

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Gary Clark, Transportation Manager
SUBJECT: **TRANSPORTATION REPORT – JANUARY 2010**
Report prepared for meeting of 21 January 2010

1. MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

The maintenance contractors have been busy on the road network in the past months with various works being carried out before Christmas including the grading of key routes to tourist areas, mowing of grass verges and checks on other roads leading to holiday destinations.

There has been a significant reduction in the number of services requests for sealed road maintenance for the Tasman and Waimea contracts which is a result of Downer EDi Works focus in this area.

The performance of Fulton Hogan with the Murchison and Golden Bay Contracts is fairly consistent across the different activities with Downer EDi Works making consistent improvements to their performance since being awarded the contract in July.

2. WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS UPDATE

• Takaka Library Car Park Upgrade

This work is being undertaken by Oldfields who completed the work apart from the asphalt surfacing prior to Christmas. Unfortunately due to the weather and shutting down of the asphalt plant prior to Christmas the surfacing work was not able to be completed however the underlying chip seal coat was laid.

The construction of the asphalt surfacing will be undertaken as soon as possible in the new year once the asphalt plant has reopened.

Landscaping of the centre islands is presently being arranged and will follow on once the surfacing of the car park is completed.

• CBD Footpath Cleaning

This work was completed prior to Christmas in Richmond, Motueka and Takaka.

• Eighty Eight Valley Road Seal Extension

The contract for this work was awarded to Fulton Hogan Ltd. The work is due to start early in the New Year and is split into two portions. The second portion which extends 1.6 kilometres from the end of the existing seal near Quail Valley Road past the Wai-iti Dam site to the first portion of work will only proceed if other roading projects come in under-budget.

The contractor will be advised by 12 March 2010 as to whether portion 2 will proceed.

- **Pohara Seawall**

The design in terms of the road and shared path layout is currently being finalised and will be presented to interested parties including the Golden Bay Community Board. The work will need to be carried out between 1 April and 30 June 2010 to comply with the consent and will be tendered in the next few weeks.

- **Talbot/Salisbury Intersection**

The approach lanes on Talbot Street to the intersection have been remarked to provide additional parking along the southern side. This change has received much positive comment particularly from the car yard. Short-term parking restrictions will be implemented in the new parking areas.

- **Stringer Road Upgrade and Sealing**

The design tasks for this roading project have been completed and the work is to be tendered shortly. Council has allowed funding over two years so the contract will include the upgrade and sealing of the road under one contract with the work split into two packages to suit the funding allocation. The work was a requirement of a subdivision consent whereby the developer is contributing towards the cost.

- **Minor Road Improvements**

District delineations on various Distributor and Collector routes is underway involving edge lines, edge marker posts and other improvements.

The design of the Motueka Valley Highway shoulder widening at Peninsula Bridge is in the process of being completed. Due to the value of the work quotations are to be sought from a selected number of local roading contractors.

Guard railing design is underway for Motupiko River Bridge 1 on Korere Tophouse Road at Route Position 30km is underway to replace concrete sides.

The shared use path proposed for construction along the southern side of Waimea West Road between Malthouse Crescent and the Wai-iti River is in the process of being designed and is to be packaged up with work proposed at the intersection of Waimea West and Palmer Roads involving seal widening which includes the relocation of a utility pole.

The Brooklyn safety path which will extend from Little Sydney Road past Brooklyn School to Motueka River West Bank Road and eventually to Mickell Road is presently being priced by Tasman Civil. Tasman Civil was awarded the Area-Wide Pavement Treatment contract which includes the rehabilitation of a section of Umukuri Road where the new path is to be extended. Should their price be competitive then the work will be awarded to them, saving Council the cost of setting up another contact and seeking prices.

3. RESEALS AND REHABILITATION

The resealing programme is continuing very well and the work to date has been to a high standard.

We are still having some issues with the completion of the defective rehabilitation work from last year which is the main focus of staff at the moment.

The rehabilitation contract is also progressing well with pavement designs being completed shortly. There have been some changes to the areas identified as part of this contract will the overall length of roadway to be strengthened being the same.

- **Gladstone Rd Undergrounding**

Network Tasman Limited is working through the undergrounding project in discussions with Council and NZTA. It is hope that this work will start soon. This will provide a significant improvement to the entrance to Richmond with NZTA also interested in undergrounding power lines as part of the Three Brothers roundabout improvement project.

- **Murchison Footpath**

This project will be started early in the New Year. We are currently awaiting confirmation of a quote to carry out this work.

4. RIVERS UPDATE

The scheduling for the 2010-11 Rivers Annual Operating Management Programme is underway. Target completion is February 2010.

- **Gravel relocation resource consents**

Two consents are being processed as non-notified applications after an iwi meeting last December gained some acceptance. Further applications will need to be notified as iwi have advised that for every deep pool filled with gravel there will be a need for another to be created, (Like-for-Like) based on the iwi's need to ensure that recreational, food source, aquifer management and cultural issues are in no way compromised

Rivers staff are involved with forward planning to reduce the percentage of crack willow requiring burning. Some trial sections using alternative methods are being negotiated on contract plant hire rates. These will take several months to assess.

The development of the CONFIRM database for processing forward work programmes and achievement records continues to hinder the efficiency of the contractor. Council may not be able to develop user-friendly operation as expected by the contractor. Close co-operation with contracting, consulting and Tasman District Council staff continues.

The new contract requires all land entry across private property to be recorded with written agreements generated by the contractor. Inability of landowners to fill in details and post

the forms back continues and MWH has been requested to assist the process. We have however already received a large number of consents.

5. HISTORIC SALISBURY FOOTBRIDGE MAINTENANCE

Remedial works on the faulty tower are programmed for February. For health and safety reasons a Notice of Closure to the Public is being advertised while this work proceeds. The public will have access to the view the bridge and access the site by using the road bridge 30 metres upstream.

6. ROAD SAFETY COORDINATORS REPORT

- **Back to School**

A Tasman-Nelson back to school campaign is being planned for February. Schools with zebra crossings will be involved in the “Watch Out – Zebra Crossing” campaign. This will be aimed at drivers to remind them to look for students walking and cycling to school and to highlight these school crossings. It will also be an opportunity to remind students of the correct way to use these crossings and that they are the safest place to cross the road. Cut out zebras will be carried across the crossings at the start and end of the school day as a visual reminder to drivers as well as media coverage in local and school newsletters.

- **Bike Wise**

The annual Bike Wise events will take place in February:

Wednesday 17th February – Go by Bike Day breakfasts in Richmond, Motueka and Takaka.

Saturday 21st February – Takaka Family Fun Ride – starts at 2pm at The Village Green. Cyclists ride to Bencarri Farm and back.

Saturday 28th February – Motueka Family Fun Ride – starts at 2pm at the Skate Park on Old Wharf Road and uses the on and off road loop to Staples Street and then back via Thorp Street.

- **Scooter training/safety session**

During the summer holidays a scooter training/safety session was held at The New Hub. Anyone aged 15–19 years old was encouraged to turn up with their scooter or have a go on one of the loan scooters. There was the opportunity to test balance and control skills around an obstacle course, learn the best way to brake quickly and safely and learn about safe road positioning and riding gear.

- **Carpooling**

There was promotion of the Jayride carpooling website at the start of December through media, posters and flyers in the district. Before this promotion there were very few rides listed for the Tasman area, but there is now a noticeable increase in up-to-date rides both for commuting and one-off longer rides. There will be further promotion once the new school term starts.

- **A4A (Accessibility for All)**

Terms of reference are being put together for future A4A meetings and forums. These will be ready for the next meeting which is to be held in early February.

During the next month all accessible car parking spaces in Council-owned car parks are to be audited. Measurements and photos will be taken of all these spaces to see if they fit acceptable standards. These will put onto a database as will all our parking restrictions as part of managing this asset.

7. TENDERS

One tender has been awarded since the last meeting:

No.	Contract name	No. of tenders	Successful tenderer	Amount	Highest amount	TDC estimate	Budget for this item	Comment
772	88 Valley Road Seal Extension	2	Fulton Hogan	\$977,203	\$1,043,271	\$901,500	\$560,430	Tender was for two separate portions but it is proposed to complete portion 1 from the available funding. This has been previously reported to the Committee

8. RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received.

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