

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee  
**FROM:** Steve Elkington, on behalf of Transportation Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** **ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT - TRANSPORT**

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## 1 ROADING GENERAL MAINTENANCE

### Reseals

- Richmond, Waimea and Motueka Wards – The chip seal reseals in these areas are now completed with the asphalt resurfacing of Wensley Road and Oxford Streets to be completed before 15 December with Queen Street and Tudor Street Motueka to be completed in the new year;
- Golden Bay – Fulton Hogan has recently started the reseals on both the State Highway and local roads which are programmed to be completed in early December. Resealing on SH60 Takaka Hill, is programmed to be undertaken after the main holiday period in the New Year;
- Lakes/Murchison Ward – There are only two roads programmed in the area for resealing and these are expected to be completed prior to Christmas.

### Road Markings

- Richmond, Waimea and Motueka Wards – The remarking in these areas is underway and expected to be completed before Christmas. All main tourist routes will definitely be completed before then;
- Golden Bay – Fulton Hogan has completed the remarking of both the State Highway and local roads;
- Lakes/Murchison Ward – The remarking of roads in this area are programmed for completion before Christmas

### Grass Mowing

Fulton Hogan currently has five of their own mowers working on the network with a further mower on contract. These include two mowers in Golden Bay Ward, three mowers in the Waimea area and one mower in the Lakes Murchison Ward.

## **2 SEAL EXTENSIONS**

- Old House and Central Roads – The seal extension of Old House Road has recently been completed by Concrete & Metals, who are now working to complete Central Road before Christmas. This work is progressing well;
- Eighty Eight Valley Road – Sicon is currently working on this seal extension which is due for completion by mid-December. Approximately 800 metres of the 1.8 kilometer length is due for sealing this week.
- Low Trafficked Roads Sealing Policy – To date no applications have been received for consideration by Council to construct seal extensions.

## **3 McGLASHEN/TALBOT INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT**

This work has recently been advertised for tender and closes on Wednesday 06 December 2006.

## **4 AREA WIDE PAVEMENT TREATMENT WORKS**

Tasman Civil recently won the contract to undertake pavement rehabilitation of an 880 metre section of Waiwhero Road at the Motueka Valley Highway end and, a 610 metre section of Lee Valley Road near the River Terrace Road end. Also included in this contract was a Minor Safety project which involves the upgrade of a section of Eighty Eight Valley Road near Hunt Terrace at the Wakefield end.

## **5 SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

The closing date for submissions on the proposed speed limit changes in the Waimea, Richmond and Lakes Murchison Ward is due before the end of November 2006. To date only a handful of submissions have been received, with some supporting whilst others don't support individual changes.

## **6 MINOR SAFETY WORKS**

New pedestrian facilities have recently been completed in Queen Street near Washbourn Drive and east of George Street, Wensley Road near Dorset Street and the intersections of Hill Street at William Street and Churchill Avenue.

## **7 ROAD SAFETY UPDATE (Kirsty Barr)**

**Activities over the last quarter include:**

- Council co-hosted the Ministry of Transport's regional workshop (*See you There: Safe As*) attracting over 80 people to the Siefried's Vineyard venue to discuss key road trauma issues in New Zealand and how they might be addressed. Information was forwarded to the Ministry of Transport's decision makers and can be viewed by visiting [www.safeas.govt.nz](http://www.safeas.govt.nz). A document summarising issues raised at these workshops nationally including any possible legislative implications will be released before Christmas.
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- Network Safety Coordination Meetings: Council's Road Safety Coordinator has been working with Transit and other partners on black spot state highway areas across the district. Specific actions are identified in the engineering, enforcement and education fields to address problems and will be implemented over the next 12 months.
- Lifecycle courses: Free adult cycling courses have been made available to help those returning to cycle find the confidence they need (as well as equip current cyclists with maintenance knowledge). Courses have reached (or will soon) Murchison, Golden Bay, Motueka and Richmond residents (with a possible future course for Tapawera being considered).
- Motorcycle Courses: Tasman District has higher than average crash rates for motorcyclists and 62% of motorcycle crashes end in a fatality or serious injury. These courses provide professional rider training equipping riders with an excellent toolkit to prevent getting into danger as well as providing some skills to handle challenging road conditions.
- Regional cycle forum: Support and attendance at meetings which coordinate multiple agencies around advocacy, recreational, road safety, and engineering issues related to cycling in the district.
- Speed and Schools Project: This was a collaborative project between NCC, Police and TDC and focused on schools where there are ongoing speeding issues. Children were invited to get hands on experience with a speed laser gun and a speed trailer was also made available to remind locals of their driving speeds. Children had the opportunity to learn about speed and its physics as well as road safety and the basics of data collection. There was some good publicity via Nelson Mail and Waimea Leader.

**Planning for upcoming projects includes:**

- Billboards: Billboards with changing educational road safety messages are planned for state highway and local roads which target specific areas and related issues. Topics will be based on what is relevant to our area as well as those issues where Tasman District is over-represented (eg loss of control on bends).
- Radio campaign: A joint campaign with NCC and ACC is planned to complement issues identified in the billboard campaign running between Christmas and mid-February.
- Mobility Scooters: A practical course to help with use of mobility scooters, safety and assessment will be carried out for Richmond and Nelson residents in February as part of a pilot project. Further funding may be explored if it is successful.

- **Bikewise Activities:** Multiple activities are planned for late February/early March to mark Bikewise week, including family fun rides, *Go By Bike* days, business battles etc. Emphasis is on participation and getting active, not on how far or well you can ride. So you'll be hearing from me when it's time to get out the lycra and dust off that bike again!!

## **8 RIVERS**

### **Grubb Creek - Quartz Range Road, Aorere**

The substandard concrete splash has been renovated to provide a safer crossing for the two landowners who farm at the top end of this road. Previously almost any rain event overtopped the weir. One landowner had been washed away with his 4WD ATV while crossing when a fresh was flowing over the weir.

The main points of interest are;

- Bridge maintenance work required to the deck slabs amounted to about 33% of the job cost and was funded by Tasman District Council.
- Brian Nalder and Dean Pomeroy shared the other costs. They provided a pre-cast box culvert to cut into the structure at the time of the slab maintenance works. The structure now passes the sort of flood that happens once a year.
- The structure had a flood with a depth of 300mm over the weir within a week of completion. The land owners have advised that it performed well above their expectations.
- The resource consent required specific fish passage details that have been put in place and will require some minor enhancement.

## **9 MOTUEKA STREETSCAPING BOLLARDS – ROPE MAINTENANCE**

The streetscape bollards in High Street, Motueka were originally fitted with rope linking the bollards. The rope was recently removed under instruction from a TDC Manager who was concerned with health and safety issues following an incident with a pedestrian falling over the ropes. Engineering staff are currently assessing replacement options for the rope and will hopefully be in a position to provide further advice at the meeting. Attached is a letter from the Motueka Arts Council stating their preference for the replacement product.

## **10 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	Comment
691	Waiwhero & Lee Valley Roads – Area-wide pavement treatment.	5	Tasman Civil	\$432,200	\$559,835	\$420,000		Funding from several different work categories.
692	Footpath rehabilitation 2006/2007	3	Oldfield Asphalts	\$106,370	\$152,539	\$108,036	\$115,000	

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