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Mr Colin Walker
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Dear Colin

Funding of Infrastructure Projects

I am writing in response to the comments you made recently at the Mapua & Districts Council meeting regarding the costs of recent minor improvement works in Mapua. I trust the following will help you to understand the costings of the various projects.

Contract C1114 was recently let for the construction of the Higgs Road footpath and two pedestrian safety improvements. The two safety improvements include the upgrade of the Mapua Drive and Aranui Road intersection to provide for a safe pedestrian crossing point and a second pedestrian facility on Mapua Drive involving kerb build-outs.

Contract 1114 was made up as follows:

Separable Portion 1	\$303,137	
Separable Portion 2	\$85,777	
Separable Portion 3	\$223,959	
C1114 Total	\$612,351	(GST exclusive)

The details are outlined as follows:

Separable Portion 1 – Higgs Road Footpath

The Higgs Road footpath was proposed in 2011 and at that time costs were estimated for a chip seal footpath (620 m long x 1.5 m wide) at \$125,000 to be fully funded by the Council.

Since then the project, which would have been fully funded by ratepayers, was transferred to the Council's Minor Improvements Programme which is subsidised by NZTA at 51%. The scope was changed to a concrete footpath with small retaining walls and driveway crossings. The revised estimate for this work was \$228,000.

The work was tendered as a Separable Portion of Contract 1114 at price of \$239,615. This Separable Portion also included \$63,522 for ultra-fast broadband installation which was funded by Chorus; total tender price \$303,137.

The net cost to the Council for the Higgs Road footpath portion was only \$117,415 compared to the original budget of \$125,000.

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Separable Portion 2 – Aranui Road, Mapua – Pedestrian Refuges

This work was originally estimated at a cost of \$50,000. The scope was increased to include pedestrian crossing points in Mapua Road near Seaton Valley Road. The new estimate for the increased scope was \$106,000. This was tendered in Separable Portion 2 of Contract 1114 with a tendered price of \$85,777.

Separable Portion 3 – Mapua Drive – Shared Pathway

This work was included as Separable Portion 3 in Contract 114 and priced at \$223,959. It has been agreed not to proceed with this project at this stage.

Seaton Valley Pathway

The Seaton Valley pathway was originally estimated at \$70,000 for a 1.8 km x 1.4 m wide footpath. It is now estimated at \$95,000 for a 1.8 km x 2.0 m wide footpath. This project has been deferred and was not included in Contract 1114.

I hope this helps you understand the scope and cost of works in Mapua.

Yours sincerely



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