

# Transport Choices FAQs



## Napier City Council, July 2023

### What is this project about?

We are changing the way the road can be used on Tennyson Street, from the intersection with Wellesley Road to the intersection with Milton Road.

### How is this project funded?

Council successfully applied to Waka Kotahi for “Transport Choices” funding.

It is one of a number of projects around the country that are aimed at providing people with more transport options. Waka Kotahi will fund the project construction, while Council is funding the design.

### How long will the project take?

Construction is due to start in early 2024, and be completed within four months.

### Why was this project chosen?

The Transport Choices programme has specific criteria for project selection. Waka Kotahi chose this project because it completes an important cycling link into the CBD and will help to make Napier’s cycling network much stronger. It also does this while using existing road space to create separated cycle lanes, which is a more economical and efficient way to create new cycling infrastructure.

The existing cycle lanes along Kennedy Road stop when they reach Tennyson St, and those on bikes face an intimidating environment dominated by cars. Most people on bikes choose a different (and less direct) route into town.

### Who is working on this project?

The contractor which successfully tenders for this project will be known by the end of the year.

### Will there be traffic delays?

As part of the design work, NCC commissioned traffic modelling to look at the impacts of the proposed work at intersections along the route. Because much of the route has more capacity than needed, the modelling predicted no significant additional delays at intersections.

### Will there be any loss of parking?

Yes. To create space for both cars and bikes, the concept design involves the removal of 9 P120 time restricted car parks. We believe there are plenty of off-road alternative car parks available in the area within a few minutes of the work site.

### Will the community be consulted?

Yes, we will speak to every affected business and resident along the route, and invite feedback from the wider community.

### What’s the difference between this and the Carlyle Street project?

Streets for People is a separate project that involves temporary trials and evaluation of possible changes through ongoing community input.

Tennyson St changes will be permanent once installed. The intersection of Tennyson and Carlyle Streets is part of the Tennyson project – the concept design for this intersection involves installation of a roundabout.

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