

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Roger Ashworth, Transportation Manager

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**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION**

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## 1. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

- **Golden Bay**

A focus on drainage prior to winter and continued grading, placement of maintenance aggregate and spraying has continued for Golden Bay. The area-wide pavement treatment programme has been the main focus however a variety of smaller jobs involving footpaths and drainage have been completed around the district. The widening of a shoulder as part of the Collingwood-Puoponga Road area-wide pavement treatment has involved placing additional material on top of a rock wall generating a complaint from a local resident. This is currently being followed through.

- **Murchison**

The major emphasis during February has been drainage improvements on the Maruia Saddle, upgrading of Baigent Road and continued maintenance of the network. In general, the network is in good condition.

- **Waimea**

A concerted effort has been made during February by all parties in an attempt to get this contract back on track. I am pleased to report that progress recently has been excellent however there is still a way to go to meet contractual specifications and requirements.

- **Resurfacing**

Resealing 2006-2007 has as discussed at the last Engineering Services Committee meeting, involved some significant flushing issues. This are being worked through and the contractor has provided a list of proposed remedial treatments for consideration. Pre-reseal requirements for 2007-2008 are currently being scheduled and work will start immediately on the programming and implementation of the repairs.

- **Area-wide Pavement Treatment (AWPT)**

Works on Collingwood-Puoponga Road, Tadmore-Glenhope Road and Tapawera-Baton Road have been completed. Cement stabilisation works have also been completed on

sections of the Wai-iti Valley Road and Kerr Hill. Construction work is programmed to commence on the Korere-Top House Road this month.

- **Seal Widening**

Work started in late February on a section of Teapot Valley Road with the first section of the road at the intersection of Waimea West through to adjoin this section programmed for the 2007-2008 financial year.

- **Minor Safety**

The Eighty-eight Valley Road construction has been completed. We have received good feedback from residents with respect to this project.

Motueka West Bank Road, Watson's Culvert and Blue Gum Corner guard rail construction are currently underway and due for completion by the end of March. Aorere sight rail design and expenditure are currently being worked through.

- **Major Projects**

Richmond Town Centre Upgrade – see separate report appended.

The McGlashen Avenue realignment project is underway.

- **Sandy Bay – Marahau Road Foreshore Parking at Marahau Boat Ramp**

Council convened a meeting at the Marahau fire station on Monday 19 March. The meeting was chaired by Cr Kempthorne and attended by Cr Norriss; TDC staff Peter Thomson, Dennis Bush-King, Ros Squires, and Eric Verstappen; representatives of the Ratepayers Assn; commercial operators; and several residents.

The purpose of the meeting was to establish all the of the conflict issues relating to use of the road reserve and foreshore areas, and to establish a working group which will focus on possible options to overcome these issues. Both objectives were achieved. The working party will include two representatives from the Ratepayers Assn, two from the Commercial operator's ranks, one from DOC, and Council political representatives and staff.

Progress on resolution of the issues will be reported back to future Committee meetings as it is very likely that new Council policies and regulatory processes for use of the road reserve may need to be approved.

In the interim some urgent maintenance work will be carried out to ensure public safety on the road reserve and to restrict operator access to approved areas only.

- **Transit NZ's 2007-2008 Land Transport Programme and Ten-year Financial Forecast**

Submissions on Transit NZ's 10-year financial forecast close on Friday 30 March 2007 and will form part of a discussion at the State Highway Liaison meeting on 27 March 2007. A copy of the Nelson-Marlborough-Tasman State Highway Land Transport Programme is appended. It is pleasing to note that the submission presented to Transit NZ a year ago has reached a stage where we are seeing dates for the realisation of projects within the Tasman District. It is proposed that the Engineering Services Committee Chairman and

Transportation Manager draft a submission and present it to Transit NZ following discussions at the liaison meeting.

- **North Nelson to Brightwater Corridor Study**

A late report will be sent out to Committee members regarding options from the Corridor Study. Transit New Zealand will be making a detailed presentation at the State Highway Liaison meeting on 27 March in advance of the late report.

- **Aerodromes**

Takaka – the rate of deterioration of the sealed runway at the Takaka Aerodrome is causing concern. Recent inspections have shown that some immediate maintenance work is required with a recommended reseal to follow. The cost of both the pre-reseal and reseal works is approximately \$100,000. A meeting is to be held with the Service Centre Manager and the aerodrome committee to discuss options for funding etc.

## 2 TENDERS

Tenders awarded since the last meeting are:

No.	Contract name	No. of tenders received	Successful tenderer	Amount	Highest amount	TDC estimate	Budget for this item	Comment
690	Talbot-McGlashen Intersection realignment	4	Works Infrastructure	\$340,720	\$454,375	\$421,860	\$400,000	
696	Abel Tasman Drive Slip remediation	5	Fulton Hogan	\$326,179	\$588,335	\$308,770		Part of flood damage repair work

**THAT this report be received.**

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