

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Roger Ashworth, Transportation Manager
REFERENCE: T603
DATE: 4 October 2006
SUBJECT: **2007-2008 – LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME**

1 PURPOSE

To present the Committee the draft subsidised maintenance, improvement and community road safety programmes for 2007/2008.

2 BACKGROUND

Each year Council is required to submit to Land Transport New Zealand a programme for subsidised road activity.

The guidelines for 2007/2008 land transport programme (as usual) have changes from the previous years. The date for comment on the programme has been brought forward with the change in date necessary because the Government's budget cycle has now been advanced one month. The programme in funding has changed in four major ways:

- The manual has been changed to consolidate programme and funding rules in one document;
- Work categories and activities classes have had some changes;
- The structure of the manual has changed to better match the programme development and funding approval life-cycle; and
- Community programmes are now included in the manual.

Monday 6 November 2006 is the last day for Council's to submit the complete draft land transport programme thereby the need to have Council sign off (a draft) at this early stage. During the next month we will work through and refine some of the projects but what is presented in the attached tables is the basic programme for improvement, maintenance and community road safety projects.

The Regional Advisory Group (RAG) made up of Nelson City Council, Marlborough District Council, Land Transport New Zealand and Tasman District Council's technical representatives meet later this month to discuss the distribution of "R" funding within the region. This will be reported back to the Committee.

3 NEW FUNDING MECHANISMS

New funding arrangements were announced as part of the 2006 budget. A funding guarantee has been established for Transit's construction projects and the revenue guarantee for the remainder of the activities in the NLTP. Both guarantees are for six years. The procedural details of the process are being developed by officers from Treasury, Ministry of Transport, Land Transport New Zealand and Land Transport New Zealand and are expected to be completed by end of 2006 (see attached letter from Hon Annette King).

From the subsidised programmes attached you will note that the proposals are in general accordance with the approved LTCCP. As stated they are draft and, if needed, Council will have another opportunity to add, alter or amend the final submission.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the programmes as appended are approved in principle and forwarded to Land Transport New Zealand.

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