

Summary of Statement of Proposal - Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan Mid Term Review

Nelson City Council is currently seeking submissions on the Draft Nelson Regional Land Transport Plan which also contains the Regional Public Transport Plan 2015-2021. This is a mid term review of the document.

The Plan prioritises the transport projects for the next seven years and seeks funding for them.

The draft Plan has been prepared and approved by the 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. In the Nelson region this includes progressing:

- the Nelson Southern Link Investigation to better understand the appropriate response to increasing level of congestion and forecast growth in tandem with the Rocks Road walking and cycling project;
- An extension to Hill Street to connect with Saxton Road to enable residential growth;
- A partnership project with our Tasman Neighbours and the Transport Agency that considering the best form and function and hierarchy of the Richmond and Stoke south transport network;
- Improvements to the safety and resilience of the SH6 Blenheim to Nelson route.

Nelson Public Transport Plan 2018

The Nelson Public Transport Plan 2018 is contained within the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for Nelson 2015 – 2021. It set out Council's public transport priorities for the next three years.

We are proposing some changes to the bus services in Nelson to improve the public transport service. We are now seeking feedback from the wider community to see if there is support for the changes we're considering.

The changes proposed are:

- Introduce new kneeling buses onto the local city routes (Routes 3,4,5,and 6) servicing the Wood and Atawhai, NMIT and the Brook, Victory and the Hospital and Washington Valley and Tahunanui. This will make the services more convenient for people in our community with limited mobility,
- Alter the timetables for these services very slightly to improve efficiency, while still maintaining the same number of services,
- Introduce a revised Stoke Loop service, operating between 9am to 3pm,

- Additional bus service on the Nelson-Richmond routes later in the afternoon on Saturdays and Sundays,
- Zone changes reducing the number of zones from 4 to 3 which will effectively reduce the fares,
- Rationalise the fare structure so children over 5 years, students and CS card holders are all charged the same fare.

Submissions are invited on both concurrently.

The full Statement of Proposal – Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for Nelson 2015 -2021 - Mid Term Review, including the Regional Public Transport Plan 2018, is available from the Council office, Trafalgar Street or the Nelson, Tahunanui and Stoke Libraries. You can also view a copy on line at www.nelson.govt.nz. (search phrase = Regional Land Transport Plan).

Submissions are invited from Friday 15 December 2017 until 5pm Friday 9 February 2018.

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.

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