

Summary of Statement of Proposal

Nelson Tasman Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-34; and

Nelson Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan 2024-34

Nelson and Tasman Council's are currently seeking submissions on the Draft Nelson Tasman Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2024-2034 and the Nelson-Tasman joint Regional Public Transport Plan 2024-34 (RPTP)

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council and the Department of Conservation have been involved in drafting the plan which prioritises the transport projects for the next six years and seeks funding for them from the National Land Transport Fund.

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The draft RLTP has been prepared and approved by the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee for public consultation and includes evidence and discussion on the key problems and issues, the strategic response and activities that respond to the identified problems. The focus of this RLTP will be on supporting economic and population growth; improving safety, travel choice and resilience and making an increased investment in maintenance. The Partners to the RLTP recognize they need to continue to work together to achieve these outcomes. Examples of this work include:

- Waka Kotahi will work on making improvements to the state highway network on specific projects such as SH6 Hope Bypass and three new heavy commercial safety centres spread across the region. They will also work on generic activities including regional speed management planning and installation of median barriers on roads.
- Nelson and Tasman will deliver safer speeds determined through the joint speed management plan including making improvements in urban areas for our most vulnerable school road users.
- Nelson and Tasman will continue to improve their cycling networks in line with their Walking and Cycling Strategies and Waka Kotahi have proposed the Rocks Road Walking and Cycling project.
- Nelson and Tasman will continue to cooperatively provide the eBus public transport service network. Only modest improvements are proposed in the 2024 – 27 period, including weekend services to Wakefield and Motueka, with a full review in August 2024 to inform next steps.
- Waka Kotahi will continue to work on improving network resilience for communities at risk of losing access in storm events. They will continue to reduce the risk of landslips on Takaka Hill and the Whangamoā and have a programme of treating high risk rock fall sites

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The Nelson Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan 2024 is being consulted on alongside the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan. It set out the two Council's public transport priorities for the next three years.

The focus in this programme is to consolidate the recently delivered eBus service, plus the following improvements in stages:

Stage 1 2024-2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the eBus step change following 12 months of services that began on 1 August 2023 including analysing real time operational data and public feedback to inform potential adjustments and improvements to service reliability, frequency, and accessibility.• Implementation of minor network adjustments identified in the 12-month review as necessary to enhance the network including but not limited to improving reliability, meeting capacity demands, increasing geographic coverage and supporting mode shift.• Review of fare policy and concession categories and respond to any central government change in policy on community connect. This is likely to include continuation of funding support for half price public transport concessions for Community Services Card holders and half price concessions for Total Mobility services (75% discount). However, Crown funding for free fares for 5-12 year olds and half price fares for 13-24 year olds on public transport will end on 30 April 2024.• bus stop infrastructure and information/wayfinding improvements to build and improve convenience and broaden public awareness of the current services.• Continuing improvements to the eBus website and information systems to enhance customer service levels and experience.• Implement National Ticketing Solution to replace the Bee Card• Millers Acre Bus Hub.• Bus signal priority measures.• Additional weekend bus services on regional routes.
Stage 2 2027-2030	<p>Implementation will follow and be informed by the 12-month eBus review in Stage 1. Additional routes and any route changes will be identified in the 2027-37 RPTP review and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased peak hour frequencies on key urban routes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting community transport options for Golden Bay, and Hira. • Park and ride facility in Tasman. • Bus priority measures, with the inclusion of any priority measures from the Nelson Future Access Project and Richmond Programme Business Case.
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Submissions are invited on both plans concurrently and that feedback and hearings will be shared with the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee members.

The full Statement of Proposal - Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for Nelson Tasman 2024 -2034, and the Nelson Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan 2024 – 2034, is available from both the Council’s offices, and the regions libraries. You can also view a copy online at Shape Nelson and Shape Tasman

Submissions are invited from Monday 22 January 2024 until 5pm Sunday 25 February 2024.

Submissions are to be in writing and can be posted to Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040 or emailed to submissions@ncc.govt.nz.

Anyone who wishes to speak in support of their submissions will be given an opportunity to do so.

For more information contact rltpquestions@ncc.govt.nz