

2021–24 National Land Transport Programme

Factsheet

Top of the South: Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough

- A total of \$289 million is forecast to be invested in the Top of the South in the 2021–24 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period.
- The regions of Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough make up the Top of the South. The Top of the South economy depends on a reliable and efficient land transport system for its primary industries to get goods to market.
- Population and economic growth are driving the need for a land transport system across the Top of the South that is safe, more resilient and offers travel choice.
- In Nelson and Richmond, integrated urban and transport planning in partnership with local councils, and better transport choices are a focus for this NLTP period. Improvements are planned for walking and cycling facilities and to the public transport network to boost patronage.
- Work is underway by both the Nelson and Tasman councils to review the Future Development Strategy. Part of that review will consider how land use planning is supported by an integrated land transport system, offering choice in the way people move around. In Nelson, this is supported by the Nelson Future Access Project.
- In Tasman, the integrated regional approach is supported by the Richmond Transport Programme Business Case and network operating framework.
- Throughout Top of the South during the next three years, \$23 million will be spent on improving safety across one corridor to reduce deaths and serious injuries. Including the installation of median barriers on SH6 Blenheim to Nelson.
- The \$289 million forecast investment includes:
 - \$212 million Forecast maintenance and operations
 - \$13 million Forecast public transport investment
 - \$10 million Forecast cycling and walking investment
 - \$22 million Forecast Road to Zero investment.

Top of the South investment highlights for 2021–24

- Completion of the Richmond Transport Programme Business Case, in response to the traffic growth through and around Richmond.
- Completion of the detailed business case for the Nelson Future Access Project.
- Work on SH60 Tākaka Hill to repair damage from Cyclone Gita on SH60 Tākaka Hill, between Riwaka and Tākaka.
- Safety improvements and speed review on SH1 Inland Alternative Route, Maruia to Renwick.
- Speed review on SH1 Blenheim to Seddon.
- Continued progress on the Whale Trail, a 160km off-road cycle trail connecting Picton and Kaikōura. This is funded through the Provincial Growth Fund.

More information

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