

Nelson South Innovating Streets'

In 2021 Nelson participated in the Waka Kotahi Streets for People Trial, the Suburb of Nelson South was chosen. The transport network was old and very vehicle dominated, the footpaths were narrow and connectivity and liveability within the community were being affected by commuters cutting through their streets to avoid the traffic queues during peak times. The community felt it was unsafe to walk and cycle due to the number of vehicles, the speed they were travelling at and a lack of supporting infrastructure. They requested to be part of the "living street area" and an agreed partnership between Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Nelson City Council and the community and took the form of Innovative Streets. This award winning project reduced speeds in the area by 30% and vehicle volumes by 50% and was considered a success by the community, Nelson City Council and Waka Kotahi.