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### Mawhera Quay – Stopbank upgrade commencing

Stage 2 of the Mawhera Quay Flood Protection Wall (Grey Floodwall) is due to get underway with contractors, MBD Contractors Ltd, starting the upgrade on 2 April 2024.

The upgrade, which includes the raising of the stopbanks between Richmond Quay and Anzac Park to meet a 1:150 year flood level, plus providing an additional 600mm of freeboard, to align with the previously raised sections along Mawhera Quay undertaken in 2009 and Short Street undertaken in 2020. Stage 2 had been deferred due to cost, but with funding allocated through the Covid Response and Recovery Fund in 2020, the project can now be completed.

Peter Haddock, West Coast Regional Council Chair, said that completing stage 2 will provide a greater level of flood protection to the township of Greymouth and additional protection to key assets such as Te Nikau, the region’s primary hospital.

“It’s great to see this piece of work get underway. It’s a vital piece of the flood protection for Greymouth,” said Chair Haddock. “Having Government support through co-funding means that projects like these can progress as our communities cannot do them alone.”

Grey District Mayor Tania Gibson is pleased to see the work begin and provide additional security for the town.

“It’s crucial we continue to invest in the future-proofing of our town and district, and it’s great that we are able to work with our partners to provide this extra peace of mind for our communities,” Mayor Gibson said.

Some disruption is expected while the construction to raise the stopbank height takes place. Sections of the bank will be closed at discrete times to allow this work to take place resulting in no public access to the area. A diversion to the West Coast Wilderness Trail will be put in place while works are undertaken along the trail. While there will be some truck movements occurring to undertake this work, these are not expected to be disruptive.

The works are expected to take 14 weeks to complete, subject to weather.

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Image: Location of Mawhera Quay Stopbank Upgrade

