

## Nelson Southern Link

Nelson is one of the fastest growing regions in New Zealand with the region growing by 4.4 per cent in 2016.

National knows that an efficient and reliable transport network is vital to underpin and sustain Nelson's strong growth and its export-led economy. We are committed to supporting the city's future transport needs.

Nelson has two key roads that connect the central city and port with employment and residential areas. Both roads are experiencing delays during peak travel periods.

The concept of improving access through Nelson has a long history and some State Highway improvements have already been made.

In 2014 the National-led Government accelerated the investigation and design of the Nelson Southern Link route as part of our Accelerated Regional Roding Programme.

National wants to get ahead of the growth now and stop growing congestion becoming a handbrake on the city's growth. That's why a re-elected National-led Government will start construction on the Nelson Southern Link in the next term of Government.

Once the final route and alignment for the Nelson Southern Link has been finalised a re-elected National-led Government will also work with the Nelson City Council to finalise the planned upgrade of the walking and cycling facilities along Rocks Road.

## Project features

- Expected cost of up to \$135 million
- The road will be two lanes (one each way) with some grade separated intersections
- Ability to upgrade the road to four lanes (two each way) in the future will be provided for
- Walking and cycling facilities will be included

## Benefits

- ✓ Reduced congestion and travel times in and out of, and around Nelson
- ✓ Boost economic growth and productivity in the region
- ✓ Better access to key domestic and international markets through stronger and more reliable connections to the port and airport
- ✓ New and improved facilities for cyclists and pedestrians
- ✓ Improved tourism and recreation activities

