

Date: Wednesday 20 March 2024
Time: 9:30am - RLTP and RPTP Hearing
Meeting Room: Tasman Council Chamber
Venue: 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Komiti Te Kawenga Rohe o Nelson Tasman

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Hearing Schedule for Submission Round: Draft Nelson-Tasman Regional Land Transport Plan and Public Transport Plan

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Council Chambers, TDC, 189 Queen St, Richmond (12 Speakers)

Start Time	Duration	Speaker (Submission ID)
9:40 AM	(10 mins)	Mrs Catherine Barak (32016) Non
9:40 AM	(10 mins)	Allan Stocker and Gary Stocker (32081) NZ Automobile Association
9:50 AM	(10 mins)	Ms Gillian Wratt (32051) Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust
10:00 AM	(10 mins)	Dr Bruno Lemke (32058) Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust (NTCTT)
10:10 AM	(10 mins)	Mrs Sandra Hagler (32071) – hasn't confirmed
10:20 AM	(10 mins)	Mr David Sissons (32052) Waimea Inlet Forum working group
10:30 AM	(10 mins)	Ms Emily McDonald (32059) Federated Farmers
10:40 AM	(10 mins)	Nicola Gausel (32082) Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand and Dr Rachel Eyre
10:50 AM	(10 mins)	Bevan Woodward (32085) Bicycle Nelson Bays
11:00 AM - morning tea adjournment		
11:15 AM	(10 mins)	Jo Leyland (32087)
11:25 AM	(10 mins)	Jacinda Stevenson, TBCA chair (32088) Tahunanui Business & Citizens Assn Inc
11:35 AM	(10 mins)	Peter Olorenshaw (32090) Nelsust
11:45 AM	(10 mins)	Dr Henry R Hudson (32091)

DRAFT REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2024 -2034**PRESENTATION FROM THE NEW ZEALAND AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, NELSON DISTRICT.**

Thank you for the opportunity to present today and we trust you have all read our submission.

SPEAKERS: Allan Kneale, Nelson District Councillor,
Former Nelson District Chairman
Former Trustee of the AA Research Foundation
Gary Stocker, Nelson District Councillor
Former Nelson District Chairman
Former Trustee of the AA Research Foundation
Immediate Past President of NZAA

INTRODUCTION: NZAA personal membership is now 1.13m nationally and steadily growing
Nelson Tasman membership is 30100.
AA is not just a car organisation. Members are walkers, bikers & PT users.
AA also provides road service to motor bikes, e.bikes & mobility scooters etc.

GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT 2024:

AA realises that the draft RLTP may need to be changed following the recent release of the GPS 2024.

AA GENERAL PRIORITIES:

Road Maintenance: throughout the country our roads have not been getting the maintenance they need and putting off maintenance can mean more (much talked) about potholes and greater long term repair costs down the track. The quality of our road surfaces has a significant impact on safety.

Resilient Roads: in all AA membership surveys members rated this issue the most important. Our roads must be able to withstand extreme weather events and this means having a clear fully funded plan for improving the resilience of major roads most at risk. It also means carefully considering opportunities to improve the resilience when planning road construction, renewals and maintenance work. We acknowledge the outstanding work done on SH60 Takaka Hill and SH6 Whangamoas in recent times.

Safety of Regional Highways: new roads have massive safety benefits and AA wants to see an upgrading of regional highways, bypasses, road corridors and smaller safety refits. The current work on SH60 Ruby Bypass is a good example of this in the Nelson Tasman area.

LOCAL PROJECTS:

SH6 Hope Bypass: we note this is the highest ranked project and we agree with this priority. We note too that Transport Minister Simeon Brown has indicated that all of the 15 new Roads of National Significance (RONS) will be four laned and grade separated highways. He also said (on 4 March 2024) referring to the RONS that "Independent analysis has found the construction of eight new bypasses, between January 2009 and December 2016, resulted in up to a 37% reduction in deaths and serious injuries across those roads"

We fully support this new project and we recall that in early stakeholder workshops on Richmond's traffic woes it was agreed that little improvement could be made until a Hope Bypass was in place.

REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2024-2034

Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust
creating great cycle trails for our communities

Gillian Wratt & Belinda Crisp



THE BIG PICTURE (1)

The Trust is pleased to see the RLTP:

1. Focus on supporting economic and population growth, improving safety, travel choice and resilience, and making an increased investment in maintenance.
2. Includes improving cycling and walking paths across the region.

The Trust is concerned that opportunities for incorporating planning for cycling aren't being fully realised and in particular want to highlight:

1. **Te Taihu Cycle Highways**
2. **Whakatū Drive path & Rocks Road**



THE BIG PICTURE (2)

Angus&Associates report on the Great Taste Trail's (GTT) economic, cultural, social and environmental contribution to the region:

1. 419,217 individual trail counts for 2023 (including over 90,000 pedestrians), an increase of 24% on pre-covid levels
2. **\$34m** visitor spend generated for the region in 2023
3. Locals 89% of users
4. 57% of local users ride GTT >50 times & 17% >200 times per annum
5. **Locals love the GTT:** All trail users surveyed expressed very high satisfaction with their experience, highlighting the trail's convenience, proximity to urban centres, and extensive network connections. There was widespread agreement that the GTT has a positive influence on the local community, particularly in enhancing the overall quality of life and making the region more vibrant and accessible to people of all abilities



WHY IS THIS RELEVANT TO THE RLTP?

The Great Taste Trail is part of our transport system network:

1. A recreational asset and catalyst for community well-being and connectivity
2. A connector to people, places, and activities opening the area up for people to explore on two wheels
3. Safe and accessible cycling opportunities connecting communities with a cycling/walking pathway off busy main roads. Near schools where practical so that children can use it e.g. Ranzau, Riwaka, Wakefield, Brightwater, Tapawera, Ngatimoti
4. An attractive commuting option – particularly with increased use of e-Bikes – fewer cars on the road



CYCLE HIGHWAYS CONNECTING TETAUIHU

- Imagine a cycle network, Cycle Highway 6C that enables people to hop off the ferry in Picton & cycle from Picton to Murchison. This includes the Link Pathway in Marlborough, part of the Great Taste Trail and the Heartland ride from Tapawera to Murchison.
- Another cycle network from TDC Offices to the Heaphy track. Cycle Highway 60C Richmond to The Heaphy Track. This includes part of the Great Taste Trail, existing boat services from Kaiteriteri to Totaranui and the Pohara to Takaka cycleway.
- Parts of the Te Taihu Cycle Highway are complete but there are significant gaps and some parts are not fit for purpose..
- Economic spend of these type of riders is considerable eg Tour Aotearoa estimated daily spend \$200
- Connecting communities across the region
- **Concept incorporated into the RLTP**



