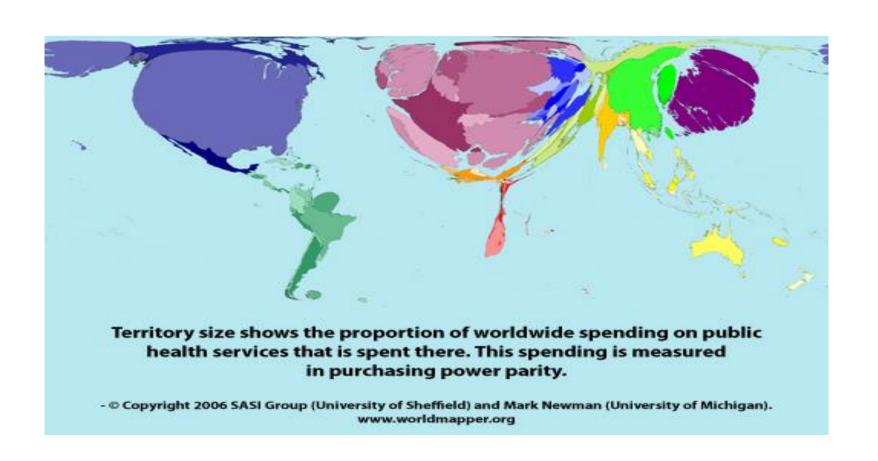
Blind spots to Tipping points:

Shifting political priorities to Agefriendly communities

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Initiatives that can improve public health vary in the extent of political priority they receive





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Towards: Age- and Disability-friendly Transport in Sri Lanka

A project funded by the Road Traffic Injuries Research Network, through a grant from the World Bank's Global Road Safety Facility

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Project objective

To identify risks and challenges to mobility and use of transport options among older people and people living with disability – so as to guide advocacy, community development, and policy change in the Moneragala District, Sri Lanka.



Wellawaya division of the Moneragala District (Pop: 448,194):
WHO Global Age- and Disability-friendly Cities Network
District with highest levels of poverty in Sri Lanka



Barriers to travel....

- Problems with public transport (inconvenient stops, high foot boards)
- Poor accessibility to roads and important institutions (e.g., hospitals, banks, temples)
- Financial constraints
- Indifferent attitude of service providers and the public







Suggestions to address perceived hazards and barriers

- Disable-friendly cost effective modes of transportation
- > Improved road designs & transportation infrastructure
- ➤ Public awareness programs for targeted groups (e.g., drivers of public buses and three wheelers, policy makers)
- > Implementation and monitoring of effective legislation





Community experiences, values and aspirations

Public attitudes Human rights Government indicators and Performance measures















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Auckland Open Streets a success



Cycling & Walking

Whether you are planning to cycle to work, walk to school, run during your lunch break, or just quietly explore Auckland on the weekend, there are plenty of places to ride, run and walk.



Cycle & walkway maps

Auckland has a number of off-road cycle and walkways that are perfect for a recreational ride or run, or for a more leisurely scenic commute.



School travel

Promoting and facilitating safe alternatives to the private vehicle drive to and from school.



Cycle events & activites

Events to help you discover the fun and freedom of riding a bike.



Cycle training courses

to ride or sharpen those bike skills. Want to use, our cycling and



Cycling & walking monitoring

Training courses to help you learn Researching how people use, and walking infrastructure.



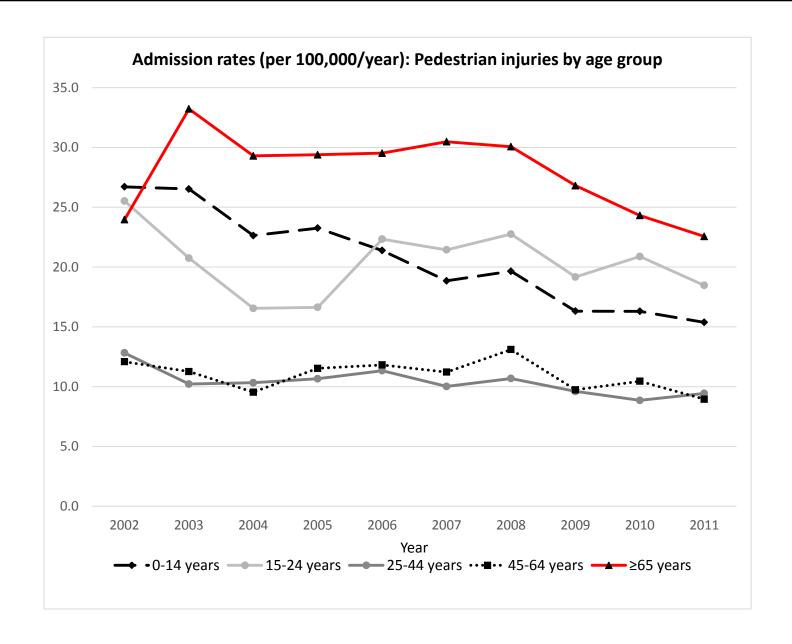
Pedestrian safety

Pedestrians are vulnerable on our roads. Pedestrians and motorists have a shared responsibility to keep our roads safe.









Inclusive Streets in Auckland Project plan in progress...

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