

Mayor and Councillors
COUNCIL

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Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

LOCAL ROAD LINKAGES AT NGA MANU

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks Council approval for the extension of a new local road link from the existing Ngarara Road in Waikanae to the proposed new access road into the Nga Manu Nature Reserve (Nga Manu).

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The alignment of the proposed Mackays to Peka Peka (M2PP) expressway will sever the current access road off Ngarara Road into Nga Manu and therefore the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) is required to mitigate this loss and provide alternative access.
- 4 The original NZTA proposal was to construct a bridge over the expressway linking Nga Manu with an upgraded private road connecting to the existing Ngarara road and terminating with a shared private access into both Nga Manu and the adjacent properties (see maps **Appendix 1 (i)** CV-SP-124, **Appendix 1 (ii)** CV-SP-125).
- 5 The [Kāpiti](#) Coast District Plan (DP) has set out requirements for an east/west connection between the present State Highway 1 in the Waikanae North area and Ngarara Road (see **Appendix 2** map). This has long been a notional road within the DP.
- 6 Through negotiation with NZTA it has been agreed that the proposed private link road would be upgraded to a public road, at NZTA's expense, and vested back to Council, this is the subject of a signed project agreement. The agreement provides for continued shared private access into Nga Manu.
- 7 It is now proposed that this public road be extended for a further 200m extending the Council's east/west connectivity and providing a more appropriate dedicated access into Nga Manu (**Appendix 3** map CV-GE-701). The cost of this extension would be met by Council from existing roading upgrade budgets and it would be constructed by NZTA through the current M2PP alliance contract.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 8 The extension of the future link road is in line with the current DP notional east/west connection.

- 9 The extension would provide Nga Manu with a nationally significant nature reserve, a more suitable access allowing for future growth and increased visitor numbers, and also provide safer access directly onto the public road.
- 10 The M2PP alliance has provided a design alignment for the future link road extension and have allowed for the additional land requirements within their current designation. They have also purchased the land required for the proposed extension.
- 11 The M2PP alliance would construct the extension as part of the main project works thus saving Council the additional costs of procuring the works through the standard contracting process and minimising disruption. It is proposed that it would be constructed at the end of the 2013/14 financial year.
- 12 Council retains the option of procuring the works through a standard tender and contracting process if it so desires. This would be an option if a suitable legal agreement could not be reached with NZTA.
- 13 If the extension was not provided at this time NZTA could meet its obligations to Nga Manu by providing a shared private access way off the current alignment with no cost to Council.

Financial Considerations

- 14 The current Long Term Plan has an allocation of \$18 million over 20 years for the construction and upgrade of new local roads (Major Community Connectors). This funding was previously allocated to provide for local connections and upgrades associated with the Western Link Road and Council's long term transport needs.
- 15 The estimated cost of the proposed extension is \$1.5 million and that funding would be made available from existing roading budgets in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years without the need for any increase in the current LTP budget.

Legal Considerations

- 16 There would need to be a legally binding performance and payment agreement developed for the works between Council and the NZTA, if they are to be undertaken by the alliance.

Delegation

- 17 The Council has the delegation to make this decision.

Consultation

- 18 The NZTA and Nga Manu have been consulted on this proposal and both have no objections to the proposed extension or the mechanism and timing of delivery.

Policy Implications

- 19 There are no policy implications.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

20 There are no Tangata Whenua considerations.

Publicity Considerations

21 If required a press release could be prepared setting out the benefits associated with the construction of the Council's long term east/west roading connection and improved access for Nga Manu.

Other Considerations

22 There are no other considerations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

23 That Council approve the allocation of funding for the extension of the proposed new local east/west connection road as shown in Appendix 3 map CV-GE-701.

24 That Council approve the procurement of this new local road through NZTA and its alliance contract.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 1 (i): CV-SP-124

Appendix 1 (ii): CV-SP-125

Appendix 2: Nga Manu

Appendix 3: CV-GE-701