**Bridge to Better: Team work to recreate Bridge Street**

‘Te Ara ō Whakatū - the pathway of Nelson’, Nelson’s City Centre Spatial Plan comprises eight actions that will transform the city centre into an even greater people-focussed place, full of green spaces, where more people live, and visitors want to stay for longer. Creating streets for people is one of the eight actions, this envisages the central city core within the four Ring Roads as a pedestrian focused area with places that support public life, local economies, and future investment.

A team of passionate professionals from a range of backgrounds was formed to recreate Bridge Street, including project management, urban design, landscape architecture, transport, retail, engagement, civils, 3-waters and quantity surveying. The team embraced the opportunity to work together, and with the community to recreate a street that reflects **People, Place and Identity.**

This presentation outlines the collaborative design journey and how the urban design/landscape architecture, and transport perspectives were critical to reflect the movement and place aspects of the street. For example, the development and assessment of options needed to consider matters such as supporting residential intensification and business needs, provision of greening, space for recreation, cultural connection, safety, accessibility, modal diversity and servicing needs. One option was to create a one-way the street, this allows more space for greening but required consideration of network legibility, how servicing would work, would this support or deter intensification? The team workshops to discuss concept design options and their alignment with the desired outcomes were valuable. The technical perspectives were weighed up and tested against early feedback from community groups as to what they envisaged for the street. This was true collaboration.

The design journey is still ongoing and by the time of the conference the preferred design will be ready to present.