

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Transportation Manager, Roger Ashworth

REFERENCE:

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SUBJECT: **ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT - TRANSPORT**

ROAD STOPPING

The sub-committee meetings set up to hear the road stopping objections for Cemetery Road and Trafalgar Road have now been confirmed as 9 March and 6 April 2006 respectively.

TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND – TEN-YEAR STATE HIGHWAY FORECAST

A meeting was held on 7 March 2006 with Council and Transit New Zealand where Transit presented their 10-year plan for State Highway works within the region. Staff, with the Engineering Services Committee Chairman, are currently developing a submission which will be forwarded to Transit by 24 March 2006 and will include issues that were discussed at the meeting.

I enclose, for information, a copy of the pre-meeting discussion notes from which Council will be receiving feedback. Once this feedback is received this will be reported to the Engineering Services Committee.

SPECIAL PURPOSE ROADS – LAND TRANSPORT NEW ZEALAND

Please find attached a letter from Ian Hunter, Land Transport New Zealand confirming that it is not possible for new special purpose roads to be approved under the new Land Transport Management Act. This advice will be conveyed in writing to those who organised and delivered the petition from Graham Valley and Motueka Valley residents at the last Committee meeting.

KAITERITERI FORESHORE ROAD RESERVE

The Engineering Manager and the Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board Manager have met and agreed in principle, on a satisfactory layout for the new fence along the

northern end of the Kaiteriteri Beach. The Reserve Board will be presenting detailed plans in due course and application to occupy the road reserve with the new structure. Public access along the road reserve will be maintained.

RURAL 3 STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS

The review being undertaken by the working group is proceeding and the report will be presented back to the Committee at its next meeting.

WENSLEY ROAD UPGRADING

Work is progressing well on the upgrading project for Wensley Road and at this stage work is programmed to be completed by the end of April 2006.

TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE

Design work is progressing on the Richmond Town Centre upgrade. The concept plan provides a “big picture” analysis of the town centre identifying key issues, connectivity and scale. For each of these project areas, detailed design, material selection and specification are required. To date a full site survey has been undertaken and we are currently working on the service coordination involving typographical survey, the detailed existing service search, liaison with Telecom and Network Tasman and looking at service options.

The Town Centre upgrade design work is due to be completed this financial year.

RAPID NUMBERING - LAKES/MURCHISON WARD

The rural addressing process for the Lakes/Murchison Ward is now in the early stages, with firstly public consultation being undertaken for changes to road names especially revoking of named unformed roads (paper roads) and creation of local names for sections of State Highway 6, 63, and 65. Once this process is completed then the next stage will involve issuing and installing of numbers.

RIVERS

Rivers Maintenance Contract 666

The current Rivers Maintenance Contract terminates on 30 June 2006. The tendering process has been completed for Contract 666 for river maintenance works 1 July 2006 for the next 3 years (plus 2 years on performance). The contract has been awarded to Sicon with the highest attributes and lowest price (\$3.198 million for 3 years). Council staff are comfortable with the outcome, with the continuation of current expertise and the Contractor’s commitment to changing technology and methodology.

TRMP Section Pt IV: Rivers & Lakes

The Global Consent NN010109 provides the framework of permitted activities allowing the river maintenance operation to be carried out. The draft TRMP "Section Pt 4 Policies" prepared to date indicate a change of RMA driven policy that will require sections of the Global Consent to be reviewed. In particular, all individual movements of gravel will need to be tested annually through a resource consent type process. There is a concern that the current limits of 40,000m³ extraction (District wide) delegated to the Asset Engineer Rivers is open to manipulation in excess of the Sustainable Extraction Level that may be set from year to year.

River Rating Review

Work is progressing on an issues paper to present to the Committee regarding adjustments to the existing river rating boundaries and classifications. It is expected to present this report, with recommendations, to the meeting in June.

BRIDGES

Two minor issues need to be monitored on the bridges on Clark Road following some concerns raised by Mr Lloyd Faulkner. At the first bridge there is some broken concrete at pier base and on the second bridge, over a deep gorge, there is a beech tree adjacent to the bridge cutback, which is interfering with visibility. The tree's root structure on the bank is some 2-3 metres below the bridge deck and is now loose. The tree is likely to collapse into the gorge at some stage but it is expected to have little, if any, adverse effect. These issues are being monitored.

Other concerns raised by Mr Faulkner with respect to the Tapawera Baton Road have been re-inspected and are programmed.

TENDERS

Tenders awarded since the last meeting are:

No.	Contract name	No. of tenders received	Successful tenderer	Amount	Highest amount	TDC estimate	Comment
666	Rivers maintenance	6	Sicon	\$3,197,822	\$5,895,302	\$3,791,830	Part of total rivers operations and maintenance budget
675	Best Island Bridge – rock placement	3	Taylor's Contracting	\$259,280	\$436,551	\$450,000	Part of total bridge maintenance budget

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receive this report.

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