

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee  
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**REFERENCE:** R382  
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**SUBJECT:** **OLD MILL WALKWAY**

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## 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Engineering Services Committee on Stage 2 of the proposed works.

## 2 BACKGROUND

Funds for the construction of Stage 2 of the Old Mill Walkway Coastal Protection Works are scheduled in the 2008/2009 Annual Plan, with a total budget of \$1,500,000. The scheduled works are the construction of 530m of rock revetment, in addition to the existing 170m of protection constructed in 2007.

The proposed funding split, and the basis of approved annual plan funding is:

- Targeted rate 47%
- General rate 20%
- Private contributions 33%

## 3 PROGRESS TO DATE

Detailed design, to a consenting level of detail, is now complete. The proposed design is essentially unchanged from that used in Stage 1 of the works, but with additional detailing for connection to existing works.

In addition to this work, two additional accessways to the beach have been designed - a concrete ramp at the north end adjacent to Chaytor Reserve, and an intermediate set of wooden stairs at approximately mid-way.

A single open day was held in Mapua in late August to seek input into the proposed design. Following this open day small changes were made, particularly at the northern end of the works.

An application for Resource Consent and Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) has now been prepared and submitted. In this instance, as the activity is a Restricted Coastal Activity, the consenting authority is the Minister of Conservation, for whom Tasman District Council will process the application and make a recommendation.

#### **4 UPCOMING WORK**

The resource consent application is now being processed by Council. Following review of the application for completeness it is expected that it will be publically notified, with a hearing expected in late December or January of next year.

Cost estimates of the work are now being revised following consent design. These estimates will be reported back to the committee and used as the basis for discussions with adjoining landowners who are proposed as cost contributors. The confirmation and commitment of private contributions at 33% of capital costs will be subject to negotiations between these contributors and Council.

In parallel with this work, preparation of tender documents will proceed over the next two months. Consenting timeframes indicate that late March is the earliest likely time for construction to commence.

#### **5 RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the report be received.**

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