



# Memorandum

**To:** Assets/Infrastructure Committee  
**From:** Reuben Pokiha, Roothing Operations Manager  
**Date:** 15 March 2016  
**Subject:** Additional Roothing Projects for 2015/16  
**File:** 6-RT-5

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## 1 Background

1.1 At its meeting on 14 May 2015, Council's resolutions regarding submissions to the draft 2015/25 Long Term Plan included a request for cost-estimates to be provided to the September 2015 meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee with respect to three requests:

- new footpaths at Bulls (from units 1-6, 136 High Street – 160 High Street),
- Ratana (from the corners of Te Taitokerau and Seamer Streets along Rangatahi and a streetlamp on Rangatahi), and
- Taihape (walkway along State Highway 1 from Dixon Way).<sup>1</sup>

1.2 Subsequently, at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 June 2015, staff were asked to present options/projects to the July 2015 Assets/Infrastructure Committee for consideration in forms of utilising the savings to be realised through the new road maintenance contract, and that those options/projects be limited to the following activity areas:

- subsidised roading,
- footpath upgrades including the five upgrades submitted during the LTP process,
- seal extensions,
- safety works, and
- signage<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 15/RDC/121

<sup>2</sup> 15/AIN/037

- 1.3 The minutes for the Committee's meeting on 9 July 2015 note that the impact of the heavy rain during 20-21 June 2015 on the District's roading network meant that this analysis had been postponed. It was intended to present this to the Committee's September meeting, but that proved unrealistic timing.

## 2 Comment

- 2.1 The estimated cost of the LTP proposals are as follows:

- New footpaths at Bulls (136-160 High Street) - \$40,000. This is for a concrete footpath 1.4 m wide and includes 16 driveways.
- Ratana footpaths (Te Taitokerau and Seamer Streets) - \$42,000. This is for Te Taitokerau Street only (230 metres, 1.4 m wide, with 10 driveways). Seamer Street is not recommended as there is a lot of bus parking on the berms now, which would potentially damage a formed footpath
- Taihape – walkway along SH-1 to Dixon Way. No cost estimate yet available. This is a very narrow road reserve and, while there is considerable local usage, further discussion with NZTA is needed before a formed footpath can be constructed.

None of these proposals qualifies for New Zealand Transport Agency co-investment since footpaths are excluded.

- 2.2 During the Committee's discussions on 10 June 2015, three proposals were suggested for later consideration:

- 3 km of unsealed sections of Turakina Valley Road - \$180,000. Considerable work has been undertaken on this road as a result of the June event. The estimated cost is based on the assumption that this length is still needed (at an average width of 6 metres). This *may* gain NZTA co-investment if the feasibility study is accepted.
- Repairing broken kerb and footpath on Upper Broadway from the Z service station/Wards to roundabout - \$280,000. However, the Utilities team intends to upgrade services along this section of the road so some repairs may be needed when that work is undertaken. This will not qualify for any NZTA co-investment.
- Parewanui Road upgrade to address significant truck movements (both forestry and dairy) – estimate not yet available. The main issue is the width of the pavement rather than the maintenance of the pavement. The normal process is to monitor the condition of roads where logging is taking place and carry out maintenance where needed. This *may* gain NZTA co-investment if the feasibility study is accepted.

- 2.3 The projected savings from the new road maintenance contract were estimated at \$450,000 annually – i.e. a net gain to the ratepayer of \$171,000, being the local share not needed. Apart from the flood damage recovery, separately identified and subject to an enhanced FAR, there have been no significant variances to the contract so that this level of savings remains.

**3 Recommendation**

3.1 That the memorandum 'Additional roading proposals for 2015/16' be received

3.2 That the following additional roading proposals be implemented during 2015/16 utilising the savings from the new road maintenance contract:.....

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