

## REPORT

**TO:** Members, Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Chair, Trevor Norriss

**DATE:** 30 July 2009

**SUBJECT:** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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Welcome to today's meeting. We live in interesting times with petitions on amalgamation, reduced spending for local roading projects and the forthcoming new National Land Transport Programme on the new government priorities for road funding and projects.

In the city it is great to hear that intersections and other projects signalled in the North Nelson to Brightwater corridor study are going to be prioritised. As a Council we should support those options as they were signalled as being needed at the time regardless of what option was taken.

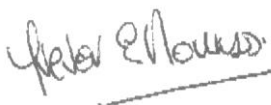
It has been a busy time for Councillors involved in the Richmond West deliberations and the designation process. Recently I have also attended meetings relating to river care, the Dovedale water supply and district-wide rivers and lake meetings as part of the TRMP process. We also had the successful, if not wet "going live" of the Talbot Street-Salisbury Road traffic signals – the first traffic signals owned by Tasman District Council. Thankfully the weather was fine for the launch of the public place recycling initiative in Motueka where our MP Chris Auchinvole and Minister for the Environment, Nick Smith spoke.

Best wishes to Councillor Borlase for his recovery after surgery and condolences to Robyn Scherer who has lost both her parents over the last month.

There is to be an opening ceremony at the Black Bridge, Ngatimoti on 4 September and an open invitation will be sent to the local community. Krista Hobday is working with the children at Ngatimoti School who are designing two new safety billboards to be displayed in the locality.

Finally just a thought, if amalgamation did happen, city ratepayers would be in for significant rate increases to fund our roads and rivers. But the cost of aligning plans, rating systems etc would see huge costs placed on all ratepayers, let alone the loss of fair representation within Tasman!

Regards



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**Chair - Engineering Services Committee**