

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members Engineering Services

**FROM:** Transportation Manager, Gary Clark

**DATE:** 29 June 2010

**SUBJECT:** **NEW AND REHABILITATION FOOTPATH PROJECTS AND PRAM CROSSINGS – RESC10-07-05**  
Report prepared for meeting of 8 July 2010

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## 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding projects that have been generated by the matrix. The matrix was developed to provide a logical approach to develop forward programmes of work for transportation projects. In this report we look at the new footpaths, pram crossings and footpath maintenance projects.

## 2 BACKGROUND

Council has allocated funding in its Ten Year Plan for future years for:

1. New footpaths – Annual budget of \$100,000;
2. Footpaths maintenance – annual budget of \$50,000;
3. New pram crossings and reconstruction of existing pram crossings – Total budget over three years of \$90,000;

## 3 DISCUSSION

In the past Council has developed annual programmes covering new footpath sites as well as new and reconstructed pram crossings in consultation with the Community Boards and Ward Councillors. While this process is useful in gathering a list of possible deficiencies, it was found that some projects were being done that possibly didn't best meet the needs of the whole district.

With a complete list of new pram crossings required and an extensive list of new footpaths it was decided to use an objective approach to prioritize these lists thereby providing a degree of certainty as to order and to a lesser degree, the year of likely construction. Obviously each site will have its own aspects which will determine overall cost hence timing of work. In regard to pram crossings to be reconstructed, a list is to be developed.

The matrix looks at a number of different elements including pedestrian numbers, traffic flows, speed limits, access to other facilities, road geometry and community requests. For each element in each of the factor tables a score was assigned, with the most pressing element assigned the higher score and the least the lowest score.

I have attached the lists generated from the matrix to this report for the activity areas of new footpaths, rehabilitation of footpaths and pram crossings. These provide a full list of all

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the requests received, works identified in our programmes and asset management plans and maintenance works. It should be noted that this activity area does not attract NZ Transport Agency subsidy.

As noted above, the level of non-subsidised funding for these three activity areas is around \$240,000 per year. As shown in the tables attached the number of projects is significant and will take several years to complete at the current funding rates.

The matrix has provided a forward work programme to meet the needs and expectations of the community and our own maintenance programmes. Over the next year, we will be working to better understand the funding needs of this area over other transportation activities to ensure we have the right balance with regard to our road users. The output from this work will provide information for the next annual plan process as well as the Ten Year Plan.

#### **4 RECOMMENDATION**

**4.1 THAT the New and Rehabilitation Footpath Projects and Pram Crossings Report (RESC10-07-05) be received by the Engineering Services Committee.**

**4.2 THAT the Engineering Services Committee approves further work into developing a balanced approach to all transportation projects to be used for the next annual plan process as noted in the New and Rehabilitation Footpath Projects and Pram Crossings Report (RESC10-07-05).**

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