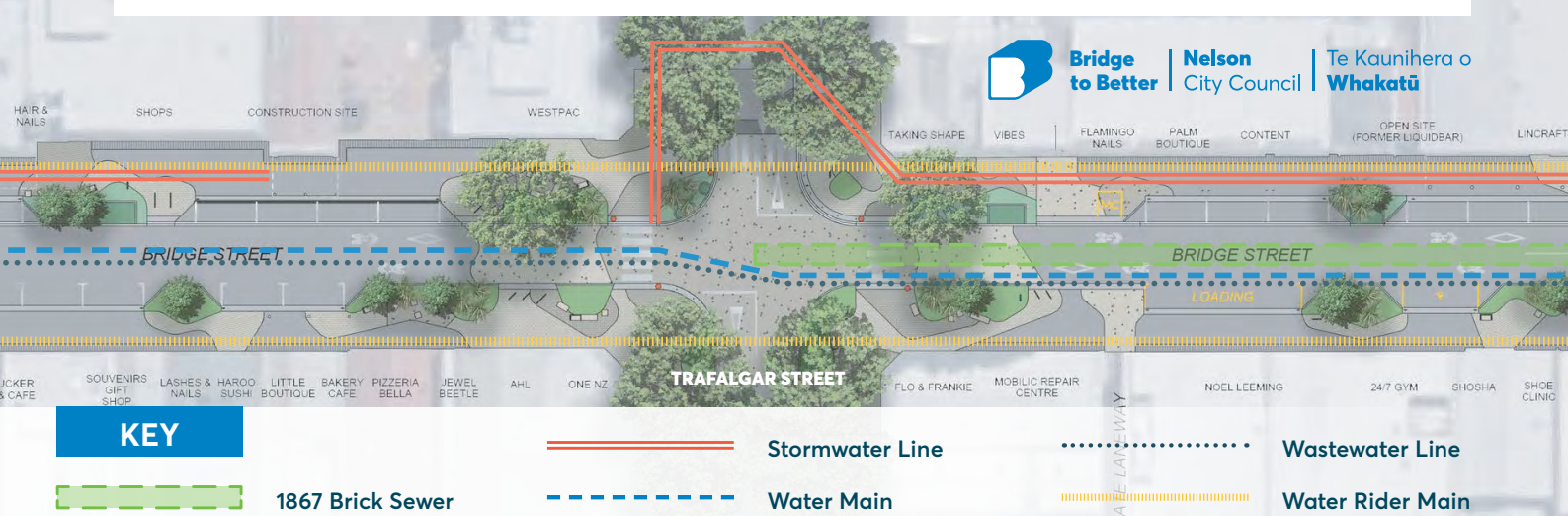


# Tō Tātou Whakatū Our Nelson

## Next phase for Bridge to Better



A developed design showcasing plans for a vibrant and pedestrian-friendly redesigned streetscape for Bridge Street has been completed.

The multimillion-dollar Bridge to Better project aims to unlock investment and housing opportunities in Nelson's city centre while addressing critical infrastructure needs and transforming Bridge Street into a vibrant, people-friendly space.

The developed design is the result of more than a year of investigations and engagement with iwi, businesses and property owners on Bridge Street, and special interest groups including the accessibility community, cycling advocacy groups and emergency services.

Acting Nelson Mayor Rohan O'Neill-Stevens says completing the developed design marks a key milestone in the journey to revitalise Nelson's City Centre.

"This project isn't just about upgrading infrastructure; it's about shaping a city centre that's vibrant, resilient, and aligned with the aspirations of our community. The \$78 million project, supported by \$36.4 million from the Government's Infrastructure Acceleration Fund, represents the largest Council investment since the Maitai Dam in 1987.

"Bridge to Better is a unique opportunity to create a city centre that works for everyone. By working closely with iwi, local businesses, and residents, and taking on board the feedback we've received, we're ensuring this space reflects the place we live and the values we hold. Beyond the infrastructure, this project will enhance green spaces, create raingardens, and encourage new investment and housing opportunities. It's about building a city centre that thrives today and for future generations."

The plan for Bridge Street includes a flush road surface without kerbs, a wider footpath with additional space for pedestrians, and subtle road realignments to create a safe environment for all users. Key elements of the design, such as car parks, loading zones, accessible parking, trees, rain gardens for stormwater management, and paving layouts, are illustrated in the developed design.

Additional features, including seating areas, cycle racks, rubbish bins and artwork, will also be incorporated into the streetscape. The exact placement and number of these amenities will be finalised in the next phase—detailed design—developed collaboratively with iwi, using the co-design approach used throughout this project.

One of the main elements of the design is the introduction of more than 100 native trees, creating a significantly greener and more welcoming environment for all street users. Although the details are still being finalised, this will require the removal of up to 20 existing non-native trees on Bridge Street and Haven Road to accommodate below-ground infrastructure work and the new road layout.

Infrastructure upgrades beneath Bridge Street, as well as throughout the inner-city streets, will support future development in the city centre, enabling the construction of hundreds of new homes.

The works will include the upgrade of the water ring main (under Bridge Street, Rutherford Street, Halifax Street and Collingwood Street), a floodgate for the Halifax Street stormwater outfall into Saltwater Creek, an upgrade of the Paru Paru wastewater pump station, and improvements to the three waters infrastructure beneath Bridge Street.

The upgrade of three waters infrastructure beneath Bridge Street includes a stormwater line with a diameter of 300-450 millimeters, a wastewater line of 300-375mm dia, a 350mm dia water main, and a 150 mm dia water rider main. A network of rain gardens will also be implemented to direct stormwater into the underground pipes.

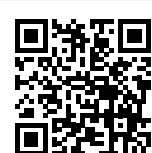
The layout of the upgraded water main and wastewater pipes has been adjusted to one side at the eastern end of the street to preserve a historic brick sewer, dating back to around 1867, located beneath this section of the Bridge Street works.

Further community feedback is still being sought on the developed design and Council staff are continuing direct engagement with the businesses and property owners directly affected by the changes. Council welcomes additional feedback about the developed design via Shape Nelson by 30 November 2024.

The engagement process for the Bridge to Better Project has been instrumental in shaping the developed design, incorporating key community feedback, such as:

- Calls to make Bridge Street more climate-friendly, safe, and suitable for cyclists, and a safer, livelier place for everyone, including older people
- A strong desire for the street to be able to host events and maintain a constant buzz
- An emphasis on green spaces and family-friendly environments
- Reducing car traffic to prioritise pedestrians, restaurants, cafes, play areas, and bike lanes, while also retaining access for all forms of transport, including easy access to car parks for takeaway customers.
- Create more inner-city housing so the city centre is vibrant seven days a week.

[For more information, scan here to visit our Shape Nelson page](#)







Nelson City Council Chief Executive Nigel Philpott, Councillor Aaron Stallard, Council staff Bruce Mutton, James Murray, Mandy Bishop and Bevan Thompson.

Spring Clean Whakatū, hosted by What If Whakatū and inspired by their series of talks last year to explore ways to reinvigorate the inner city, was a chance for Nelsonians to get together to spruce up the CBD.

Volunteers tidied up shopfronts and private green spaces, removed graffiti, planted flowers, painted and cleaned.

The event was supported by Council's Community-Led Taskforce, whose goal is to get organisations and businesses across Nelson to work together for revitalisation.

Councillor Aaron Stallard, CE Nigel Philpott, and Council staff took on cleaning the bike stands on Trafalgar Street and at Montgomery Square.

To celebrate a job well done by participants across the city, a free community event The Great Picnic Day was hosted by the What If Whakatū team at Anzac Park on Sunday.

## Water meter reading

The residential water meter reading round started on 1 October and will continue for about two months.

Please check that the meter box and the surrounding area is clear and easily accessible. The meter readers are allowed to read the meters between 7am and 7pm seven days a week, including Sundays and public holidays. They will be identifiable by their hi-visibility vests with 'WATER METER READER' and "SBS" on the back. They also carry ID with them, which you may request to view.

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the meters, some meters will be checked to see if they are still recording accurately. If your meter is being checked, Nelmac will inform you during the meter reading. If no one is at home, a letter will be left in your letterbox letting you know that Council contractors have been. The test requires the contractor to fill a 10-litre bucket with water. If the meter needs to be replaced, the water will be turned off to do this. The whole check usually takes about 10 minutes.

If the meter readers have access issues, they will leave a note with a new visit day. Please call our contractor's help desk on 027 286 7337 if you need to change the new meter reading time.

Please be aware that if you don't make a suitable arrangement or repeated visits are needed to obtain a meter reading, you could be charged a Special Water Meter reading fee of \$36.34.

All water used through the meter is charged at \$2.626 per cubic metre. This is inclusive of GST.

The invoice/statements are generally posted out within three weeks of the meter being read. If your account has a balance of less than \$10 or a credit of less than \$10 no invoice will be sent.

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## MEETINGS

Draft Cat Management Bylaw Consultation Panel - to HEAR submissions (if required) <b>9am</b>	<b>1-Nov-24</b>
Saxton Field Committee - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond <b>9.30am</b>	<b>5-Nov-24</b>
Council meeting <b>9am</b>	<b>7-Nov-24</b>
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit <b>9.30am</b>	<b>15-Nov-24</b>
Draft Cat Management Bylaw Consultation Panel - to DELIBERATE on submissions <b>1pm</b>	<b>15-Nov-24</b>
Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils <b>9.30am</b>	<b>19-Nov-24</b>
Audit, Risk and Finance Committee <b>9am</b>	<b>20-Nov-24</b>
Chief Executive Employment Committee - Mayor's Office, Floor 2B, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson <b>1pm</b>	<b>20-Nov-24</b>
Joint Shareholders Committee - Wangapeka and Heaphy Rooms, Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond <b>9.30am</b>	<b>26-Nov-24</b>
Dams Policy and Buildings Policy Consultation Panel - to HEAR submissions (if required) <b>1.30pm</b>	<b>26-Nov-24</b>
Civil Defence Emergency Management Group - Emergency Operations Centre, 28 Oxford Street, Richmond <b>9.30am</b>	<b>27-Nov-24</b>
Hearing Panel <b>9am</b>	<b>28-Nov-24</b>
Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit <b>9.30am</b>	<b>29-Nov-24</b>
<b>Change to meeting</b> Tenders Committee, previously advertised to take place on 30 October 2024 commencing at 11am <b>1.30pm</b>	<b>8 Nov 24</b>



A full list of meetings for 2024 are available on the Council's website:

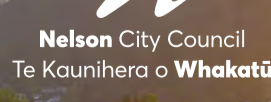
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