and a bus hub on Ballarat Street



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