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Report to the Landcare Committee from Ross Jackson, Volunteers Co-ordinator

Potential Roads Through Belmont Regional Park

1. **Purpose**

To present to Committee all currently identified roading options through Belmont Regional Park.

2. Background

At the July Landcare Committee meeting Councillors requested that officers report back with the current roading options. This report is based on our discussions with the Regional Council's Transport Division.

For many years there has been an old Coach Road running through the Park from Normandale to Judgeford which is a popular recreational access way. There are also a number of paper roads on planning maps. As far as we are aware, there are no proposals to "form" these paper roads.

3. Current Roading Proposals

There are also a number of recent proposals for new roads that could go through the Park. These proposals fall into two categories (see **Attachment 1**).

- (a) Transmission Gully
- (b) Hutt Porirua Link Roads

3.1 Transmission Gully

This route leaves the present SH1 at Linden and follows a valley system through the park coming out onto SH58 near Pauatahaunui. It has one exit road off it within the Park linking up to Warspite Avenue in Porirua East. Another exit point just beyond the northern park boundary links up with James Cook Drive in Whitby. The Transmission Gully route is recognised in the District Plans as a formal designation under the Resource Management Act 1991. Transmission Gully is marked in pink on **Attachment 1**.

3.2 Hutt Porirua Link Roads (refer Report 02.95 Hutt Corridor Study 28 February 2002)

The only existing link road is SH58 – Haywards Hill Road which is on the northern side of the park. If SH58 was to be upgraded it would likely remain in the present corridor.

The current Hutt Corridor Study is looking at all modes of transportation options and it includes possible future road links between SH2 and SH1.

These possible link roads are shown in blue on **Attachment 1** and include:

- (i) Petone Grenada Link.
- (ii) Melling Porirua (two options).
- (iii) Belmont Porirua.
- (iv) Upgrading of SH58.

The Transport Division emphasise that the link options i, ii, iii are only very preliminary ideas and have not had any detailed investigation at this stage. Clearly the options would need to be consulted on, costed and environmental impact assessments done before a preferred option could be completed.

4. Communication

There are no relevant communication matters.

5. **Recommendations**

That the Committee:

- (1) **Receive** the report.
- (2) *Note* the contents of the report.

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Attachment 1: Roading Options – Belmont Regional Park