

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Gary Clark, Transportation Manager
REFERENCE: T607
DATE: 22 February 2010
SUBJECT: **NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY FUNDING UPDATE**
Report prepared for meeting of 04 March 2010

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide information on changes to funding provided by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) for roadway projects as a result of amendments to the National Land Transport Programme and project delivery.

2 BACKGROUND

I have reported to the Committee on a number of occasions following the changes to the NZTA funding that it is likely that some of the works planned across the country would not be able to be achieved. This is now the case with NZTA issuing general circulars to seek projects for funding. The letter from NZTA is attached.

On a related matter our supplementary claim from last year was approved, however NZTA took the funds from this year's entitlement. This resulted in Engineering Services staff managing budgets with a reduction of some \$300,000 to meet this change. NZTA have recently reinstated the \$300,000 back into our roading budget for this year.

4 DISCUSSION

As a result of these changes more funding is available for Council to implement some targeted improvements/maintenance to our road network. These can take the form of some delineation improvements, bridge upgrades and other works that are not weather dependant.

The opportunities also exists to gain funding for one off projects that meet NZTAs normal criteria provided that we can find our local share component. I am currently working through our budgets with the view of providing the Committee with a list of projects that might gain funding and how much local share we have to be successful for NZTA to approve the project. This information will be available for inclusion in the final 2010/2011 Annual Plan process.

5 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

Gary Clark
Transportation Manager