

REPORT

TO: Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Trevor Norriss

DATE: 29 October 2010

SUBJECT: **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESC-10-11-01**
Report prepared for meeting of 11 November 2010

- 1.1 Welcome to the first Engineering Services Committee meeting of the new triennium. A special welcome to our new Councillors Martine Bouillir, Kit Maling and Zane Mirfin.
- 1.2 Along with Mayor Kempthorne, fellow Councillors and staff I attended the very successful opening of the Ruby Bay Bypass on 22 October. This was a special occasion; the culmination of many years of planning and behind the scenes lobbying. The photo shows most of the people involved in getting the Bypass underway – special thanks to you all for your commitment and perseverance. Unfortunately Peter Thomson and Graham Taylor (New Zealand Transport Agency) were unable to attend the opening but certainly played a huge part in securing the Bypass.



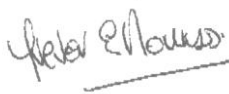
L-R: Former Mayor *John Hurley*, MP *Damien O'Connor*, The Chairman, Former Council CEO, *Bob Dickinson*, Former Transportation Manager, *Roger Ashworth* and *Hugh Gordon*, Mapua Community Liaison Representative

- 1.3 I must congratulate and thank the New Zealand Transport Agency, their contractor Downers and consultants, OPUS and our own Council staff who all worked together on the project to ensure a successful outcome.
- 1.4 Council has inherited the old state highway from Dominion Road through to Tasman and we have agreed with the New Zealand Transport Agency on a joint maintenance programme to ensure this piece of our district roading network is maintained.
- 1.5 The Engineering Services team have a number of projects on the horizon this coming year. Several of these are in Golden Bay and Motueka and it has been suggested that we hold our Engineering Services Committee meeting in both of these locations during the coming year. The timing of these meetings will be planned to ensure we can make the most of interacting with the local community.
- 1.6 While we have appointed the Councillor representatives for the Regional Transport Committee, we now need to approve the external appointments. Peter Thomson will give us a verbal briefing at the meeting.

2 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Chairman's Report (RESC-10-11-01) be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

Regards



Trevor Norriss