

REPORT

TO: Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Trevor Norriss

DATE: 13 August 2010

SUBJECT: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESC10-09-01**
Report prepared for meeting of 30 September 2010

- 1.1 Welcome to the final Engineering Services meeting for this term of Council. Attached to this report is a list of the major Engineering projects that have been completed during this term of Council. This is a result of a robust ten year plan started by the previous Council with the current Council working out which affordable projects should go forward on an annual basis.
- 1.2 My thanks to the many members of the public who have raised issues through the public forum. Without your input some of the issues would not have been brought to Council's attention. Thanks also to the committee for your support; without you it would be very easy to shut up shop and many of the projects would not have happened especially at a time of favourable interest rates and very competitive tender prices.
- 1.3 The recent events in Canterbury show how vulnerable Council infrastructure can be and the repair and replacement of this infrastructure will take many years with large associated costs. I know that our thoughts are with the people of Canterbury.
- 2 Regional Transport Committee
I would like to thank the members of the Regional Transport Committee for their input. We now have a programme and strategy in place that gives a clear direction for the future of transportation in Tasman. In my opinion this is one of the real achievements of this Council. I have invited members of the committee to join us for morning tea at our meeting.
- 3 Top of the South Transport Liaison
This has been another successful forum. Keeping in touch with issues, what's happening and what's not happening with our neighbours is extremely important. We need to keep a close eye on the possible loss of up to \$18 million in R funding for the Top of the South.
- 4 Ruby Bay Bypass
The Bypass will be formally opened on 22 October. This will be the largest roading project in Tasman District Council for some time to come and its completion is the result of many years of lobbying and support from many areas; Damien O'Connor, Graham Taylor, Dr Deborah Hume, New Zealand Transport Agency staff and the contractors who have delivered ahead of schedule. Thanks to you all.
- 4.2 Thanks also to Jenny Chetwynd our recently appointed New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Director. Jenny is a pleasure to work with and has recently

announced funding for the completion of the Richmond deviation cycleway from the Aquatic Centre to the Gladstone Road traffic signals. Thanks Jenny.

5 State Highway Liaison Meetings

These are the regular meetings that the New Zealand Transport Agency has with Council and I wish to thank the Agency and their consultants for the opportunity to discuss state highway issues. To Mike Kargar and his team, we have had some recent hiccups but your efforts are appreciated.

6.1 It is also very pleasing to see the recent audit results showing that Tasman District Council has once again received top results for delivering on our roading programme. Well done team.

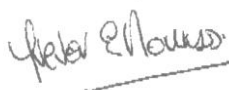
6.2 Last, but not least my thanks to Barry Dowler who has supported me in his role as Deputy Chair. Also a big thank you to the Engineering team and Peter Thomson who I have harassed for the past four terms as your Chair. If I am re-elected I will certainly be putting my 'hand up' to continue in this role. You are a great team.

6.3 To Mayor Kempthorne and my fellow Councillors, Community Board members and especially my fellow Ward Councillors, Tim King and Brian Ensor – you have all worked very hard for our special area that is Tasman. Good luck in the forthcoming elections.

7 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 **THAT the Chairman's Report (RESC10-09-01) be received by the Engineering Services Committee.**

Regards



Trevor Norriss