

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Roger Ashworth, Transportation Manager
DATE: 30 May 2008
SUBJECT: **TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

1 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

- **Waimea**

The Waimea maintenance contract will be the subject of a separate report.

The current contract sees steady progress however clearly of the three maintenance contracts, Waimea is lagging behind the others in terms of surface and shape for the unsealed road network and operation and maintenance of the drainage facilities.

- **Golden Bay**

It is pleasing to report that the Golden Bay roading inspection has shown that this network is being maintained to a high standard in accordance with the level of service highlighted in the maintenance contract.

- **Murchison**

As in Golden Bay, the Murchison maintenance contract is being very well managed and the network is in very good condition.

2 PROJECTS

- **Richmond Town Centre**

Work is due for completion and on target for June. The naming competition for the town centre has closed and a draft list of suggested names will be circulated to Richmond Ward Councillors and the Mayor for consideration.

Staff are also working with Richmond Unlimited to organise an official opening for the town centre development which will be tentatively programmed for late July-early August.

- **National Park Access Roads**

As reported discussions are ongoing with Land Transport New Zealand in an attempt to achieve more subsidy for the network that promotes access to Department of Conservation estates. While acknowledgement of the issue has been received, I am unable to report any success in achieving any funding to date.

- **Paton Road**

Initial consultation with all landowners along the affected section of Paton Road from Hart Road to White Road was undertaken last year. Information from that consultation has been summarised. In general most landowners responded favourably to this initial contact and were in support of the proposal. One issue that was raised was the type of retaining wall or structure that may be needed in the construction.

A draft feasibility report has been prepared encompassing the safety record of the road, costs of the various options, benefit-cost ratios and potential funding options. Some work is still to be completed on this report however it is clear at this stage that we are unable to achieve a satisfactory benefit-cost ratio to attract Land Transport New Zealand subsidy for the whole project. Council has recognised that this project is a priority and as such this is highlighted as the number 1 local roading project for "R" funding. To date, all of Council's "R" funding is targeted for the Ruby Bay Bypass which is currently out to tender.

Council will need to consider options once the Ruby Bay Bypass contract price is known (3 months).

Next steps:

- Complete the feasibility report
- Agree a final cross-section for the road;
- Carry out detailed design based on the agreed cross-section using retaining walls;
- Prepare an estimate based on the detailed design;
- Prepare a land plan based on the design; and
- Carry out consultation with affected landowners.

This work is ongoing.

- **Roading Policy and Procedures Manual**

The Roading Policy and Procedures Manual has been finalised and will be placed on Council's website.

3 STATE HIGHWAY LIAISON

At the meeting with Transit NZ on 27 May 2008, it was agreed that the State Highway Liaison meetings will be convened at two-monthly intervals for a trial period and then reviewed.

Appleby Overbridge

This issue was raised at the State Highway Liaison meeting where Transit confirmed that the removal of the overbridge is being considered as part of the Three Brothers Corner roundabout improvements.

4 MCINDOE PLACE

The installation of no stopping restrictions for both sides of McIndoe Place are being investigated. Originally we had assumed delegation to authorise no stopping however this is covered as part of the Traffic Control Bylaw and this is now being worked through.

5 MASSEY STREET EXTENSION

A contract for the Massey Street extension has been finally accepted. The contractor is due to begin work later this year. At the moment Concrete & Metals, the successful contractor is busy engaged on Council work.

6 WAVERLEY STREET SPEEDING CONCERNS

Some months ago a meeting was held between residents, Council's Road Safety Coordinator, Asset Engineer Roads, Councillor Edgar, the Police and representatives of Richmond School, Richmond Preschool and Waverley Street Kindergarten to discuss issues with speeding traffic on Waverley Street. Prior to this meeting Council had undertaken a speed survey that showed the level of compliance to be good in regard to the 85th percentile speed being 50kph. The speed profile of the road is similar to other roads around Richmond with some cars speeding however excessive speeding is occurring late at night and very early in the morning.

At the meeting it was agreed that Council would arrange for the present marking on the road warning drivers of the presence of children ahead to be highlighted as well as follow-up with some road safety education, whilst the Police agreed to carryout further enforcement. Council also agreed to look at various options to the streetscape to promote slower traffic speeds. '

Once the options have been developed Council will consult with locals and interested groups. It is likely that any improvement works will be funded from Council's Minor Safety Programme. In the interim Council has also arranged for ACC's Speed Trailer to be used on site later in this school term as it is felt those who are speeding are locals. The speed trailer flashes up the speed of approaching traffic with a warning message. Further road markings including no stopping lines on both sides of Waverley Street near the Bell Street intersection are presently being consulted on and once this process is complete the markings will be installed.

7 PASSENGER TRANSPORT

The draft Nelson Public Transport Network Review report is complete. One of the recommendations is that Tasman District transport needs to be studied in more detail to ensure we are an integrated part of the overall solution.

A submission to the draft Annual Plan requesting funding (\$25,000) is recommended as Council's local share to complete the study for Tasman District. As reported earlier Land Transport New Zealand will address Council in July to outline options available and update on their initiatives in the passenger transport area.

8 COMBINED CYCLING/PEDESTRIAN (SHARED PATH) PROJECTS 2007/08

Funding – The following separate projects were identified in Council's LTCCP and Land Transport Programme.

Construction Status	Location	Start and End
Constructed with Sewer Rising Main and School Road footpath	Lodder Lane (Riwaka)	SH 60 to School Road
To be constructed shortly and will most likely extend into July 2008.	Main Road Lower Moutere	Lower Moutere to Lower Moutere School

Funding – The following projects are being funded from – Bulk subsidised funding identified in Council's LTCCP and Council's Land Transport Programme of approximately \$206,000.

Construction Status	Location	Start and End
To be constructed shortly and will most likely extend into July 2008.	Queen Victoria Street and Wildman Road	King Edward Street to Wildman Road including Wildman Road
Construction underway with extension of footpath of Wadsworth Street and Boundary Road	Rototai Road (Takaka)	New shared path around curve
Planning and Design stage completed. This project was completed to this stage to ascertain if any land would be required, due to the proximity of some properties to the road. Construction planned for 08/09 see below.	Rototai Road (Takaka)	Boundary Road to new shared path around curve constructed 07/08

Combined Cycling/Pedestrian (Shared Path) Projects 2008/09

Funding – The following Separate Projects are identified in Council's LTCCP and Land Transport Programme.

Construction Status	Location	Start and End
(Subject to funding approval by LTNZ)	Main Road Lower Moutere	School Road to Community Road

Funding – The following projects are being funded from – Bulk subsidised funding identified in Council's LTCCP and Council's Land Transport Programme of \$211,400.

Please note that some of these projects are subject to the annual plan process and outcomes of investigation work. Not all of these projects will proceed in 2008/09.

Construction Status	Location	Start and End
Construction (ROC \$45,000)	Rototai Road (Takaka) Approx 500metres	Boundary Road to new shared path around curve constructed in 2007/08
Investigation & Design (ROC \$25,000)	Abel Tasman Drive	Takaka to Motupipi
Construction (Provisional and depending on outcome of above) (ROC \$100,000)	Abel Tasman Drive	Sunbelt Crs to Three Oaks nr Scott Road.
Construction (Provisional) Alternative to above (ROC \$65,000)	Abel Tasman Drive (Match into Pohara shared path planned for 2009/10)	Selwyn Street to Reserve opposite Penguin Café (In front of Camp)
Construction (Provisional) (ROC \$70,000)	Railway Reserve (Hope Bypass land)	Lower Queen Street towards Appleby Hwy SH60.
Construction (Provisional) (ROC \$70,000) (Instigator Jack Andrews)	Whakatu Drive SH6 (Southside in conjunction with northern side path extension planned)	From Richmond Pool (ASB) to Croucher St

	by Transit)	
Construction (Provisional - subject to Annual Plan) (ROC \$200,000)	Seaton Valley Road (If upgraded) 2.5km	SH 60 to Dawson Road
Investigation & Design (Provisional) (ROC \$15,000)	Higgins Road including Bird Road	Lord Rutherford Road South to Bird Road.

9 COUNCIL'S REGIONAL CYCLING AND WALKING STRATEGY REVIEW

Council's strategy is being reviewed by Peter Kortegast of OPUS. The review is to be undertaken in two stages and will be completed in June 2008.

Stage 1 of the review involves a Progress Report which will show progress to date on the implementations and outcomes and which include objectives, targets and initiatives set out in the strategy.

Stage 2 of the review will be an Action Plan and will show how identified projects in the strategy will be achieved over the next five years. A workshop will be held with TDC staff and representatives as well as Transit representatives to review all future work and interventions. The outcomes of the workshops will be formed into an updated action plan including illustrations and maps. There may be an opportunity to consider further routes however these will need public consultation. The routes shown on the maps in the strategy have already been well consulted on.

A further and future Stage will involve Council's Roading Consultant undertaking field investigation on each project identified in the updated action plan referred to above at least for those proposed over the next Three years. This work will then enable an economic evaluation to be undertaken that will hopefully achieve a Benefit Cost Ratio of at least 1. Once this analysis has shown the project is justified with a BCR of at least 1, then funding will be approved by Land Transport NZ.

10 ROAD SAFETY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- **Cycle & Walking promotion**

Takaka Family Fun Ride

The postponed ride was held on Sunday 18 May and 160 cyclists, young and old, turned up to take part in the ride from Eatery on the Rock to Bencarri Park and back. Local volunteers, the Police, the Golden Bay Recreation Coordinator, Councillor Stuart Borlase and others assisted on the day. Prizes included an Avanti bike, \$80 of vouchers from The Quiet Revolution Cycle Shop, two family passes from Bencarri Park, about 20 bike lights and lots of smaller cycling orientated giveaways.

Motueka Family Fun Ride

This is to be held on Sunday 22 June at 1pm starting from the Skate Park on Old Wharf Road. Anyone wanting to help out or take part please let Krista Hobday know.

Visibility campaign

A number of bike lights (front and back and batteries) have been purchased as "give aways" during the annual visibility campaign. Some have been distributed to large employers where shift work occurs, others will be handed out at the World Environment

Day breakfasts, the Police will be given a number and some will be distributed through the service centres. Hi-visibility bands will also be given away to walkers who are out and about during dark/dusk.

World Environment Day

It was advertised in Newsline (Friday 16th May) that free buses will be running between Richmond/Nelson on this day. The timetable is to be published in newspapers the day before. There will be breakfasts for cyclists and walkers in Richmond, Motueka, Murchison and Takaka.

- **Drivetime seminars**

Free seminars for learner drivers and their coaches were held at Waimea College and Tapawera in May. 56 people attended at Waimea and 30 at Tapawera. The seminars are held to encourage the amount of supervised driving hours that learners spend in a car with their coach in the car, what should be covered in this time and advice on how to successfully manage this potentially stressful time.

A seminar is to be held at Motueka High School in June.

- **Safe Motoring Expo**

I have been approached by Holly Norris to help coordinate a "Safe Motoring Expo" to be held on 26 July. This will focus on a "bogan" car from Christchurch which has illegally modified parts, show and shine competition, seat belt sled, SADD students, Brain Injury fatal vision goggles and other activities. Funding will be needed to assist in this, details for this are still be worked on.

- **Walking programmes in schools**

I have been invited by Land Transport NZ to attend a 1 or 2 day workshop in Wellington to share my knowledge and experience to assist in them developing ongoing walking programmes in schools, including the Feet First Walk to School projects and Walk once a Week project.

11 RIVERS

Motueka Stopbank Project

The Consultant's draft investigation report on the Motueka Stopbank system highlighted several key questions that can be answered by extending the brief. Testing on a wider variety of local materials to define their suitability is being reviewed. Some additional information is required about management of seepage through the gravel layers under the proposed banks. It is important that these new issues be reported on now to make sure that the investigations are presenting robust and cost effective design parameters.

Gravel Relocation Works

The processing of the twelve resource consent applications for a variety of sites is progressing with the Environment & Planning Department. Funding has been set aside to ensure that a range of the sites can be dealt with in a catch up programme as soon as the trout spawning season finishes.

Wai-iti Irrigation Weir

The contractor will shortly be building the structure just below the Waimea West Bridge at the western end of Ellis Street, Brightwater.

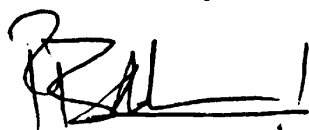
12 TENDERS

Tenders awarded since the last meeting:

No	Contract name	No. of tenders	Successful tenderer	Amount	Highest amount	TDC estimate	Budget for this item	Comment
739	King Edward Street Kerb & Channel	4	Concrete & Metals	\$302,592	\$356,495	\$383,331	-	Funding from several different work categories
740	Swamp Road and Hartley Road Safety Improvements	4	Concrete & Metals	\$374,712	\$579,530	\$510,178	-	Funding from several different work categories
741	Rototai Road Footpaths	2	Tasman Civil	\$76,077	\$82,967	\$79,110	\$102,800	
745	Slip Remediation	2	Fulton Hogan	\$421,902	\$432,505	\$337,212	-	Part only of emergency works budget
746	Motueka Shared Paths	3	CJ Industries	\$265,776	\$282,731	\$348,050		

13 RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received.



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