

3.1 Improvements to walkway between Meadow Drive & Cook Drive Whitianga

TO Mercury Bay Community Board
FROM Derek Thompson, Community Facilities Manager
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1 Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to present to the Mercury Bay Community Board the proposed improvements to a walkway between Cook Drive and Meadow Drive, Whitianga.

2 Summary

At the recent Mercury Bay Community Board meeting held on 18 August, a report titled "Mercury Bay 2021/22 Parks Work Programme" was presented. This report discussed the work programme for parks capital budgets for the ward for this financial year. An item suggested for the parks minor reserves projects budget was "Meadow Cook Drive Walkway - \$15,000". This was questioned by the Community Board and requested it be presented to the next Community Board meeting for further discussion.

There is a community request to have the site paved and made more useable.

The outcome would be good for pedestrian usability and it probably sits well within the Mercury Bay Cycling Strategy.

However the question at hand is which specific budget should be funding the proposed works. Should this be funded by roading or parks.

Assessment of Options:

1) Fund the works via Parks capex.

If this option is chosen the works are already budgeted for and would be able to proceed in this financial year.

2) Fund the works via Roothing capex

If this option is chosen, the works are not already budgeted for and the works may not be able to be progressed in this financial year.

3) Fund the works via Roothing capex by transferring budget from Parks capex

The works are already budgeted for, but a paper would be required to be approved by Council as capital budgets would be being changed. There would be nil rating impact and the works should be able to proceed in this financial year. This option would allow the asset to sit within the Roothing asset register and be depreciated correctly

Option 3 is the recommended by staff.

3 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Improvements to walkway between Meadow Drive & Cook Drive Whitianga' report dated 3 September 2021.
2. Recommends to Council to approve Option 3: the construction of a footpath between Cook Drive and Meadow Drive, Whitianga to be funded by a transfer of \$15,000 from the Mercury Bay Parks Minor Projects Budget to the Mercury Bay Roding Footpath Budget.

References-Tabled/Agenda attachments

None