

Title: Gladstone Road Bridge Review

Section: Chief Executive's Office

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Legal Financial Significance = low

Report to FUTURE TAIRAWHITI Committee for decision

SUMMARY

During my time as Mayor the community have said they wanted to see the river should the bridge be revamped because they want to see the life and mauri of the water. I informed Lindsay McKenzie of this during his time as Chief Executive.

At no stage did Council see pictures of the Gladstone Road Bridge revamp. The Regional Transport Committee may have seen plans but Council only saw a recommendation for adoption.

Engineers first told us the bridge had a limited life but later revised it to having a long term life.

Public input was not sought by Heritage New Zealand, Heritage Tairāwhiti, or the Regional Transport Committee. Had the public been consulted this may not have become the issue it has.

The original bridge was a wooden toll bridge with see through sides. If this is a matter of heritage, Heritage New Zealand and Heritage Tairāwhiti should be fighting tooth and nail for the replacement of the original heritage profile.

Craig Thomson's idea might sound bizarre but a see through rail might be cheaper than remounting the concrete wall. Financial data is required to debate the cost and timelines of a see through side.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Future Tairawhiti Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Recommends that Council:
 - a. Asks the Chief Executive to investigate replacing the concrete sides with see-through sides on both the northern and southern sides of the Gladstone Road Bridge.

Authorised by:



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District Mayor

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