

REPORT

TO: Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Trevor Norriss

DATE: 7 April 2010

SUBJECT: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESC10-04-01**
Report prepared for meeting of 15 April 2010

Welcome to today's meeting. I will keep this report brief as Councillors and staff are busy attending annual plan meetings across the district.

State Highway Liaison Meetings

These meetings between the New Zealand Transport Agency, their consultants OPUS and Council are held quarterly and we need to keep them structured with clear and precise action points arising from any debate. Items for discussion need to be on the agenda as the first part of the meeting is the time to report back on outcomes from previous meetings and quite often cover new items requested for the agenda.

It would also be helpful if Councillors kept to issues in their own ward instead of regurgitating issues that are or have been dealt with by the appropriate Ward Councillor.

We have had a great relationship with the Agency and it needs to be maintained.

Tasman Area Community Association

Cr Ensor, Peter Thomson, Jeff Cuthbertson and I had a good meeting with the Tasman Area Community Association to discuss water supply issues in the Tasman community. It was a productive meeting leaving the association with a couple of main options (short and long term) to put to their community. The association asked that thanks be passed on to Council for the efforts to solve the water and sewerage issues in this community.

Ruby Bay Bypass

I have had a tour over the bypass and things are going great. It is hoped that the route will be opened ahead of schedule although this is weather-dependant.

Regional Transport Committee

The Regional Transport Committee met on 26 March to hear submissions to "Connecting Tasman", the Regional Land Transport Strategy. Twenty-two submissions were submitted with nine presenting to the committee. The Transportation Manager and MWH staff had reviewed the submissions prior to the meeting and provided a very good summary response to each point which was very helpful. Changes have been considered for the final document to be approved by the committee before going to Council for ratification.


Motueka Flood Control Workshop

The second workshop for Motueka Flood Control was a productive session although numbers attending were down mainly because of the time of year and invited stakeholders

being extremely busy. Public consultation meetings are scheduled for 12, 15, 20 and 22 April and staff will be in attendance at a stall at the Motueka Sunday markets on 11, 18 and 25 April.

Finally the Lee Valley Dam has had some great media coverage in recent weeks. I believe this project will be a huge benefit to the region and hopefully will receive considerable central government funding. The proposed dam is another great example of support for the type of projects that Council should be involved in with long-term benefits.

Regards

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Trevor Norriss