

REPORT

TO: Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Trevor Norriss
DATE: 24 February 2005
SUBJECT: Chairman's Report – March 2005

As Chairman of the Engineering Services Committee, at times it becomes frustrating working through the bureaucratic process to get much needed projects completed.

The recent debacle with funding options for state highway projects is a great example.

The Ruby Bay Bypass and McGlashen Avenue revised estimates have put extreme pressure on our funding options. Both these projects have been top of our hit list for a number of years and need to be progressed urgently.

The Tapu Bay pipeline replacement is another example of how long it can take to get projects completed (nearly five years). It is pleasing to report finally that this job should be almost completed by the time of our meeting.

It appears that our refuse collection for recycling is starting to operate reasonably well. Hopefully Council will agree to advance kerbside recycling in all areas and we can remove the recycling stations completely. I notice a number of areas where outside contractors bags are being left. They need to be informed and required to pick these up. Our contractors are not paid to pick up other companies bags.

It is unfortunate that we have not been able to find a suitable site in Mapua for the recycling station and have had to remove it. This was mainly because of overhead wires making the changing of bins dangerous.

TRANSIT LIAISON MEETING – TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2005

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT MEETING – FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2005

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

MOTUEKA BORE TESTING

Councillors are invited to contact Joseph Thomas to go and look at the pumping of the bore and monitoring being undertaken in Parker Street, Motueka.

Today's meeting will be covering a number of issues that the Committee will need to get its thinking cap on for.

Regards
Trevor Norriss