

## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee  
**FROM:** Peter Thomson, Engineering Manager  
**DATE:** 10 February 2009  
**SUBJECT:** **TRANSPORTATION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2009**

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### **1 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**

#### **General**

The maintenance contracts are performing satisfactorily.

A no-mowing fire ban has been imposed for Waimea and is likely to extend to Golden Bay and possibly Murchison. This includes State Highways and local roads.

#### **New Road Maintenance Contracts**

The contracts for Waimea and Tasman road maintenance have been advertised with tenders closing on 18 March 2009. Six Contractors attended the combined tenderers meeting.

NZTA have advised they will continue with the combined local road/State Highway contract for Golden Bay.

#### **Salisbury Historic Swing Footbridge – Aorere River**

The Salisbury Swing Bridge was temporarily closed for public safety reasons in mid-January following a routine annual inspection. Subsequent detailed investigations allowed the bridge to be re-opened at the end of January. Some necessary repairs and maintenance have been scheduled and improvements will be made to signs advising the maximum loading restriction of two persons on the structure.

This bridge is a historic structure that was refurbished in 2004 with funds obtained from a central government grant of about \$40,000. Council retains ongoing responsibility for repairs and maintenance. The foot bridge is a popular tourist attraction in the Aorere Valley.

### **2 PROJECTS**

#### **Swamp Road, Riwaka Realignment**

The work is completed and contract in defects period.

#### **King Edward Street**

Kerb and channel and new footpath – this work was completed before Christmas

#### **Black Bridge – Motueka Valley Highway**

The traffic will transfer to the new section of the bridge later this week.

Road works will be completed and the new deck placed on the old bridge. Completion expected in April 2009.

### **Bridge Repair Contract**

A minor repair contract is being prepared. This will include defects identified in the current detailed structural inspections completed for 52 road bridges.

### **Bridge Valley & More Road Seal Extension**

The tender has been awarded to Ferguson Brothers and construction is due to begin on 11 February 2009.

### **Talbot/Salisbury Intersection**

NZTA funding has been approved and tenders close Wednesday 11 February 2009.

### **Minor Safety Improvements**

A contract for the first package of works is currently out to tender.

### **Footpaths/Walkways/Cycleways**

Design work is continuing. We are also awaiting advice on NZTA funding for some sites.

### **Emergency Works**

Slip repairs from 2007-08 have now been completed. The November 2008 work is under investigation and design.

### **Resealing**

The resealing contract is well underway with 50% of sites completed.

### **Pavement Rehabilitation**

The pavement rehabilitation works are underway with 10% of work completed.

### **Back Block Roding - Rameka Creek**

Meetings with the landowners are progressing and the outcome for all slip sites has not been yet been agreed. One land owner is providing equipment and time that will dramatically cut the cost of remedial works at the worst slips.

## **3 NZTA PROCEDURAL AUDIT**

NZTA have confirmed they will be at Council from 6-9 April to conduct a procedural audit for the period 2005-2008.

## **4 ROAD SAFETY COORDINATION**

Planning has been underway for a range of different events and campaigns planned for the next couple of months. These include:

### **Bike Wise – February 2008**

Bike Wise has now been extended for the whole month of February. The event is a national campaign with support and resources available from the NZ Transport Agency. Local cycle groups, Way 2 Go hubs, police, cycle shops and other volunteers will be helping to run the different events happening throughout the district to promote Bike Wise and encourage people to get out on their bikes.

## **Family Fun Rides**

All these rides are free, each one has a long and short option, other activities will be happening at each ride and the Bike Wise team has provided a new bike to give away at each ride.

- Richmond - 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 10.00am, ASB Aquatic Centre
- Takaka - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2pm, Takaka Village Green
- Motueka - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 10am, Skate Park on Old Wharf Road

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## **Go By Bike Day**

Go by Bike Day is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. There will be the opportunity for cyclists to join others for a breakfast snack on their way to work or school on this morning at one of the locations throughout the district

- Richmond - Village Cycles, Queen Street, 7.30am – 9am
- Takaka - The Quiet Revolution, Commercial Street, 7.30am – 9.30am
- Motueka - Outside the museum, High Street, 7.30am – 9am
- Murchison - TDC service centre, Fairfax Street, 8.30am – 9am

## **Business Battle**

The Business Battle now runs for the whole of Bike Wise Month. Businesses have been encouraged to register online at [www.bikewise.co.nz](http://www.bikewise.co.nz) and then get as many of their staff as possible to hop on a bike during the month. Even those who can only cycle for just 10 minutes or 2kms can take part as long as they register. It does not matter how big or small the business or school is as results go on percentage participation.

## **School Travel Planner**

A new School Travel Planner, Sarah Downs starts work on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Sarah has a teaching background and is actively involved in walking and cycling with her family. Sarah will hit the ground running starting with Bike Wise events and the Walk to School launch at the start of March. The work already underway will continue with new schools coming on board throughout this year.

## **5 RIVERS**

### **2009-10 Carry Over Funding**

A separate submission to explain the commitment of planned carryover funding from last year is attached in a separate report.

### **Gravel Relocation Works**

The processing of the twelve resource consent applications for a variety of sites is progressing with the Environment & Planning Department. Further development of a detailed set of monitoring conditions to be attached to the Environmental Impact Assessment for each Resource Consent is required to satisfy Fish and Game and iwi concerns.

### **Wai-iti Irrigation Weir**

The contractor has completed building the structure just below the Waimea West Bridge at the western end of Ellis Street, Brightwater. A temporary swimming pool area upstream of the weir has been enjoyed by the local people. A few floods will unfortunately fill the area with gravel. The quality of the finish on the rock work is a credit to Ferguson Contracting.

**Motueka Stopbank Project**

A short workshop is programmed to discuss public consultation processes of major projects. The draft LTCCP indicates a major commitment to the design and RMA processes in 2009-10.

**Maintenance and Management of Rivers, Streams, Creeks and Drains**

An attached report indicates the outcome of referring a general range of matters concerning Tasman District Council district-wide drainage issues to Fletcher Vautier Moore. The outcome suggests that Council needs to carry out a detailed assessment of catchment risk management.

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