

# REPORT

**TO:** Members, Engineering Services Committee  
**FROM:** Chair, Trevor Norriss  
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Welcome to the last Engineering Services meeting for 2006. My initial concerns over the enlarged committee structure have not eventuated - thanks to Council and staff for your efforts over the past year. The Plan meetings coming up are going to be rather intense, I encourage you all to participate enthusiastically as the end debate will decide on which direction Council heads in the next 12 months.

Part of today's meeting will be in committee with the Richmond Mall developers and concerns they have over some aspects of the streetscaping plan for Richmond. (Councillors Kempthorne and Higgins and staff have had initial discussions).

Councillor Inglis has spoken to me over a development proposal in the Kaiteriteri area and wishes to raise this at today's meeting.

There are no updates on the Regional Land Transport Strategy at this stage as no further meetings have been held.

I have received a design proposal from the Chief Executive for a new tourist walkway for our area and hope to have photos available at the meeting.

Unfortunately, I had to miss the trip to Marlborough but will get someone who attended to give us a brief overview of the trip at the meeting.

There is a proposal regarding a reticulated water and fire fighting supply for Takaka in today's agenda. As you will see this may be a one-off chance to reticulate Takaka and we need to ensure that we discuss the opportunity with the Golden Bay Community Board, the Fire Service and the community. We need to ensure that we get the correct facts out there, rather than fiction.

I am pleased to advise that TDC and NCC were one of three finalists for a recent SPARC Cycle Friendly Award for the "Life Cycle Courses: Of Course you can cycle" project in the category of: "Cycle-friendly commitment by a public organisation". Unfortunately, the project didn't win but just to get to the finals is a great achievement and I congratulate Kirsty Barr and her colleague at NCC.

Finally, thanks to staff and Councillors for your efforts over the past year – enjoy the Christmas break with your families.

Regards

Trevor Norriss  
**Chair - Engineering Services Committee**