STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Transportation Manager, Gary Clark

REFERENCE: R854

SUBJECT: RCN10-04-03 Motueka Transportation Study

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the Motueka Transportation Study that was jointly commissioned by the New Zealand Transport Agency and Tasman District Council.

2 BACKGROUND

A report was commissioned by Council's Planning Policy group to investigate the potential effects of the proposed Motueka West draft plan change. The project was also to consider improvements to the state highway (High Street) to address capacity issues along this strategic corridor.

The report has received some key stakeholder consultation with the final report being approved for release by the NZ Transport Agency Board. The report is now being provided to the Councillors for their consideration and release to the community.

3 DISCUSSION

The report considers the road network in Motueka and looks to provide short- to mediumterm solutions for safety and capacity matters along this route. It is important to note that the study did not consider options relating to the replacement of the Motueka Bridge. The NZ Transport Agency considers that no work will be instigated on a new bridge in the next 50 years.

The study considered the current issues relating to the road environment of High Street and the various interactions created by side roads, parking and pedestrians.

A set of conclusions and recommendations were provided as part of the report. The full report along with conclusions and recommendations has been provided to Council for their consideration.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 THAT Council receives the MWH Motueka Transport Study report (March 2010)
- 4.2 THAT Council approves the Motueka Transportation Study report (March 2010) for release to the community

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