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## **Kaitoke pipeline: deviation at Mangaroa**

### **1. Purpose**

To advise the Committee of a likely requirement for unbudgeted expenditure in 2004/5.

### **2. Background**

Transit New Zealand is currently upgrading State Highway 2 from Te Marua to Kaitoke.

Transit New Zealand has now advised that they expect to have funding available to continue SH2 upgrading work just south of the Mangaroa Bridge, which is about half a kilometre south of the southern end of the current major road works. The area near the Mangaroa Bridge is low lying and the state highway occasionally floods.

### **3. Proposal**

Transit is proposing to raise the level of the highway and at the same time carry out some minor realignment. The highway is relatively confined on the west by the river and by either the hillside or privately owned properties to the east. This restriction means that Transit's preferred scheme involves the construction of a retaining wall next to the river. Unfortunately, the retaining wall would sit directly over the 900mm diameter Kaitoke water pipeline. As this is not a satisfactory arrangement and because of the other constraints, it is proposed to lay approximately 160m of new pipeline and allow Transit to remove the old pipeline.

### **4. Finance**

It is expected that the work will cost up to \$200,000 but at this stage, it is not practical to be more precise as the exact length and alignment are still very preliminary. In accordance with Section 54 of the Transit New Zealand Act 1989, Greater Wellington Water is required to pay one half of the cost of deviating the water main and Transit pays the balance.

No provision has been made in the 2004/5 operational budget for this work and to do so at this late stage would require a significant number of changes within the budget process.

Transit has every expectation the work will be carried out in the 2004/5 financial year, and is planning to advertise the work in August. However, such a late request by Transit for funding in 2004/5 is unfortunate.

Given the above factors, is not proposed to make provision for GWW's contribution to the project at this point in time. By the time that the Council undertakes its half year financial review, further information should be known about the project and the costs can be considered at that time.

## **5. Communications**

The issue is relatively minor and is not seen as being appropriate for a media release at this point in time.

## **6. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

- 1. receive the report and note its contents.*
- 2. note that a request for additional operating expenditure may be placed before the Committee at the time of the 2004/05 six-monthly financial review.*

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