

Chairperson and Community Board Members  
PAEKĀKĀRIKI COMMUNITY BOARD

14 DECEMBER 2010

Meeting Status : Public

Purpose of Report: For Information

## **ACCESS DOWN UPGRADED ROCK REVETMENT, PAEKĀKĀRIKI**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 This report is to update the Community Board members on the proposed pedestrian access for the upgraded Paekākāriki seawall south of the Sandtrack on The Parade.

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION**

- 2 The recommendations in this report do not trigger the Council's significance policy.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 3 At the Community Board meeting on 31 August 2010, the Board resolved to continue the consultation with the community over access for the first section of upgraded rock revetment.
- 4 On 16 October a public workshop was held to obtain the views of members of the public. Notes from the meeting are **attached** to this report (Appendix 1).
- 5 Council staff also attended a meeting with the Disability Reference Group to seek their feedback on the proposal.
- 6 The proposed upgrade is for the first 500m of existing rock protection along The Parade between Beach Road and The Sandtrack.

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

#### Issues

- 7 Generally, the feedback was for concrete steps that could withstand the harsh environment. Timber steps were seen as too fragile and potentially slippery when wet. Round steel hand rails were preferred, as these could be gripped easily without the risk of splinters.
- 8 A written submission was received suggesting a wide platform / step structure could be constructed that would be used when the tide is high. It is envisaged that this can be considered for the next stage of the proposed upgrade further north as this option would be contrary to the existing resource consent conditions.
- 9 Feedback was also received regarding the safety of road crossing in the Beach Road vicinity. This feedback has been passed onto the roading team for their consideration.

## Options

- 10 Consideration was given to constructing a disability access ramp, complying with NZS 4121 “*Access and Facilities for people with disabilities*” as part of the first 500m of the proposed upgrade, however, given the lack of parking in the immediate area it is not prudent to incur the additional costs of a fully complying ramp at this stage of the project.

An alternative suggestion was to locate a less expensive non complying ramp at the northern end of the first stage of the project and then install a fully compliant ramp at the northern end of The Parade, close to the surf club, as part of the full seawall upgrade project.

- 11 The preliminary plan shown at the workshop and at the Disability Reference Group showed three access points down the revetment. These were located at the start of the upgrade next to Pearl and Florrie Way, approximately two thirds of the way down the length where the level of the path along the top of revetment meets the level of the road and at the northern end of the upgrade. The revised plan which is **attached** shows the middle set of steps moved to a more central location of this stage of the works. (Appendix 2).
- 12 It is considered appropriate to place the ramp at the northern end of this stage as this will be more centrally located when the future full upgrade is completed.

## Financial Considerations

- 13 The estimated cost of these works is \$1.1million for the 450m length. This cost includes a contingency sum, landscaping and consultants fees. There is currently \$737,000 in the 2010/2011 Annual Plan and a further \$750,000 shown in 2011/2012. It is anticipated that this project will be funded over two financial years. This project is funded from districtwide loan funding.

## Legal Considerations

- 14 There are no legal considerations.

## Consultation

- 15 As well as the Community Board meeting on 31 August, a publicly advertised consultation meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October and Council staff attended a meeting of the Disability Reference Group. Feed-back from all these meetings forms the basis of the design solution for access down the upgraded rock revetment.

## Policy Implications

- 16 There are no policy implications with this project.

## Publicity Considerations

- 17 A communication plan will be developed for this project prior to construction commencing..

## Other Considerations

- 18 **Resource consents:** The advice from Greater Wellington Regional Council is that as the toe of the existing rock revetment is not being extended seaward, the existing resource consent for the maintenance of the Paekākāriki seawall can be used to undertake the work below mean high water springs. For the placement of rock and the formation of the path above mean high water springs, a compliance certificate will be required from Kapiti Coast District Council. This is a relatively straightforward process.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 19 That the Paekākāriki Community Board supports the access point locations and the nature of those access points as per the attached plan to report AS-10-074.

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## ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 1: Workshop meeting notes of 16 October

Appendix 2: Aerial map showing the middle set of steps moved to a more central location, and showing access arrangements