

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Peter Thomson, Engineering Manager

REFERENCE: R858

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SUBJECT: **SHARED PATH CONNECTIONS – SH60 RUBY BAY BYPASS & RAILWAY RESERVE**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to bring forward the funding of the shared path facilities proposed to be constructed in conjunction with the Ruby Bay Bypass Project.

2 BACKGROUND

Council's Draft Ten Year Plan has identified the connecting paths to the proposed underpasses at Gardner Valley Road and Tasman Domain (connection to Harley Road) as set out below:

- Gardner Valley Road underpass connection planned for funding in Year 2 - 2010/11 with a budget of \$100,000 and,
- Tasman Domain underpass linking with Harley Road to be funded in Year 3 2011/12 with a budget of \$88,000.

There is a further culvert provided under the Bypass with potential to install pedestrian access near Dominion Road. This culvert with pedestrian facility will link into the existing Chaytor Road walkway that will eventually link to Higgs Reserve being developed on the foreshore of the estuary as part of the bypass project and the proposed estuary walkway. The Dominion Road connection was not identified when the Ten Year Plan budgets were assembled. Funding of \$50,000 in Year 1 is be required to complete this link.

All projects are budgeted with a subsidy from NZTA.

Council has engaged Opus International Consultants to design the links and then arrange for Ruby Bay Bypass contractor Downer EDi Works to build them as part of the state highway project. Prices will be sought from the contractor with the work only being awarded to them should their prices be acceptable. The rates for this work are expected to be very competitive.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 THAT the subsidised funding budgeted in Year 2 and Year 3 of the Draft Ten Year Plan for the underpass links at Gardner Valley and Tasman Domain, both be brought forward into Year 1 - 2009/10 with a total project cost of \$188,000**
- 3.2 THAT Council approves funding of \$ 50,000 to be budgeted in Year 1 - 2009/10 for construction of a shared path linking the culvert under the Bypass to Dominion Road and to install in the culvert a pathway.**

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