

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Transportation Manager
DATE: 11 August 2005
SUBJECT: Transport Management Report

5.4 ROADING

5.4.1 Golden Bay Speed Limit Changes

The proposed changes to speed limits in Golden Bay were advertised in Council's Newsline Update in the Nelson Mail on Saturday 17 September 2005 and Wednesday 21 September 2005, as well as the Golden Bay Weekly. The closing date for comment is Monday 17 October 2005. Letters outlining the changes have also been sent to Police, AA, LTNZ and Road Transport Association for comment.

5.4.2 Road Maintenance Issues Raised at Previous Public Forum

5.4.2.1 Drummond Road Ford and Footbridges

The footbridges have been inspected and issues with respect to the deck nailing have been attended to. Previously the routine maintenance and reporting of issues with respect to the footbridges come under our road maintenance contracts. We have spoken with the contractor about the level of service that is being provided in this area. The nature of footbridges, given that they are suspension-type structures require regular monitoring and this issue has been taken up with our contractor.

5.4.2.2 Parking Issues, Talbot Street

Parking in Talbot Street was again raised at the public forum of the last Engineering Services Committee meeting and further restrictions are being considered.

5.4.3 Local Roads R-Funded Projects

Further information has been forwarded to Land Transport New Zealand requesting a decision on R-funding for the Central Road and Old House Road seal extensions. The Committee will be aware that we have allowed local share funding of 20% and requested 80% R-funding for these two seal extensions. We are expecting to hear whether the R-funding request has been successful within the next few weeks. In the interim, the projects have been designed and are ready to go to tender.

The Mangles Valley Road seal extension tender has closed. The preferred tender is within budget and the contract is due to be awarded within the next two weeks.

5.4.4 Eighty-Eight Valley Road

Minor safety improvements are being investigated for two sections of Eighty-Eight Valley Road. The first section being the tight horizontal curve just off the State Highway intersection where there are issues with respect to safety and the second section of unsealed road between Quail Valley and Wai-iti, where some site benching and widening will be undertaken.

5.4.5 Road Oiling Consent

A meeting was held with Environmental and Planning Staff to further discuss issues with the consent approval for application of waste oil on unsealed roads. The meeting produced a pathway forward and issues with respect to the consent are being worked through with hopefully consent being awarded in the near future.

5.4.6 Wensley Road and McGlashen Avenue

Land acquisition issues are still being worked through.

5.5 PORTS AND WHARVES

5.5.1 Port Motueka

Attached are the notes of a recent meeting of the Port Motueka Users Group held on 30 August 2005. The meeting has agreed to look further at possible options for improving the port entrance channel and to consider comparative costings before deciding on a further course of action.

5.6 RIVERS

5.6.1 River Rating Boundary Review

The review of the river rating boundaries is underway. Progress focusing on defining limits of the 50 year flood inundation risks. There are anomalies in the 1996 adopted boundaries between River Y & Z.

Outcomes will be reported back in due course.

5.6.2 Motueka - Riwaka Flood Mitigation Project

Updated options for the Riwaka proposals will be presented at the meeting. The attached Project Executive Summary details the findings.

The wider project emphasis has now moved to the Motueka River. The principles being developed in the National Flood Mitigation Protocol will be followed in developing similar outcomes for the Lower Motueka stopbanking system. Modern risk management principles will need to be followed in evaluating appropriate levels of community exposure to be incorporated in any proposed solutions.

5.6.3 Rivers AMP (Activity Management Plan)

The Rivers AMP is being reviewed and updated by MWH. The updated version is due for delivery November 2005.

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