

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Transportation Manager, Roger Ashworth

REFERENCE:

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SUBJECT: **ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT - TRANSPORT**

1 RIWAKA-KAITERITERI ROAD

Further to the report at the last Engineering Services Committee meeting, I can confirm that the \$200,000 amount allowed for in the 2005-2006 annual plan was for land acquisition and was also to be funded from the regional fund category. As Council is aware, no regional funding was made available.

An on-site meeting was held with Councillors Inglis and Wilkins with respect to areas where improvements to the existing alignment can be made. Following the meeting, the Transportation Manager will identify the scope of work involved, including quantities, and prepare a budget to undertake the works. Some of the work will be able to be subsidised from our minor safety budget, however this budget is already under pressure from a number of minor safety works required throughout the District. Therefore, in order to supplement the minor safety budget, some other non-subsidised roading funding may be required. The costs set out will be reported back at the next Engineering Services Committee meeting.

2 TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE

The geometric design of the Richmond Town Centre upgrade is approximately 40% complete. The landscape architect is meeting with Council's Parks & Reserves Department to confirm the type of planting and work is on programme for completion in June this year.

3 WENSLEY ROAD

Work on the Wensley Road upgrade project is due for completion in the next 4-5 weeks. Work has been progressing well. The power has now been laid underground, kerb and channels and footpaths are under construction, and the project is taking shape.

4 BUS ROUTES - RICHMOND

The Transportation Manager has met with the Richmond Ward Councillors to discuss potential bus routes in and around Richmond. The investigation is at a very preliminary stage and no consultation has been undertaken with interested parties other than the Ward Councillors. Work is in progress.

5 PROPOSED FOOTPATH BETWEEN STAPLE STREET AND MOTUEKA BRIDGE

Council has included in its application for funding in the 2006/07 National Land Transport Programme, for constructing a shared path in the eastern side berm of State Highway 60 road reserve.

Providing Council supports the proposed application then hopefully this work will be undertaken in the forthcoming financial year. It would be preferable that the work was completed prior to Christmas 2006, and ready for the busy summer season.

6 RAPID NUMBERING LAKES/MURCHISON WARD

Submissions closed on the 7th April 2006, and five were received. One submission was against the loss of local names for paper roads and several others raised concerns about the proposed section names for State Highway 63.

At time of writing, Council's staff is to review the submitter's concerns and recommend to Council's Planning and Compliance Manager Dennis Bush-King any changes before being signed off.

I understand that the numbering for properties in this Ward has already started.

7 SPECIAL PURPOSE ROADS

The 01 November 2004 edition of the Land Transport New Zealand programme of funding manual states:

"Special Purpose Roads are those local roads that were accepted as such under Section 104, now repealed, of the Transit New Zealand Act. For the purposes of the Land Transport Management Act, the public body having control of the road shall be deemed to be the relevant approved organisation.

Financial Assistance

Qualifying work relating to special purpose roads receives financial assistance from Transfund at a rate of:

- 100% if the work is funded from activity class 1;
- 75% if the work is funded from activity class 3;
- 100% if the work is funded as part of the minor safety projects.

Note – the financial assistance rate for the investigation and design of capital projects on special purpose roads will be at the same as for local roads."

A letter is being drafted to send to the Ministers of Conservation outlining Council's concern at policy with respect to special purpose roads and reminding Government of the large area of non-rateable land in the Tasman District. We will keep the committee updated.

8 RIVERS

TRMP Section Pt IV: Rivers & Lakes

The Global Consent NN010109 provides the framework of permitted activities allowing the river maintenance operations to be carried out. The draft TRMP "Section Pt 4 Policies" prepared to date indicate a change of RMA-driven policy that may require sections of the Global Consent to be reviewed.

Rivers Activity Management Plan

The Rivers Activity Management Plan has been reviewed. Implications of the TRMP Section Pt IV may require further development of the AMP once the proposed rules become operative.

Motueka-Riwaka Stopbank Review Projects

Riwaka Stopbank Public Consultation brochure script and graphics is being drafted for presentation at the next Engineering Services Committee meeting.

Motueka Stopbank review with input from the consultants is progressing. Field surveys of cross-sections are underway prior to computer modelling.

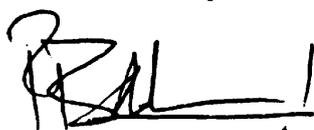
River Rating Review

Work has advanced in defining lengths of rivers and streams that will recommend up to 55km of extension to the current length of classified reaches of rivers. Setting the Q50 inundation areas will follow. Issues relating to a variation of the X, Y & Z rating formulae are in development.

9 TENDERS

Tenders awarded since the last meeting are:

No.	Contract name	No. of tenders received	Successful tenderer	Amount	Highest amount	TDC estimate	Comment
671	Alexander Bluff Right Turn Bay	6	Concrete-Metals	\$141,155	\$214,387	\$217,025	Part of minor safety projects budget
674	Structural bridge repairs – 2005/2006	5	Sicon	\$69,328	\$150,602	\$81,520	Part of bridge maintenance budget
677	White & Blackbyre Roads seal widening	5	Oldfield Asphalts	\$192,339	\$245,294	\$239,102	Part of seal widening budget



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