
REPORT 3
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DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT BACK - PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Board with information about the Council's planned roading and footpath projects and programmes for Tawa, Grenada North and Takapu Valley in 2005-06 and other matters of interest to the Tawa Community.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*

3. Summary

3.1 Projects and Programmes and Matters of Interest

The monthly report on general matters and the projects and programmes schedule for the 2005-06 financial year is attached as Appendix 1.

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APPENDIX 1

Tawa Community Board Monthly Report – August 2005

Safer roads

The Tawa Community Board has received a request from the Redwood Village to convert the school crossing point outside St Francis Xavier School to a full pedestrian crossing. Officers have investigated this request and consider that it would provide another safe option for crossing the Main Road, as the closest existing formal facility is near the roundabout with Tawa Street.

Officers recommend that floodlighting with Belesha beacons will be required to convert the school crossing point to a full crossing. The islands will also need to be adjusted to better accommodate cyclists (work already planned). The upgrade work will need to coincide with school holidays to enable safe access for the children. It is anticipated that the work will be done during the Christmas break.

The Redwood Village also requested extra seats in the area. Geoffrey Snedden (a Council Landscape Architect) will get two extra seats, as part of his redevelopment work, and with the Community Board's sub group, identify two appropriate sites between the Redwood Village and the Tawa town centre. The seats will be installed as part of the other upgrade work.

Speed limits

Now that the school term has commenced, surveys of speeds are being undertaken. Fyvie Avenue surveys will also be undertaken to enable a report back to the Board in September relating to concerns from local residents about excessive speed in their street.

Emergency preparation

Earlier this year, the main switchboard of the old Tawa Service Centre was replaced together with power conditioning. During August the old Tawa Service Centre will be cabled with additional power and network outlets to support up to 80 personnel. At this time the gas heaters will also be replaced with electrical heating due to the risk that gas mains pose in a disaster.

The server infrastructure required to host the Council's critical business applications has also been purchased and will be deployed to the HdS Datacentre (Main Road) during the next six months.

Local parks

Lyndhurst Park – the Parks and Gardens business unit are clearing a small area at the back, in conjunction with the local rugby club, to develop a training area for the under 7's.

Willowbank Park - the new picnic tables and shade sails have now been installed.

Parks and Gardens have received an application from a descendent of Charles Duncan to name the small reserve behind Fyvie Avenue "Charles Duncan Reserve". This will be processed under the open space naming policy.

Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves in conjunction with Parks and Gardens have started construction of a bush track between Achilles Close and Peterhouse Street.

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Petone to Grenada roading link

Further investigation work is being carried out to identify ecological constraints on and around the proposed alignments. This work is integrated with the development of a structure plan for the Lincolnshire Farms area which will provide the basis for future District Plan changes. The structure plan provides a level of detail between the Northern Growth Management Framework (NGMF) and that required for resource consent under the Resource Management Act. The structure plan will identify major roading connections, blue and green links, significant natural features, and heritage sites. The structure plan will need to incorporate outputs of the Western Corridor Study and the regional strategy as well as the NGMF. The District Plan team expects to have the structure plan ready in November. The consultation programme surrounding the structure plan is currently being developed.

A roading link from Bing Lucas Drive to Tawa town centre

Duffill Watts and Tse have provided an interim report on the initial four options and recommended a two stage approach with Phase 1 providing the initial connection from Bing Lucas Drive to Bartlett Grove via a 50m long and 12m wide reinforced concrete bridge. Phase 2 would utilise Tawa Terrace to its intersection with Duncan Street and then via a level crossing to Melville Street. This connection would require a rationalisation of level crossings through Tawa since OnTrack require a normal urban spacing between crossings of 1,000 metres and this could not be achieved without modifying existing crossing locations.

Further investigations are continuing on how best to cross the railway through this section. Options involving direct links across the motorway to Tawa Terrace or Morgan Street cannot be achieved within the Council's current standards for gradient. Initial costings indicate construction would cost \$6-\$7 million exclusive of consent fees, land purchase costs, geotechnical investigations, design fees, and survey. A second structure across the railway line would substantially increase this total.

Glenside to Tawa walkway along Middleton Road

The concept design for the Middleton Road walkway has been completed and preliminary costings show that construction would cost \$950,000. This is a substantial sum given the level of usage. The concept is being reviewed to assess how well it integrates with the roading maintenance programme and to produce a realistic programme of phased construction.

Tawa College stream bank works

The Greater Wellington Regional Council advise that the resource consent for the stream bank works in the Tawa College land at Duncan Street has been granted. As at 28 July the contractor advises that he is currently sourcing materials and intends establishing the site on Monday 1 August 2005. The work should be completed during August.

Drainage works

Work will be done during the next six months to replace a damaged and partially collapsed stormwater drain in private property between 7 and 15 Mexted Terrace. The work will be completed by the northern roading term contractor, Works Infrastructure.

Further work will include upgrading 13 metres of existing pipeline, installing a new manhole and upgrading an inlet structure on railway land. This work is at Linden Railway Station, between 48 to 62 Beauchamp Street and will be completed within the next month.