

**EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS: WAIPOUA RIVER ROAD**

<b>Project Name</b>	Waipoua River Road	<b>Date of Report</b>	02/02/2021
<b>Current Phase</b>	Planning	<b>Project Manager</b>	Rachael Mannion

<b>COMPONENT</b>	Schedule	Amber	Budget	Green	Risks/Issues	Green
<b>PREV. MONTH</b>	Schedule	Amber	Budget	Green	Risks/Issues	Amber

**Comment** (mandatory if status indicator red or amber)

Budget is currently Amber due to the open issue that the full design solution leaves a very small construction contingency of approx. \$10k, which is insufficient for a project of this nature. To resolve this issue, it is proposed to revise the project scope and remove the installation of the traffic lights until road usage is forecast to increase. A safety audit of the proposed scope revision is to be completed to ensure this is an appropriate solution.

Schedule is currently Amber due to the above-mentioned issue surrounding budget, which has resulted in a delay to the programme.

Risks/ Issues is currently Amber in reflection of the above, and due to the open risk of safety of the road once sealed, this risk is to be mitigated via a safety audit of the proposed revised scope.

OVERALL BUDGET (\$)	CURRENT FY BUDGET (\$)	SPEND TO DATE (\$)	BUDGET SPENT TO DATE (%)
\$1,600,000	\$1,460,834	\$329,123	20%
<b>PROJECT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS</b>			
Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG)			\$0
Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)			\$1,600,000
Kaipara District Council			\$0
Other (e.g. Waka Kotahi)			\$0
<b>PROJECT BUDGET BY PHASE</b>			
INVESTIGATION (\$)	DESIGN (\$)	CONSTRUCTION (\$)	
\$65,000	\$330,000	\$1,205,000	
<b>COMMENT</b>			
Investigation phase complete			

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

In September 2019 MBIE allocated \$1,610,000 from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) to seal approximately 1.5km of Waipoua Road from the state highway to the proposed visitor centre.

The Waipoua River Road Sealing project is part of Te Roroa's objectives to enable the delivery of the Rakau Rangitira project by creating an enhanced single-entry point for the kauri walks and Tane Mahuta experience.

A Procurement Plan for Contract 963, covering the physical works, was approved by Council on the May 2020. The design of the sealing of Waipoua River Road has been progressed with discussions held with Fulton Hogan and Te Roroa.

In September 2020 Council approved the delegation of authority award the construction contract to the Mayor and the Chief Executive subject to Te Roroa approving the award of the contract, and the contract price being within the approved project budget of \$1,600,000 + GST.

## UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH – LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

- Agreed with Te Roroa and MBIE to potentially revise the project scope by removing the installation of the traffic lights until road usage is forecast to increase (i.e. when the Visitors' Centre opens, estimated at earliest summer 2022, potentially summer 2023)
- Safety audit initiated to assess interim safety measures for the revised scope, to ensure the route is as safe as possible without the traffic lights
- Delayed award of the construction contract pending the road safety audit and endorsement of the scope revision

## ACTIVITIES GOING FORWARD – THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

- Complete design changes based on safety audit findings
- Finalise scope change via MBIE and Te Roroa
- Award construction contract

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / MEDIA ACTIVITY PLANNED – NEXT TWO MONTHS

- None

## DECISION PAPERS SUBMITTED: PENDING DECISION

- Waipoua River Road project contingency decision paper to be presented at the Externally Funded Projects Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

PROJECT MILESTONES	STATUS (R, A G)	BASELINE (PLANNED) COMPLETION DATE	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	COMMENTS (MANDATORY IF STATUS INDICATOR RED OR AMBER)
Award physical works contract	Amber	Oct 2020	Feb 2021	Pending decision to proceed based on project contingency change
Construction commencement	Amber	Oct 2020	March 2021	As above
Construction complete	Amber	Dec 2020	May 2021	As above
Opening Event	Amber	Jan 2021	May 2021	As above

OPEN PROJECT RISKS	PREV MONTH (R,A,G)	STATUS (R,A,G)	OWNER	COMMENTS
There is a risk regarding the safety of the road once sealed based on the proposed revised scope and removal of traffic signals	Amber	Amber	Rachael Mannion	A safety audit of the proposed revision to scope to be completed

OPEN PROJECT ISSUES	PREV MONTH (R,A,G)	STATUS (R,A,G)	OWNER	COMMENTS
The current budget does not provide an appropriate level of contingency	Amber	Amber	Rachael Mannion	To resolve this issue, it is proposed to revise the project scope and remove the installation of the traffic lights (until road usage is forecast to increase). A safety audit of the revised scope is to be completed to ensure this is an appropriate solution.