

## MIN-4002 Tahunanui Drive/Bisley Avenue intersection, Nelson

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Provide an update on the work being planned for the Tahunanui Drive/Bisley Avenue intersection, Nelson.

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### Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

The Detailed Business Case for Nelson Future Access was completed in October 2021, and was subsequently endorsed by the Waka Kotahi Board and Nelson City Council. This included a number of recommended interventions for network optimisation to be delivered in the near-term. The second southbound through-lane at the Tahunanui/ Bisley intersection was one of those interventions, aimed at improving the flow of traffic along Rocks Road as the principal freight route between Tasman and the Nelson port. Since Tahunanui Drive forms part of State Highway 6, advancing that intersection upgrade sits with Waka Kotahi.

In October 2022, Waka Kotahi received a letter from the outgoing mayor of Nelson withdrawing Council's endorsement for this aspect of the project. At the same time, other members of the Tahunanui community voiced their concerns around the recommendation for the intersection.

Waka Kotahi has not yet finalised its designs, which are currently being audited. Once that work is complete, we will seek to meet with the incoming Council to discuss the intersection, including the technical work behind the recommendation, community concerns and options for the way ahead. Plans have not been shared with the community.

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