

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
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SUBJECT: **ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT - TRANSPORT**

1 ROADING GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Over the last six-week period approximately 7,500 m³ of road maintenance aggregate has been applied to the District's roads. A consultant/client audit of the roading network in Golden Bay was undertaken in late September and it is pleasing to report that, in general, the road maintenance standard in Golden Bay has lifted. In particular, the unsealed road network is in very good condition. As with all road maintenance, things can be improved, however it is pleasing to see significant effort being put into the network by the maintenance contractor. Audits are also due to be undertaken in the near future on the Waimea and Murchison maintenance contracts.

2 SEAL EXTENSIONS

The two major road seal extensions for the current financial year have been awarded and work is underway. Completion of both projects, the Central and Old House Roads and 88 Valley Road, is pre-Christmas.

Area-wide pavement treatment and minor safety works are currently out to tender. This includes improvement work on the 88 Valley Road section adjacent to State Highway 6.

3 RICHMOND TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE

The preliminary design is complete and work is well underway on the final design. At this stage, once the final design is near completion, it is proposed to undertake further consultation with the directly affected commercial businesses and other affected/interested parties.

4 McGLASHEN/TALBOT INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT

Detailed design is underway with this project due to go to tender in November. The land purchase and subdivision consent work which has been required to complete the protracted land acquisition deals are now virtually in place.

5 TAKAKA CAR PARKING

To confirm following our August Engineering Services meeting at Murchison, we have had discussions with the Property Manager who has confirmed a budget of \$1500 to undertake a short review of car parking issues in Takaka. This is currently being tasked.

6 CROUCHER SQUARE DIL'S FUNDING

To confirm, the \$100,000 allocated for the town square development from the Richmond reserves is targeted from the Richmond Reserve DIL's for 2007/2008.

7 TELENIUS BRIDGE

The proposed markings and additional signage reported to the last committee meeting, has been issued to Council's contractor. This work should be completed within the next month.

8 STOCK UNDERPASSES

In the last twelve months three new stock underpasses have been installed with a further one planned for installation before Christmas 06 in Golden Bay. Of the three underpasses installed, two are in Golden Bay on Rototai and Collingwood Puponga Roads whilst the third is in Murchison on the Matakītaki Road. The subsidy paid towards the underpass is approximately 25% of the value of the work undertaken in the road reserve. Funding comes from both Council's Minor Safety and Non-Subsidised Roding Stock Underpass budgets. The underpass enables stock to be safely crossed under the road at any time irrespective of lighting or weather conditions and without the need for a drover and traffic signage.

9 GRUBB CREEK CULVERT UPGRADE

A joint venture project to upgrade the capacity and surface slabs of the overflow culvert at Grubb Creek on the Quartz Range Road has been finalised.

Two landowners, Nalder and Pomeroy, requested the upgrading of the culvert after a lucky escape after being washed away on a 4WD ATV. The road is a low volume road. Nalder and Pomeroy have agreed to pay over two-thirds of the cost of the upgrade.

A small 400mm pipe is being replaced with a square 1500mm x 1500mm concrete box culvert. Work is due for completed by early November.

10 ANATOKI TRACK ROAD PRIVATE BRIDGE

Local landowner(s) installed a low capacity substandard bridge on TDC road reserve on the Anatoki Track Road (off Long Plain Road, Kotinga). They claim that although they have erected a sign indicating a 1 tonne capacity it will carry a lot more.

The bridge has no design certification and sits directly on gravel abutments about 3 metres above the stream bed. On advice from the TDC solicitor signs have been installed warning people not to use the bridge.

The landowners who attended a meeting about the bridge have all been advised in writing that if the bridge is not removed within one month then TDC will remove and dispose of it.

All new bridges built on TDC road reserve must meet the relevant Engineering Standards.

11 LAND TRANSPORT AT A GLANCE

A copy of the Land Transport New Zealand produced document "Land Transport at a Glance" is appended. This provides a brief overview of the state of the land transport system within Tasman District of which more information is available from the Land Transport New Zealand website. The document provides some useful statistics and is for information only.

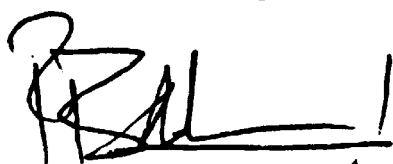
12 ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety Coordinator, Kirsty Barr has recently organised a series of motorcycle training courses available to the public. The first of these for "learner" motorcyclists was held during the weekend of 23/24 September 2006 and was very successful. The attached letter and e-mail from satisfied motorcyclists confirm the value of these courses and Kirsty's organisational skills.

13 TENDERS

Tenders awarded since the last meeting are:

No.	Contract name	No. of tenders received	Successful tenderer	Amount	Highest amount	TDC estimate	Budget for this item
660	Central Road/Old House Road Seal Extension	10	Concrete & Metals	\$394,132	R523,286	\$457,800	\$500,000
6898	88 Valley Road Seal Extension	8	Sicon Ltd	\$298,949	\$395,905	\$371,000	\$330,000



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