

Kaipara KickStart Programme Update – August 2020

Meeting: Council Briefing
Date of meeting: 02 September 2020
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To provide an update on progress and performance of the Kaipara KickStart Programme as of 19 August 2020.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

The Kaipara KickStart programme remains on track to meet all contractual obligations and is being delivered largely to plan. With transition of the programme currently on hold, until other externally funded projects have been determined, the programme continues to be supported by project advisory groups and the Programme Steering Group.

The significant risk relating to the unsealed network funding of \$8.06m, remains unresolved. A funding announcement was scheduled for 21 August, however this was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Ongoing discussions will keep a focus on resolving the situation.

A second significant risk relating to escalating capital costs is also under regular review. As a number of procurements, especially with Roading and Wharves projects, are underway the team are in a position to provide latest estimates for completion of the physical works projects. A revised latest estimate across the programme will be completed mid-September and advised to the next Programme Steering Group meeting.

An updated communications and engagement plan has been completed and this is attached (**Attachment A**).

Key Deliverables – Progress Update

Kaipara Wharves

- NRC resource consent amendment has been lodged for mooring dolphin - Dargaville Pontoon
- Dargaville Pontoon Physical Works Contract Signed and Awarded to Bellinghams Marine Ltd
- Dargaville Pontoon Construction Programme received
- Media release and newsletter sent out for Dargaville construction start date.
- Professional Services Procurement Management Plans endorsed for Pahi, Pouto and Beach Landings
- Pahi Site Investigations and Desktop study, concept design recommendations developed
- Beach Landings consultation plan to establish the preferred location for implementation.
- Focus for the team will be to develop a latest estimate for pricing received through the procurement processes. This approach will develop a more accurate financial view of physical works.

Kaipara Kai

The team have completed the scope within the Kaipara Kai funding agreement, with all funding deliverables having been delivered to time and budget. A process to utilise \$95,000 to extend the operational funding of Kai Hub to 30 June 2021 was successfully concluded with support from MBIE. The remaining deliverable, which has no funding attached, is the post outcomes report due to MBIE in September.

Kaipara Water

- Detailed design for Demonstration Site 1 and 2 completed
- Broad license agreement terms of Site 1 and 2 agreed with landowners – legal services developing landowner agreements
- Procurement management plan for site development and operational management of sites completed.
- Draft license agreements to be presented to Council at September meeting for resolution to execute agreements
- Site preparation planning underway.

Roading Package

- Waipoua River Road draft design has been completed
- Poutō Road Phase 1 design – Road Safety Audit, construction Request for Tender has been issued
- Procurement of contractor to quarry supply aggregate for Poutō Road seal underway
- Submitted resource consent applications to quarry Greenhill Quarry
- Pouto Stage 2 – Strategic business case was submitted to MBIE on 13th July. This case seeks approval to draw down the 'Implementation - Physical Works' budget of \$2.8m - MBIE has advised requires approval from Ministers Jones, Robertson and Twyford ahead of the election, and if that doesn't occur, the paper will be available for Ministers appointed in the next Parliament
- Awarded a contract for the survey of Poutō Road Phase 2
- Commenced design of the 50MAX Bridges Phase 2 bridges

Next steps/E whaiake nei

1. Ongoing focus on a satisfactory resolution to securing the funding for Unsealed network programme.
2. Kaipara KickStart programme will continue to work on the programme deliverables as scheduled with a focus on community communication and engagement, especially for the physical work projects.
3. A further briefing will be scheduled for early November.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Communications and Engagement Plan – Revised