

Nelson

Safety, route efficiency and alternative transport mode choices are key focus areas for the NLTP 2012-15 investment in the Nelson region.



Deaths in the Nelson, Marlborough and Tasman regions in 2011, and **48** serious injuries



Lane kilometres currently maintained in the Nelson region, including local roads and state highways

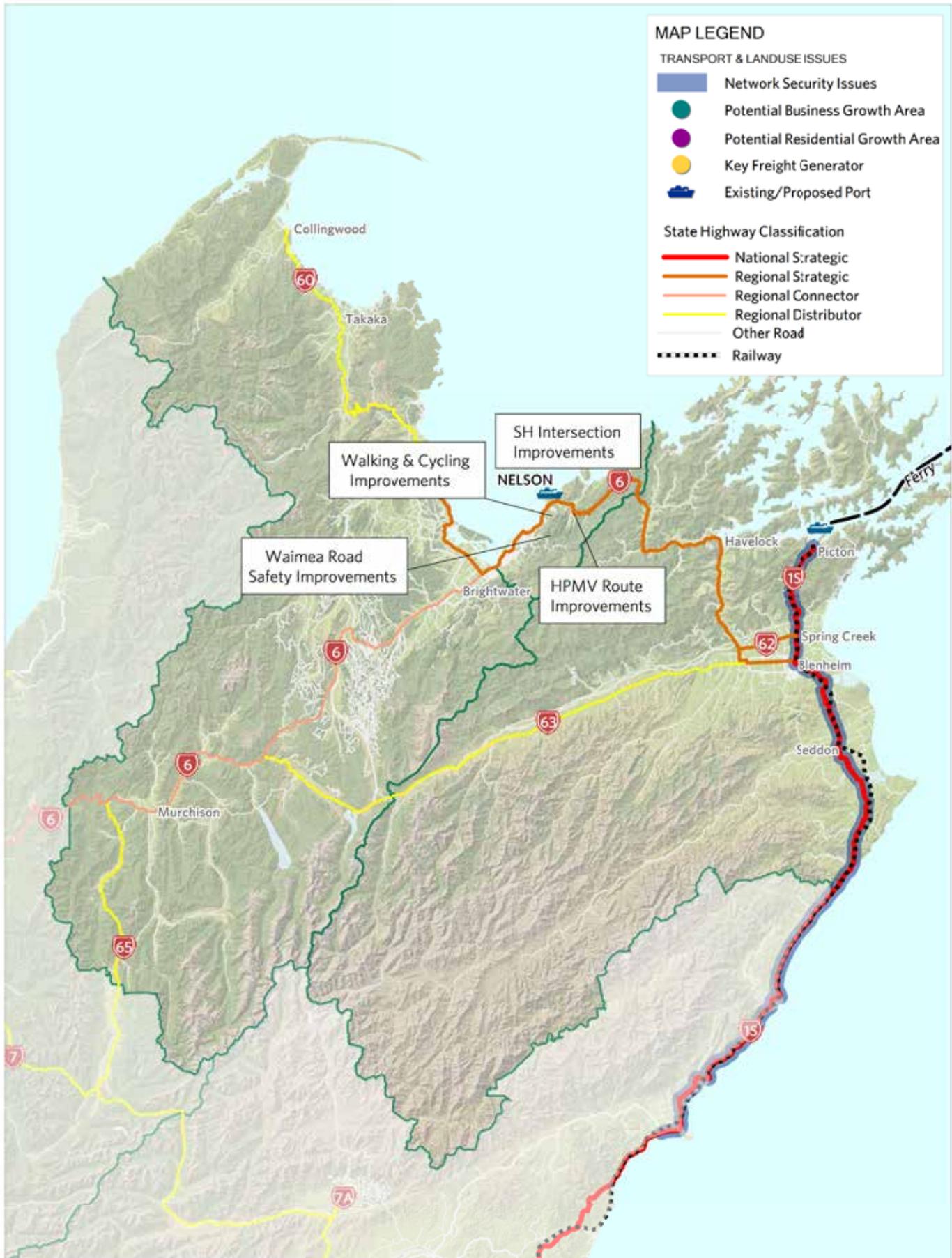


Proposed expenditure on Nelson road operations, maintenance and renewals under this NLTP. This includes the local roads total NLTP cost for 2012-15, and the state highway request included in the RLTP. The latter is managed at national level

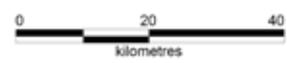
Regional highlights

- \$35 million will be spent on road maintenance, operations and renewals in the Nelson region, with \$13 million on local roads and \$22 million on state highways.
- Nelson has \$21.7 million of regional funding to invest across a range of projects including:
 - improvements to the route between Blenheim and Richmond to carry HPMVs
 - a package of walking and cycling improvements
 - state highway intersection and safety improvements
 - local road traffic management to reduce journey times along Waimea Road.





TRANSPORT AND LAND-USE PRIORITIES
NELSON REGION





State Highway 7 to Nelson

Cycling in the region
State Highway 6
(clockwise from left)



KEY NLTP PROJECTS

MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND RENEWALS

The proposed investment for maintenance, operations and renewals for the three years is \$13 million for local roads and \$22 million for state highways.

REGIONAL PROJECTS

Nelson has a significant amount (\$21.7 million) of regional funding to invest and its priorities are:

- the high productivity motor vehicle (HPMV) route connecting Blenheim to Richmond
- improving safety and traffic management along Waimea Road
- delivering a substantial walking and cycling package that will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists going to and from schools, as well as enhancing cycle tourism opportunities and encouraging alternative modes
- State Highway 6 safety improvements
- a new stock effluent disposal facility
- state highway intersection improvements
- improving safety.

The Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough regions have a relatively good safety performance when compared with other areas of the country with nine deaths and 48 serious injuries in 2011. However, the government has set out a Safer Journey strategy for an ongoing reduction in fatal and serious injuries across the entire transport network so safety improvements are also of importance in this area.

THE REGIONAL CONTEXT

Nelson has a population of 44,300, spread over a land area of only 400 square kilometres. The region is benefiting from above-average population growth, with an increase of 7% over the past year as a result of the relocation of earthquake-affected Cantabrians.

The Nelson economy is based on the 'big four' industries – seafood, horticulture, tourism and forestry. Tourism accounts for some 3.6 million visitor nights in the city per year. Port Nelson achieved a throughput of 2.71 million tonnes in 2011 including 723,000 tonnes of exported logs. There are also a range of growth industries, including art and craft, aviation, engineering technology, and information technology.

Nelson Airport is located south-west of the city and is the fourth busiest airport in New Zealand. Approximately 1.2 million people use the airport terminal annually and the airport averages 90 aircraft movements every day.

SUMMARY

Safety, route efficiency and alternative transport mode choices are key focus areas for investment in the Nelson region. Nelson also has \$21.7 million of regional funding to invest across a range of projects including HPMV improvements, a package of walking and cycling works, and state highway intersection and safety improvements.

This programme will deliver safety, route efficiency and alternative mode choices. Investment in walking and cycling will promote health benefits, improve safety and enhance tourism.

A study into the construction of an arterial road linking Annesbrook with the central business district concluded that such a road would not be necessary for over 20 years. An outcome of this was to look to improve Waimea Road as a safe and resilient alternative to State Highway 6 Rocks Road.

Overall, the regionally funded package of improvement projects coupled with the maintenance, operations and renewals investment will enhance Nelson's attraction as a sustainable city with the potential for growth.



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