

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Roger Ashworth, Transportation Manager
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SUBJECT: **ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT - TRANSPORT**

1 ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

- **Contract 625 – Golden Bay**

An audit of the roading network in Golden Bay has shown a relatively high standard of performance. There were no major issues to report over the holiday period.

- **Contract 591 – Waimea**

Unfortunately the Waimea maintenance contract continues to cause concern particularly in the areas of vegetation and drainage maintenance. Several meetings have been held with both the consultant and the contractor and Council has voiced disappointment with the continued poor performance. A target date of 1 April 2007 has been set to ensure that all vegetation and drainage maintenance is up to the required standard. If this target is not met we will be considering other options. This is being continually monitored.

- **Contract 618 – Murchison**

As in Golden Bay auditing of the network has shown a high standard of compliance. There were no major issues over the holiday period.

- **Area-Wide Pavement Treatment**

Work on sections of the area-wide pavement treatment in Waiwhero Road is underway and Lee Valley Road is complete. The extent of work to be undertaken in Golden Bay and Murchison has been finalised and will shortly be underway.

- **Seal Widening**

The contract for seal widening closed on 17 January 2007 and has been awarded to Adcock and Donaldson. The works will be completed by mid-April at the latest.

- **Re-sealing**

The re-sealing work within the Waimea area was completed pre-Christmas and Golden Bay and Murchison are virtually completed. There have been some issues with seal bleeding and these are being further investigated and remedied.

- **Seal Extensions**

Seal extensions in Central Road, Old House Road and Eighty-eight Valley Road (Stage 1) were all completed prior to Christmas.

2 RICHMOND TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE

Detailed design and consultation continues for the Richmond Town Centre upgrade.

3 McGLASHEN-TALBOT REALIGNMENT

The tender for this project has closed and is due to be awarded. Work on this corner will also include undergrounding of all the power in McGlashen Avenue and Talbot Street.

4 SANDY BAY-MARAHAU ROAD FORESHORE PARKING AT MARAHAU BOAT RAMP

It has been two years since the completion of the Marahau coastal project and the provision of improved services with the new boat ramp, jetty and parking platform area along the Marahau foreshore. This summer we have received complaints regarding the limited parking space for vehicles with boat trailers on the parking platform adjacent to the boat ramp. The main thrust of the complaints has been from private motorists and boat owners who have had to compete for space to park their vehicles and boat trailers with the commercial operators operating in the Marahau area. Attached is a letter from a member of the public which provides an accurate summary of the frustration being experienced. Also attached is a copy of the "as built" layout of the car parking area and photos taken in mid-January at high tide of the congestion caused by the commercial vehicles using this area and some minor damage done to the facilities.

Staff will be in discussion with the Marahau Ratepayers Association and commercial operators to consider what possible measures could be taken to improve this situation in future holiday periods. Staff will report back to the Committee with recommendations at subsequent meetings later this year.

5 LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

The programme submitted to Land Transport New Zealand in November 2006 has had a subsequent follow up meeting in January 2007. All budgets are in line with the current LTCCP and we await LTNZ approval.

6 LAND TRANSPORT NEW ZEALAND – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RATES

A letter from Land Transport New Zealand is attached. No adjustment to our financial assistance will be made for 2007-2008. Some change may occur following that which will come into effect 2009-2010 and will require subsequent changes in the LTCCP.

7 RIVERS

- **AOMP Rivers 2007-08**

The contractor has completed the AOMP Rivers for 2007-08 and the budget will be managed as a closed account from 1 July 2007.

- **Riwaka Stopbank Review**

No further action is planned on this project until funding becomes available in 2008-2009. The consultant will prepare some design parameters for bank heights and channel widths in 2007-2008 should there be any surplus in other priority projects.

- **Motueka Stopbank Review**

Sections of both banks need to be upgraded to meet modern standards. The proposed standards need to be considered and how funding is to be generated. This will be needed prior to developing the public consultation programme in mid-2007.

The ROC status estimate is about \$13 million and it would be logical to develop a staged construction process. The LTCCP indicates funding may be available in 2010-2011 and the following 3 years.

- **River Rating Review**

Development of a suitable property based database will begin next month co-ordinating IT, Engineering and Corporate Services staff. This is expected to allow easier analysis of the various river rating area and individual catchments.

It is intended to provide more information on this project at a future meeting.

8 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
695	Seal widening 2006-2007	6	Adcock & Donaldson	\$349,450	\$417,240	\$369,000	\$300,000

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