



Consultation

NELSON'S EARTHQUAKE-PRONE BUILDINGS: WHAT STREETS AND AREAS SHOULD WE LOOK AT IMPROVING FIRST?





WHAT IS THIS CONSULTATION ABOUT?

Nelson City Council wants to make sure that our streets and public spaces are as safe as possible in an earthquake.

We want you to tell us which busy streets (both people and vehicles) and important routes for emergency services might cause a problem in our city during an earthquake – either by falling debris/masonry that could injure people or block important roads and routes. This will help us identify areas to prioritise for improvement.

THE BACKGROUND

Nelson is in an area of medium seismic risk. This risk level has been defined as part of a national system that specifies the seismic hazard factor for each area of New Zealand ranging from 'low' to 'high'.

The national system ensures the way buildings are managed for future earthquakes is consistent and strikes a balance between the following:

- protecting people from harm in an earthquake
- the costs of strengthening or removing buildings
- the impact on New Zealand's built heritage.

WHERE ARE NELSON'S BUSIEST AREAS?

We need to work out where our busiest roads, footpaths and public spaces are that may also have unreinforced masonry buildings that could drop debris/masonry in an earthquake creating a high risk to life and public safety. These areas will be designated higher priority areas.

Council is proposing that the central city inside the boundaries of Selwyn Place, Collingwood, Halifax and



Rutherford Streets (see map on pages 4–5) should be designated a high-traffic area because of the large number of people that are in that area each day.

Do you agree? Do you think there are other roads or footpaths that should be designated as high-traffic areas?

WHAT ARE NELSON'S IMPORTANT ROUTES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES WHEN AN EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS?

There are certain roads and routes around our city that are vital to our police, fire, ambulance and civil defence teams after an earthquake. It's important that these routes remain open in an emergency.

We have consulted with emergency services and the Nelson Tasman Lifelines Group to identify priority routes that have at least one building on them that, if it was to collapse, could block a priority route (see map on pages 6–7).

Do you think there are other roads or routes that are strategically important for an emergency response after an earthquake?

IDENTIFYING PRIORITY BUILDINGS

Once we have identified where our city's busy-pedestrian and traffic areas are and important routes for emergency services, we can work out which buildings we need to identify as 'Priority Buildings' and address the hazard they pose.

The legislation for identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings has changed nationally, which means there are now set timeframes to identify and upgrade buildings that are earthquake-prone.

Certain hospital, emergency and education buildings are already prioritised in the Building Act 2004 because they are likely to be needed in an emergency or are regularly occupied by more than 20 people.


Because Nelson has been defined as a 'medium' risk area we need to identify earthquake-prone priority buildings within five years (by 30 June 2022) and other earthquake-prone buildings within 10 years (by 30 June 2027). This is why we want your help to identify the areas that we need to focus on first.



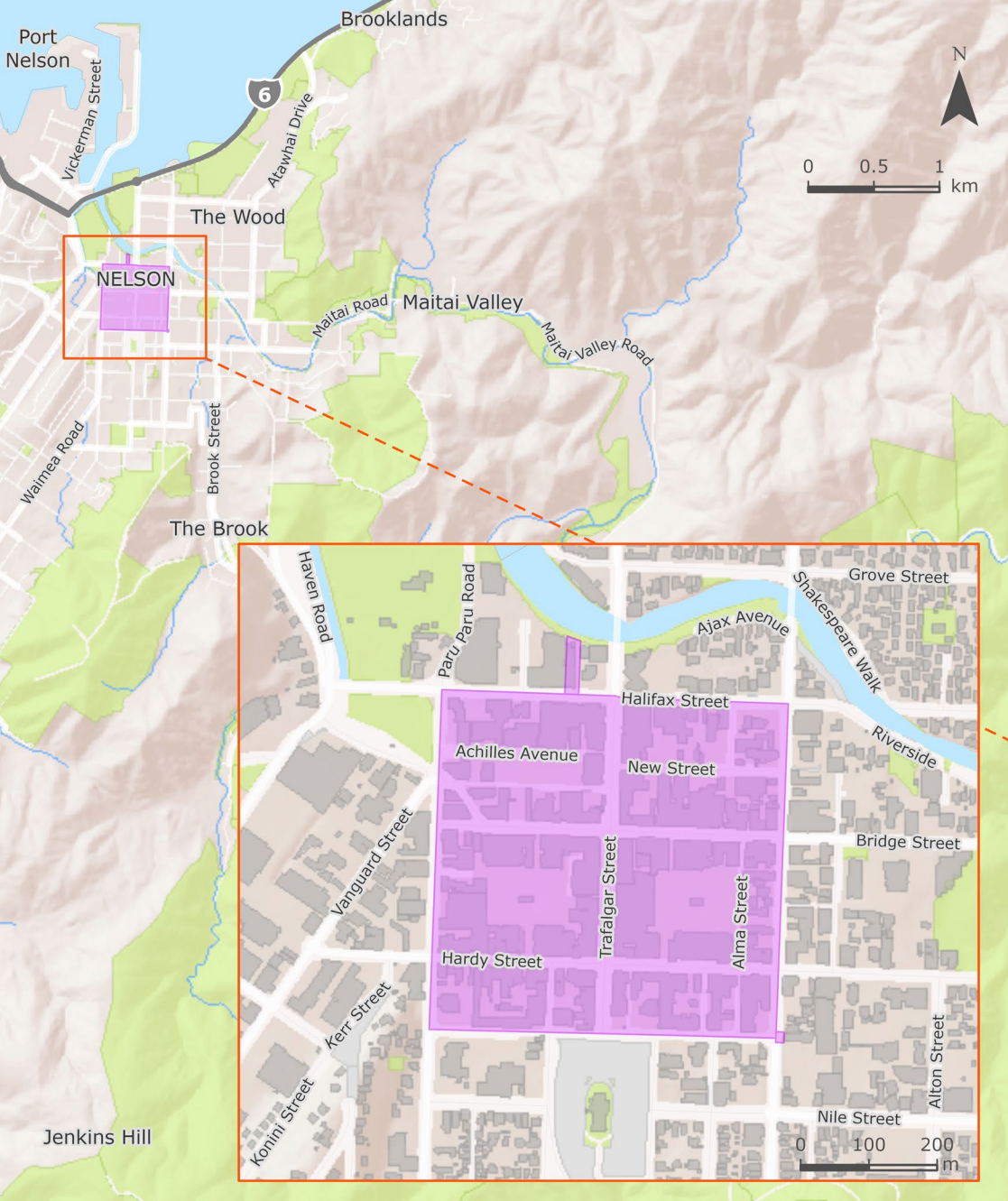
PRIORITISATION OF UNREINFORCED MASONRY (URM) HAZARDS



LEGEND

 Proposed area with sufficient traffic to warrant prioritisation of URM hazards



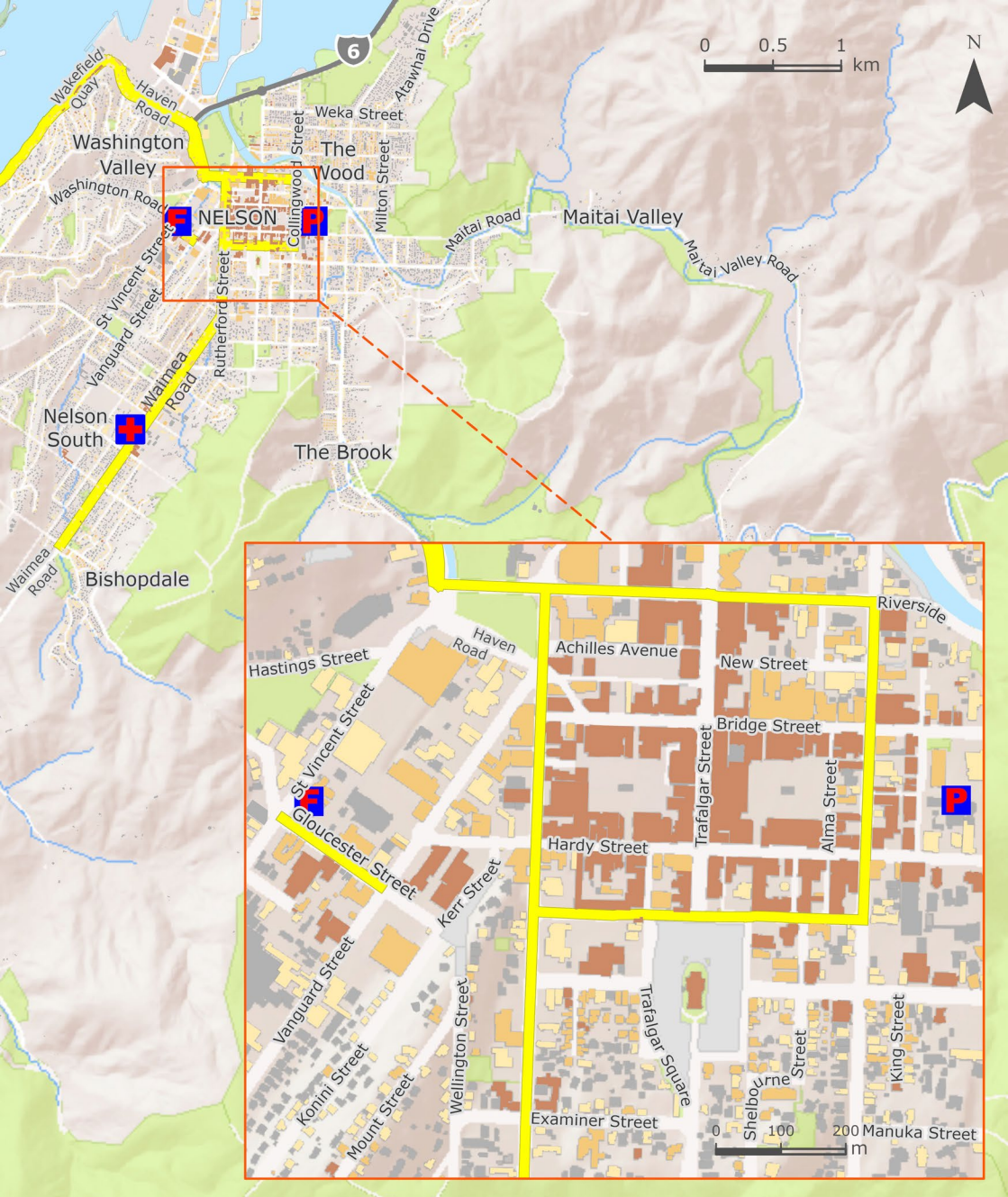


STRATEGIC TRANSPORT ROUTES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE



LEGEND

- Proposed Transport Routes of Strategic Importance*
- Police Station
- Fire Station
- Hospital



Extent that buildings may block a road, if they collapsed

Light yellow square: May partly block one lane

Orange square: May block one lane

Grey square: Unlikely to block road

Brown square: May block two lanes

INFORMATION SESSIONS

If you would like more information, or have any questions you would like to ask, Council will be holding informal community meetings in the Council Chamber at Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson on the following dates:

- Thursday 3 October
5.30–6.30pm
- Wednesday 23 October
5.30–6.30pm

These sessions will include a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Statement of Proposal which can be viewed at nelson.govt.nz, forms the basis of the special consultative procedure being undertaken by Council.

More information is also available at nelson.govt.nz/earthquake-prone-building-information

HAVE YOUR SAY

Consultation is open from
Monday 30 September to 4pm
on **Monday 4 November 2019**.

HOW TO GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

You can provide feedback in a number of ways. Please ensure you indicate whether you wish to speak at the hearing. If so, please include a daytime phone number.



ONLINE Fill out the feedback form (see nelson.govt.nz/council/consultations).



EMAIL Send to submissions@ncc.govt.nz



MAIL Send to Priority Buildings, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7010



DELIVER Drop your submission to the Nelson City Council Customer Service Centre, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

