

REPORT

TO: Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Trevor Norriss

DATE: 10 September 2009

SUBJECT: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Welcome to today's meeting.

It was a great morning and good to be able to interface with members of a small community at the opening of the Black Bridge earlier this month (see over). Thanks to the Ngatimoti School children and local historian Ed Stevens for their efforts. The school children participated in a road safety poster competition which was on display in the hall and judged by Mayor Kempthorne and our Road Safety Coordinator, Krista Hobday. The three best posters are going to be reproduced as road safety boards and will be displayed in the appropriate spots in the community. Thanks to the staff involved in what was a very enjoyable event in one of the most beautiful areas of Tasman.

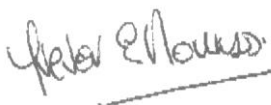
The Regional Transport Committee is progressing with the Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy and I will give a verbal update at the meeting.

There will also be an update noting how Tasman District has fared in the latest NZ Transport Agency funding round. It appears we have come through remarkable well considering the reprioritisation in the latest Government policy statement.

As some stage in the near future I would like to discuss some of my ideas in a workshop regarding the Motueka River stopbanks. Although I am not an engineer I have spent some time discussing this idea with members of the community. I believe we could resolve the issue of affordability for them and allow this project to proceed with the support of the community.

We are still planning to get Dr Deborah Hume (NZ Transport Agency Regional Manager) to tour our region and this will also involve the Councillors in the outlying areas. At this stage we are still working to arrange a time that suits everyone.

Regards



Trevor Norriss
Chair - Engineering Services Committee

