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Dear Resident/Occupier

## **EBUS LAUNCH / PARKERS ROAD DETOUR**

Nelson City Council is launching a new, improved bus service, which involves some changes to the routes buses will take. A new 'Route 4' between Nelson city centre and Nelson Airport will start on 1 August 2023. It will travel along Beach Road, Golf Road, Parkers Road and Bolt Road on its way to and from Nelson Airport.

Due to the infrastructure upgrades along Parkers Road and Awatea Place, the new service will launch using a detoured route. It will skip Parkers Road (between Golf Road and Bolt Road) until the infrastructure project has been completed (expected to be September 2023). In the interim, Route 4 buses will instead travel along Green Street and Roto Street in both directions.

Two temporary bus stops will be installed as part of the detour on Green Street (shown on the map overpage). This will continue until the detour finishes, and the permanent bus stops near Parkers Road/Golf Road Intersection can be used. No-stopping cones will also be placed near intersections to make sure the bus can safety navigate the detour.

We understand that some people may be concerned that this might create extra noise near to their property. Our new bus fleet is electric, and while these buses are not silent, they are much quieter than diesel buses. The noise level they create is similar to an SUV. Our new service also runs from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm each day, so noise will not be an issue in the evening or very early morning.

The new eBus service will be serviced by a fleet of 17 electric buses. Some of the benefits of the new service include:

- More destinations including new routes to Motueka, Wakefield and the Airport
- More often urban routes will go every half hour, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, 7 days a week
- For less a new \$2 flat fare will be introduced for routes between Nelson and Richmond
- More, improved bus stops so more people live within walking distance of a stop
- A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in our environment

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## **Route and Temporary Bus Location:**

Blue = Route 4

Yellow = No Stopping Areas

(Note: Temporary Bus Stops are located near Green Street / Golf Road Intersection



While the new bus service will deliver an improved service for the community, we recognise that the addition of a temporary bus stop represents a change for the residents in this area. If you have any questions or feedback regarding this work, please do not hesitate to contact me via <a href="matt.bruce@ncc.govt.nz">matt.bruce@ncc.govt.nz</a>, phone (03) 539 5532.

Yours, sincerely,

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