

Notice is given that an extraordinary meeting of the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee will be held on:

Date: Friday 15 September 2023
Time: 8.00am
Meeting Room: via Zoom
Venue:
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Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Komiti Te Kawenga Rohe o Nelson Tasman

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

	Chairperson	Deputy Chairperson
Members	Deputy Mayor S Bryant (Tasman District Council) Cr B Dowler (Tasman District Council)	Mayor N Smith (Nelson City Council) Deputy Mayor R O'Neill-Stevens (Nelson City Council)
Waka Kotahi Alternate Members	Ms E Speight Cr C Butler (Tasman District Council) Cr J Ellis (Tasman District Council)	Cr M Courtney (Nelson City Council) Cr J Hodgson (Nelson City Council)

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AGENDA

1 OPENING, WELCOME, KARAKIA TIMATANGA

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommendation

That apologies be accepted.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Registration is required to speak at public forum. You can register [here](#)

5 REPORTS

5.1 Nelson Tasman joint submission on the Government Policy Statement for Land Transport (2024) 4

6 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA (CLOSING)

5 REPORTS

5.1 NELSON TASMAN JOINT SUBMISSION ON THE GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT FOR LAND TRANSPORT (2024)

Report To: Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Meeting Date: 15 September 2023

Report Author: Neil Lindsay, Community Policy Advisor

Report Authorisers: John Ridd, Group Manager - Service and Strategy

Report Number: RNTRTC23-09-1

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee (RTC) to approve a submission on the Government Policy Statement for Land Transport 2024 (GPS).

2. Report Summary

- 2.1 The Ministry of Transport released a draft GPS for public consultation in August 2023. The consultation period closes on 15 September 2023. The GPS sets the Government's priorities for land transport investment over the next 10-year period. It also shows how funds from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) are spent.
- 2.2 The RTC broadly supports the GPS, although it has several recommendations for changes.
- 2.3 Staff have prepared a submission to the Ministry of Transport outlining the views of the RTC.
- 2.4 The decision to be made today is whether to approve this submission.

3. Recommendation

That the Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

- 1. receives the Nelson Tasman joint submission on the Government Policy Statement for Land Transport (2024) report; and**
- 2. approve the joint submission from Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council to the Ministry of Transport on the Government Policy Statement for Land Transport (2024)**

4. Background and Discussion

- 4.1 The Ministry of Transport released its draft GPS for public consultation in August 2023. The GPS is the Government's strategy for investing in the land transport system. It outlines what the Government wants to achieve in land transport and how it expects funding to be allocated from the National Land Transport Fund across different activities (for example, road maintenance, public transport, and walking and cycling).

- 4.2 Each GPS sets the priorities for the following 10-year period and is reviewed and updated every three years.
- 4.3 The draft GPS 2024 builds on the strategic priorities of GPS 2021, including supporting improved transport choices, improving safety, improving freight connections and reducing the impact of transport on our environment. It proposes a strengthened focus on maintaining assets and services and enhancing resilience, recognising recent flood and weather-related recovery efforts.
- 4.4 It also sets out a series of projects the Government has identified as strategically important to New Zealand’s transport system in the coming decades. The two projects in the Nelson Tasman region are the Hope Bypass and the Rocks Roads shared path.
- 4.5 The RTC shared its views on the draft GPS at a workshop on 31 August. The views of the RTC have been collated into the attached submission (**Attachment 1**). Please note the submission was not finalised in time for the agenda and will be distributed separately.
- 4.6 If the RTC approves this submission, staff will send the submission to the Ministry of Transport before its deadline at the end of today (15 September).
- 4.7 Approving or not approving this submission is not likely to be inconsistent with any other Council decision.

5. Options

- 5.1 The decision today is whether or not to approve the submission.

Option 1: Approve the submission (with or without minor amendments)	
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The submission can be sent to the Ministry before the deadline.
Risks and Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Option 2: Do not approve the submission	
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Risks and Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will not have the time to prepare a new submission or make major amendments before the consultation closes. If this happens, the views of the RTC will not be included in the GPS.

Considerations for Decision Making

1. Fit with Purpose of Local Government

Making submissions on central government policy statements helps central government to understand the social, economic, environmental,

	and cultural well-being of Nelson and Tasman communities. This is a stated purpose of local government in the Local Government Act (2002).
2.	Consistency with Community Outcomes and Council Policy/Legal requirements
3.	<p>Strategy and Risks</p> <p>The goal of this submission is to make the views and perspectives of Nelson Tasman heard in the development of GPS. Approving the submission will ensure that the Ministry of Transport will receive these perspectives. However, whether the Ministry will agree with us on the issues we have raised is unknown.</p> <p>There is no risk with the decision to approve the submission or not.</p>
4.	<p>Financial impact/Budgetary implications</p> <p>There is no financial or budgetary impact from this decision.</p>
5.	<p>Degree of significance and level of engagement</p> <p>The decision to approve the submission is of low significance, and staff do not propose any engagement or consultation with the public. The public can make submissions to the Ministry in a personal capacity if they would like to.</p>
6.	<p>Climate Impact</p> <p>Climate mitigation and adaptation are strategic priorities of the draft GPS.</p> <p>The proposed level of funding for each activity class in the GPS will likely have a material impact on climate change. For example, increasing the budget for walking and cycling activities may reduce emissions, while increasing the budget for road and state highway maintenance may increase emissions. It should be noted that GPS only sets out a rough funding range and that Waka Kotahi are responsible for deciding where the funding goes and, thus, the GPS's overall impact on climate change.</p> <p>The decision to approve the submission does not directly impact climate change. However, some of the perspectives taken in the submission (for example, advocating for the Hope Bypass and Rocks Road shared path) may influence whether or not specific projects are undertaken and where funding is spent. Approving the submission is likely to have a minimal and indirect impact on how climate change is considered in the GPS more broadly.</p>
7.	<p>Inclusion of Māori in the decision making process</p> <p>The decision to approve the submission is of low significance and staff do not propose any engagement or consultation with Māori or iwi.</p>
8.	<p>Delegations</p> <p>The Joint Committee has the power to approve submissions to external bodies on policy documents likely to influence the content of the Joint Regional Land Transport Plan. A referral does not need to be made back to each Council.</p>

6. Attachments

1. Joint submission from Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council to the Ministry of Transport on the Government Policy Statement for Land Transport (2024) (*Under Separate Cover*). **The submission was not finalised in time for the agenda and will be distributed separately.**