

EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS: WAIPOUA RIVER ROAD

Project Name	Waipoua River Road	Date of Report	02/03/2021
Current Phase	Planning	Project Manager	Rachael Mannion

COMPONENT	Schedule	Red	Budget	Red	Risks/Issues	Green
PREV. MONTH	Schedule	Amber	Budget	Green	Risks/Issues	Amber

Comment (mandatory if status indicator red or amber)

Budget is currently red 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 mitigate this issue, the design team investigated removing the traffic signals from the physical works and have since advised that this is not an appropriate solution. The budget is now Red as the design alterations have reduced the budget further and there are no reasonable remaining options to reduce the construction cost and provide adequate contingency.

Kaipara District Council have confirmed that they are not able to take on the risk of any overspend on the project and are therefore unable to be partner to the construction contract. Discussions are being held with the Department of Conservation to determine if they are able to be partner to the contract and own the risk of funding any overspend.

Schedule is currently Red as the works can no longer be completed this summer without severely compromising the quality of the pavement and seal.

OVERALL BUDGET (\$)	CURRENT FY BUDGET (\$)	SPEND TO DATE (\$)	BUDGET SPENT TO DATE (%)
\$1,600,000	\$1,460,834	\$331,212	20.7%
PROJECT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS			
Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG)			\$0
Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)			\$1,600,000
Kaipara District Council			\$0
Other (e.g. Waka Kotahi)			\$0
PROJECT BUDGET BY PHASE			
INVESTIGATION (\$)	DESIGN (\$)	CONSTRUCTION (\$)	
\$65,000	\$330,000	\$1,205,000	
COMMENT			
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

- Safety audit determined that the removal of the traffic signals is not a suitable solution and poses unnecessary safety risks to the public
- Discussion started with the Department of Conservation to provide additional funding and accept the risk of any project over-spend

ACTIVITIES GOING FORWARD – THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

- Continue discussions with the Department of Conservation

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / MEDIA ACTIVITY PLANNED – NEXT TWO MONTHS

- None

DECISION PAPERS SUBMITTED: PENDING DECISION

- None

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	Red	Oct 2020	March 2021	Additional contingency funding and contract partner to be found prior to being able to award
Construction commencement	Red	Oct 2020	Sept 2021	Construction needs to occur in the dryer months of summer (as early as October 2021)
Construction complete	Red	Dec 2020	Jan 2022	Construction will take approximately 3 months
Opening Event	Red	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	

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	Closed	Rachael Mannion	A safety audit of the proposed revision to scope has been completed and confirmed scope revision is not appropriate to progress. Risk closed

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 and the ownership of project overspend risk is currently unconfirmed	Amber	Red	Rachael Mannion	The proposed resolution has been determined not to be appropriate (see above) and KDC has confirmed they will not accept the risk of overspend, regardless of the value of the contingency available. Discussions to be held with DoC to progress.