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AGENDA

Late Reports

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

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8.1 LATE ITEM AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE

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RECOMMENDATION

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MURUPARA - TE UREWERA –TE WAIROA ROUTE**Author: Jamie Cox, Engineering Manager****1. PURPOSE**

To inform the Maori Standing Committee (MSC) of the current status of the project and to seek advice on the appropriate parties with which to engage in relation to Te Wairoa tangata whenua.

2. THE PROJECT

The long term role of the Murupara to Wairoa Route, and how the road should be managed and maintained, has been discussed and considered over a number of years. Several studies have been undertaken by both Wairoa and Whakatane District Councils as well as tangata whenua in this regard.

This project has the objective of determining the best options for the Route in terms of its 'function and its form' for both the short and long term.

Wairoa District Council, together with Te Uru Taumatua, NZTA and Whakatane DC are partners in the development of a business case to demonstrate the need for investment in the Route.

Rationale is the consultant that has been engaged to prepare the business case for the partners.

The aim is to be able to develop short and long term options for the Route before the end of the year.

3. WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

Key problems that have been identified with the Route centred around:

- Isolation from key services with economic and social impacts
- The quality of the route (currently unsealed)
- Variable levels of service due to terrain and route quality

The key questions to be addressed as part of this Business Case are:

1. 'What needs to happen to the Murupara – Wairoa Route to enable benefits associated with social wellbeing and economic development to be realised without compromising Tūhoe values?'
2. 'What are the investment needs of each Council that are acceptable, affordable and fair?'

4. WHERE ARE WE NOW?

We are currently developing the 'strategic case' which will demonstrate the need for change and the need for investment – this will address the history of the Route as well as current issues and 'where we want to be'.

Short and long term options will then be assessed to determine the most appropriate form of the Route.

To enable us to determine 'where we want to be', we need to engage with tangata whenua and other stakeholders and communities along the length of the road.

We need to determine what the desires of the various parties are in terms of how the road can deliver on those desires.

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5. ADVICE REQUIRED

In late September, the partners will be driving the length of the Route to gain a better understanding of the issues, the options and the most appropriate function and form of the Route going forward.

We would like to take the opportunity, during that drive-over, to engage with key stakeholders to better understand their issues, concerns and their aspirations for the road.

These will then be considered in developing options for the short term and long term.

At this stage, we are seeking advice from the MSC on who we should engage with to collectively speak for tangata whenua in the Wairoa District along the Route:

- During the drive-over in September
- In an ongoing engagement role as the project develops through to the end of the year