

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Peter Thomson, Engineering Manager
DATE: 21 November 2008
SUBJECT: **TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

1 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

General

The weather is continuing to present a challenge for the contractor to maintain the vegetation control.

Reseal contracts are underway with some sealing completed in Golden Bay and Waimea. Designs for Pavement Rehabilitation projects are in hand with construction beginning in December.

Re-marking of the full network is underway and is due to be completed in mid-December.

Some clean-up work is still outstanding from the winter storm events, notably Tadmor-Glenhope Road.

Wairoa Gorge Left Branch Road and Rameka Creek Road in Golden Bay have had permanent closure signs erected following under-slips and washouts.

New Road Maintenance Contracts

Preparation of the new contract documents continues with completion schedule prior to Christmas. NZTA have yet to confirm the continuation of the joint maintenance contract for Golden Bay.

NLTP Programme for 2009-2012

A draft 3-year subsidised programme was submitted to NZTA by the due date of 14 November. An outline of this draft programme will be presented to the Engineering Services Committee in a separate report at the meeting.

2 PROJECTS

Black Bridge – Motueka Valley Highway

Construction work is underway with two of the four abutment piles now poured.

Swamp Road Realignment

The weather has affected this contract, however it is still hoped the road will be sealed prior to Christmas

Pearse River

Deck replacement and pier strengthening work on Pearse River Bridge on the Pearse Valley South Branch Road has been completed.

Bridge Valley Road Stage 2 Seal Extension

A revised funding application has been submitted to NZTA so that this project may still proceed to completion in the current financial year. Progress with the associated low traffic volume seal extension on Moore Road has been temporarily delayed until we have a response from the Agency.

3 CONTRACTOR'S PROGRAMME

King Edward Street Motueka - Kerb & Channel

This project has also been delayed by the weather and also the contractor's own work programme. There remains some road shoulder sealing, footpath asphalt and driveways to complete. Contract completion is expected in a couple of weeks.

Footpaths/Walkways/Cycleways

Design work is underway for this year's programme.

Minor Safety Improvements

The first package of work is to be tendered prior to the Christmas break.

Carparks

Pre-reseal repairs are being carried out on the Hickmott and Papps car parks in preparation for resealing by the end of December.

4 RIVERS

Motueka Stopbank Project

Currently a targeted rating option is being prepared. It is hoped that this will be presented at the upcoming Councillor Workshop for discussion.

Land Drainage Programme

There are a large number of kilometers of drains within the district. Many were constructed by the old Drainage and Catchment Boards. The legal status of these drains and to whom the responsibility for cleaning is vested is under review. A legal opinion is being prepared to aid in defining the scope of land drainage works that will need to be programmed if it is found to be TDC's direct responsibility. Currently the work does not fall within the River Z subsidised River Works programme although there are a number of drains that are part of the Classified Rivers System. There are a range of drains that act primarily for land drainage and they exist along road reserves. The roading budgets do not specifically provide funding to maintain land drainage channels.

5 ROAD SAFETY COORDINATION

Motorcycle training courses

A course was held in Takaka on Friday 21st November. There were a smaller number of participants than on the Nelson-based courses, but it was the only opportunity to run a course in Takaka this year. Planning will shortly be underway for a course in March/April of 2009 on a weekend day.

The courses on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd were fully booked with about 15 people on a waiting list.

Through the Road Safety Action Plan meetings it has been suggested to have these courses running more frequently so that the NZ Police can use the training courses as a form of diversion - similar process to the Street Wise driving courses. Krista will also approach the schools to see if we can make it school policy that students using motorbikes or scooters to get to school have to first attend a course.

Mobility scooters

A trial mobility scooter project has just started. This project allows people who either already own a scooter or are thinking of buying a scooter to attend a subsidised one-on-one training session that will be tailored to their needs. It will include training on how best to use your scooter and also advice on a range of subjects including insurance, maintenance, repairs and the best scooter to buy.

Safe Motoring expo

Krista has been working with Evolve (all girls car group) who have been organising a Safe Motoring expo to be held at Marchwood Park, Motueka on Saturday 13th December 2008 between 11am – 3pm. It will provide an opportunity for young drivers to show off their cars as well as lots of different activities happening throughout the expo including a show and shine competition, seat belt sled demonstrations, road safety quiz, Fatal Vision goggle demonstrations, an illegally modified car with a competition to spot the modifications, entertainment and refreshments. The Police have already indicated their support and we hope to get them involved with the illegally modified car and other activities.

2009 – 2012 Budgets

The budgets and on-line application has been completed for 2009/10 and 2009/2012 budget application process through NZ Transport Agency.

7 RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received.



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