

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Motueka Community Board
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SUBJECT: FOOTPATH PROPOSALS - MOTUEKA

1 PURPOSE

To inform the board of proposed footpaths and shared paths planned around Motueka Township.

2 BACKGROUND

In recent years infill footpaths where there hasn't been any, have been constructed within the urban area of Motueka and now, the outer fringes of the township require constructing footpath links.

Government policies encourage mobility and for people to get more exercise. Council also has a Regional Cycling and Walking Strategy which supports improving and providing for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

3 COMMENT

Generally, footpaths under Council's standards require these to be 1.4metres wide and of either concrete or asphalt.

New footpaths are funded through Council's Non Subsidised Roding Budget. Council has budgeted approximately \$100,000 with small annual increases in costs, over the remaining years of the current LTCCP.

Land Transport NZ, also funds new cycle facilities including shared paths for both cyclists and pedestrians under the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP), such as the shared paths along side SH60 and this years proposed Lodder Lane and Lower Moutere shared paths. Unfortunately projects have to meet economic requirements to be considered, this involves the benefit costs of the project exceeding the project cost. Council receives a subsidy of 59% for these cycling and walking projects therefore, this is well worth having. Unfortunately footpaths alone in an urban roading environment do not qualify for funding.

The attached footpath and shared path proposals are preliminary at this stage and will require some further in depth investigation to confirm design details and estimates. Once this work has been completed for those sections of paths identified then, these will be put

up as projects with in the NLTP. Whilst Council specifically hasn't identified these in its LTCCP, it has set a side funding for new footpaths which would be used to fund its share of the cost which would be 41%.

The proposed shared paths are mainly recommended to have a chip sealed surface with timber batten edges. The reason for this is that most paths are in Rural 1 Zoned areas where it is felt that subdivision is unlikely to occur with in the next 10years. This permanent surface will give a low cost maintenance surface which when nearing time of renewal, can be resurfaced either with asphalt or chip seal depending on the expected future development of the road and surrounding land.

Whilst gravel footpaths with out timber edging are the cheapest form of path, they are unlikely to be funded by LTNZ. Also, Council would only be contributing 41% therefore why construct a path of lesser standard that is likely to require more regular maintenance and with the maintenance not necessarily attracting subsidy.

It is proposed to undertake as much of the shared path and footpath development over the next four to five years, with this work being dependent on the level of funding available after considering other footpath projects identified across the district during this period.

It is recommended the following list of projects be undertaken with priority being from top down. The extent of this list completed each year will depend on funding constraints:

- **07/08** Pah Street – gravel path and short section of concrete path be constructed to the Marae this year as programmed in Council's 2007/08 LTCCP;
- **07/08** McGlashen Street – new asphalt or concrete footpath on the northern side of the street from Talbot Street to the western end;
- **07/08** Old Wharf Road - new concrete footpath constructed on the southern side to connect existing footpath with gravel track that extends to Trewavas Street;
- **07/08** Whakarewa Street – new sealed footpath and compacted gravel shoulder on the northern side;
- **08/09** King Edward Street – new short section of concrete footpath proposed on the northern side near Queen Victoria Street intersection;
- **08/09** College Street – new concrete footpath on the southern side from where the path currently finishes to near the end of the kerb towards Chamberlain Street and;
- **07/08** All shared paths identified in this report be further investigated and project analysis undertaken to achieve subsidised funding from LTNZ, for construction over the next three years as Council funds permit, from 2008/09 these include:
(Please note indicative dates only)
 1. **08/09** Queen Victoria Street – Eastern Side from Whakarewa Street to Green Lane;
 2. **08/09** Queen Victoria Street – Eastern Side from Green Lane to King Edward Street;
 3. **09/10** Staple Street & Thorp Street – From near Feron Street to SH60
 4. **09/10** Staple Street – From Thorp St to Reserve
 5. **10/11** Queen Victoria Street – Eastern side from end of footpath near King Edward Street to Hau Road;

6. **11/12** Queen Victoria Street – Eastern side from Hau Road to Wildman Road;
7. **11/12** Wildman Road – Southern side from end of existing gravel footpath near the reserve to Queen Victoria Street;
8. **Proposed sealed footpaths**
 - **10/11** Hau Road – Southern side from Queen Victoria Street to end;
 - **11/12** Chamberlain Street – Southern side from Moutere Highway to end of cluster of houses.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT Motueka Community Board supports Council's proposals to construct new paths as identified on the attached maps and for the shared paths to be sealed particularly where LTNZ subsidy can be secured.

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