

# National Land Transport Programme 2009-12

## Nelson



# What has been happening in Nelson

Good progress has been made over the last 18 months across the NLTP programme in Nelson.

There has been continued investment in state highway improvements, including advancing the detailed design for the SH6 Teal Bridge replacement and the completion of investigations into intersection improvements on SH6 at Quarantine Road and Cable Bay Road. However, several projects are unlikely to progress to construction in the current NLTP period due to a fall in funding priority. These projects include SH6 Gentle Annie passing lanes and SH6 Rai Saddle second curve realignment.

Looking forward, the Nelson Arterial Traffic Study is nearing completion. Stage 3 of the report should be completed in January 2011, with Stage 4 (including final recommendations) due for release in February.

All maintenance, operations and renewal budgets for the state highway and local roading networks are fully committed, with the balance of the programme on track for delivery by the end of the current NLTP period.

### Other achievements and challenges

When the NLTP was released in August 2009, the NZTA signalled changes to the Demand Management and Transport Planning activity classes. These have since been introduced and funding has been confirmed for the remainder of the regional programme.

### Investment signals

The availability of funding from the NLTP is tight and will remain so into the next NLTP. This pressure on funding means that only high-priority state highway and local road projects will be considered for investment, and close scrutiny of proposed programmes is expected to ensure outcomes will be delivered and best value for money is achieved.

It is critically important for the NZTA to be informed by approved organisations as early as possible about any funded projects or group allocations that are not likely to proceed as planned over the next 18 months, or any maintenance/renewal allocations that will not be used, so that funds can be reallocated to other high-priority projects.

Looking forward, the NZTA should be in a position to provide early investment signals to approved organisations in the first half of 2011 to inform development of their 2012-15 regional land transport programmes.



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Total	\$22.9m
Spent/committed	\$1.0m
Planned	\$21.9m

About 96% (\$21.9m) of Nelson's regionally distributed funds (R) remains uncommitted and needs to be allocated in the next 4-5 years (by 31 March 2015). The NZTA is planning to best utilise these remaining funds by allocating them to regional activities that align with national funding priorities. This could include local road or state highway projects. Any decision on R fund expenditure will need consider the outcomes of the Nelson Arterial Traffic Study.