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## **ACTING DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT BACK - PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES**

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### **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 Tawa Community 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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## Tawa Community Board Monthly Report – October 2005

### A roading link from Bing Lucas Drive to Tawa town centre

An option for a link from Bing Lucas Drive to Bartlett Grove has been investigated. This comprised:

- a roundabout on Bing Lucas Drive
- a reinforced concrete bridge over the motorway
- widening of Bartlett Grove
- an upgrade of the Bartlett Grove/ Tawa Terrace intersection
- a new roundabout on Duncan Street
- a level crossing through to Melville Street.

The 713m long link is expensive at approximately \$9.0 million with a low benefit/ cost ratio of 1.6. The route would also require the closure of an existing level crossing or a second over-bridge at a further cost of \$5.5 million. Further investigation of the impact of the link on rail operations is proceeding.

### Glenside to Tawa walkway along Middleton Road

The draft walkway concept has been completed. The cost is expensive at approximately \$1.0 million and current usage is low. Further investigation of the three major road retaining structures is required. It is expected that the walkway will be constructed in phases in response to growth in pedestrian and cycle traffic. Counts will be undertaken over the next few months to ascertain accurate usage figures.

### Petone to Grenada roading link

The Petone to Grenada roading link was identified in the western corridor study as a means of alleviating congestion on State Highway 1 (Tawa to Ngauranga) and State Highway 2 (Petone to Ngauranga). Adoption of the link is dependant on a final decision to abandon the Transmission Gully option.

At present there are five potential alignments drawn up by consultants. These mainly differ on the section from Horokiwi Road to State Highway 2 and there are a number of options for the intersection with State Highway 2 at Petone. Transit New Zealand have no funding for further investigations in the current financial year and are unlikely to proceed until Transmission Gully is resolved.

In the meantime, the Council and Transit are collating all existing investigation data and preparing accurate route maps to identify property impacts. These maps will also form the basis of structure planning for the Lincolnshire Farms area.

### Vandalism

Some parks in Tawa suffered vandalism in August with three smashed park signs. The damage was caused at Grasslees Reserve, Wall Park and Play Area and Arthur Carmen Park. The drinking fountain outside Tawa Library was also vandalised for the third time. Parks and Gardens have been talking with the police about increasing patrols.

### **Parks and Gardens work**

*Tawa softball club* – donated an old artificial wicket to install into their new batting cage

*Linden Park* - a new senior grade artificial wicket has been installed

*Redwood soccer* - drainage on the soccer field has been improved

*Grenada North reserves* – a goat cull took place in mid September

*Tawa Cemetery* - working with a neighbour about fencing the north and south boundaries

*Tawa Rotary Club* - planted 50 plants around the Tawa lookout (off Kilkelly Close) in September.

### **Tawa centres upgrade**

*White light project* - the street lights were changed to white light between Friday 23 September and Friday 30 September.

*Street upgrade work* - the final plans, specification and engineer's estimate have been completed. Officers have reviewed the plans and have arranged a meeting with the sub-committee to discuss them.

*Other work* - the two seats to be located between Redwood Village and the Tawa town centre, as requested by the Board, have been included in the schedule of quantities for the contract. The sites for these seats will be confirmed with the sub-group closer to the time of installation. The commemorative plaque of the life and times of Bob Banks - former chair of the Tawa Community Board - will be discussed at the meeting with the sub-group.

### **Tawa College stream bank work**

The Greater Wellington Regional Council report that the work is in progress and should to be completed by mid October.

### **McLellan Street steps**

A dish channel will be installed on the wet side of the McLellan Street steps (which go up to Davidson Crescent from the Main Road) to alleviate the current ground water seepage. This work will begin at the end of September following completion of work in nearby Davidson Crescent.

### **Drainage work at Linden railway station**

The work at Linden railway station - upgrading 13 metres of existing pipeline, installing a new manhole and upgrading an inlet structure on railway land - will be done by Wellington Pipelines Ltd. The contractor has been delayed due to hold ups on other projects. They are currently liaising with Transfield to acquire the necessary permits to work near the rail tracks. Work should begin on 10 October.

### **Safer roads and speed limits**

No change since the road safety manager (Paul Barker) gave an oral report at the meeting on September 8.