

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Roger Ashworth, Transportation Manager
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SUBJECT: **TRANSPORTATION REPORT – JULY 2007**

1 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

The hybrid maintenance contracts are now in their fourth year. There have been some issues in the Waimea area with basic maintenance however, in general, the operations and maintenance performance is overall satisfactory.

Changes in contract format are being considered for the next round of contracts and we will be in a position to update the committee on these later in the calendar year.

2 PROJECTS

- The Hart Road reconstruction contract closed on 18 July 2007 and a tender recommendation will be forwarded to the tenders committee in the near future.
- The McGlashen Avenue realignment project is 95% complete with just some footpath reinstatement work and removal of power poles to be completed.
- Work is continuing on Paton Road/Ranzau Road to complete design.
- The short-term options of increased warning signs and now the installation of two speed humps on Paton Road have been completed.
- The Murchison stock effluent facility signage has been ordered and will be installed in the very near future.
- The political steering group meeting for the North Nelson to Brightwater Corridor Study is scheduled for 30 July 2007 and Councillor Norriss will be able to update the committee on progress.

3 NATIONAL PARK ACCESS ROADS

A useful meeting was held with Motueka and Takaka representatives from the Department of Conservation with respect to funding options for roads leading to the national park.

The next stage is for Council and DoC to approach Land Transport New Zealand and look at ways of attracting additional funding and/or subsidy for these roads. This meeting is programmed to happen within the next six weeks.

4 LODDER LANE SHARED PATH & SCHOOL ROAD FOOTPATH

This project is to be tendered with the proposed rising main which is to be laid along the eastern side of Lodder Lane at Riwaka. The shared path will for the most part be close to the rising main and the reinstatement of the surface will be incorporated as part of the path construction, therefore reducing costs. The path will extend down the eastern side of Lodder Lane and near School Road across to the western side at a point where sightlines are good. The path will then extend to School Road where it will extend across the top of the culvert structure at Hamilton's Drain. A concrete slab and safety fence will be incorporated into the structure thereby keeping pedestrians off the road. The shared path will terminate at this point with a pedestrian footpath then extending down School Road to connect with the existing path that runs past the front of Riwaka School.

5 RIVERS

Motueka Stopbank Review: Public Consultation Process

The public consultation process is being prepared. A series of six Newsline articles form the core of the process. They will be placed in a story book form on the TDC website each fortnight and have a couple of relevant questions for the public to consider. A powerpoint presentation will illustrate the relevant queries as noted in the staff report. Council is asked to consider what questions might engage the public in a productive fact finding mission.

Relocation of Gravel in lieu of Extraction

A total of nine sites:

- two on the Lower Motueka
- five on the Upper Motueka
- one on the Matakitaiki, and
- one on the Takaka

have been identified as requiring resource consents to work in the waterway to carry out the proposed trials. Applications for these consents are being prepared.

Some sites solely involve relocation where as others may involve a degree of extraction but all involve working in the waterway.

6 RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received.

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