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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

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PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MEASURES AT SEAFRONT ACCESS, SOUTH STREET, MONIFIETH

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

**ABSTRACT**

This report seeks approval for a proposed footway link under the existing rail bridge at Marine Drive, Monifieth to connect the Seafront Development with footways on South Street.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

(i) to the construction of a footway link and related pedestrian crossing points to the Seafront Development, Monifieth;

(ii) to the erection of height restriction signs on the bridge carrying the railway.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Following a request from the local Police, investigations were undertaken to determine a safe, suitable pedestrian route into the Seafront Development at Monifieth.

2.2 The road under the bridge is currently used by vehicles and pedestrians to access the seafront. Within the seafront development there are two caravan parks, the local civic amenity site, a large children’s play area and an entrance into Barry Buddon Camp. Another access exists at the opposite end of South Street but the height restriction does not allow any vehicle higher than 6 feet to pass. Larger vehicles are therefore obliged to use the Marine Drive access.

3 PROPOSALS

3.1 It is proposed to provide:-

(i) A 1.0m strip along the west side of the existing carriageway under the bridge which will provide a safe route through the underpass and on to existing footways at each side of railway as shown on the attached sketch. It will also provide an obvious pedestrian area which will highlight to drivers the need for caution. The footway on the west side of Marine Avenue will also be resurfaced.
(ii) Dropped kerbs at pedestrian crossing points with areas of tactile paving.

(iii) Improved junction radii when entering the seafront.

(iv) Mandatory height restriction signs around the bridge.

3.2 Larger vehicles will however be forced to over-run the new footway under the bridge.

3.3 The footway on the west side of Marine Avenue, south of the bridge, comes under the control of the Director of Property Services. Once it is resurfaced it will be taken on to the List of Public Roads.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The estimated cost of the works is £15,000, including design and site supervision, and this will be met from the Capital Traffic Road Safety Budget during the current financial year. Capital Financing Costs will amount to £1,621 per annum over a 15 year period. There are no significant additional revenue costs.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Leisure Services, the Director of Property Services, the Director of Planning and Transport and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7 CONCLUSION

7.1 There is concern for the safety of pedestrians using the railway underpass between South Street and Marine Drive, Monifieth as a link to the seafront. The new footway will go some way to improving the pedestrian safety issues raised.

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NOTE:

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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