

## REPORT

**TO:** Members, Engineering Services Committee  
**FROM:** Chair, Trevor Norriss  
**DATE:** 7 May 2009  
**SUBJECT:** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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Firstly my thanks to Councillors, staff and the public who took the time to attend the Ten Year Plan and Regional Land Transport Programme presentations. This has resulted in a huge work load on all those involved and has certainly resulted in a huge response by way of submissions.

The next four weeks are going to be rather hectic for Council with submissions and the Richmond West deliberations. The Regional Transport Committee will be hearing submissions on Friday 8 May 2009.

Peter Thomson and I have met with our counterparts at Nelson City Council to discuss public transport proposals. Peter and David Stephenson have also met with Nelson City Council to discuss rubbish and recycling options.

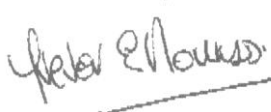
Those of us that travel the coastal highway will have noticed the progress on the Ruby Bay Bypass. With the favourable weather the contractors are making excellent progress, congratulations to them.

Hopefully at today's meeting we should be able to get an update on our dust suppressant trial at Eves Valley.

Car Pooling – Someone from staff needs to pick this up and get on with it as it is possibly one of the few affordable options in our rural community. It allows our community to do something for themselves at very little cost to ratepayers and there are already groups out there promoting this option. Council's role in promoting and coordinating car pooling should be relatively cost-effective.

As Chairman I am concerned about good performance by the new contractor for the Tasman and Waimea road maintenance contracts that commence on 1 July 2009. We have previously had performance problems under a single large contract, sometimes to the detriment of our roading infrastructure. This issue will need to be monitored very closely to ensure Council receives full value from expenditure of its road maintenance budgets against the new contract schedules.

Regards



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**Chair - Engineering Services Committee**