

## **Notes from Meeting – 9 April 2025– KCSRA, Council and Marlborough Roads – HQ Marlborough Roads at 11.00am.**

### **Kenepuru Road - Operational roading matters and other roading recovery related matters**

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**Attendees;** Wayne Oldfield MR - (System Manager) Steve Murrin (secondment to MDC from NZTA), Andrew Adams (MR- MDC Project Manager); Andrew Caddie, Scott Watson, Richard Stewart, Stefan Schulz (KCSRA); Olivia Bowers (Communications- FH) and Hani Faraj (Kenepuru Recovery Zone Manager- FH); Councillors Barbara Faulls, Ben Mineham and Raylene Innes.

**Apologies:** Richard Conningham (MDC); Alistair Cameron, Kevin Bright (KCSRA); and Councillor Brian Dawson.

**Introduction:** The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various operational and road repair recovery matters concerning the Kenepuru Road Network. KCSRA had prepared and circulated an agenda earlier and a copy of the WIP Register spread sheet showing various work operations/event sites, colour coded as to state of progress (red no progress, green completed or nearly so etc) was used on the meeting screen.

Scott Watson took the chair and opened the meeting. What follows is not necessarily in chronological order and attempts to focus on outcomes.

**1. Business as Usual (BAU) matters- Discussion and Review:** Scott emphasised that great progress had been made on the matters (sites) listed in the WIP and this was much appreciated. Various matters were discussed and to be updated and/or entered into the WIP – eg perceived dangerous corners and culvert issues. Over the course of the meeting where specific BAU matters were touched on it was agreed they needed to be entered into the WIP. Richard and Hani to liaise.

**2. Updated BAU Maintenance Schedule:** Steve tabled an updated NOC programme of BAU works for the Kenepuru Area for April to June and worked through some specific points. This update document followed the format of the last being an overview map, colour coded to identify planned operations for the relevant period. Richard noted that he understood from the last meeting that there was more detailed site information “behind” the overview map/schedule. Richard requested if he could have a copy of the same as that would greatly assist with keeping the WIP up to date and accurate. Hani was to liaise with Richard as to the supply of that information.

**3. Road Recovery Works:** Andrew Adams and Hani noted that three sets of “minor” road recovery works, covering some event 100 sites past the Kenepuru Heads, had been tendered in a competitive bid process with five bids received for each contract. These three contracts had now been awarded to Mulbarian based contractors.

Hani advised that the next phase of Road Recovery work in the Kenepuru Area involved letting contracts for five complex sites, 16 simple sites and 107 minor sites. Andrew Caddie noted this was excellent news bearing in mind that the full road

recovery programme envisaged some 20 complex and 104 simple road recovery sites. Great to see the gear up.

Scott asked if that programme was available for general release – not as yet. Some useful discussion took place as to around what would be useful overview information to be released to KCSRA bearing in mind its role as a conduit to the general affected community. For example in relation to the 5 complex sites information as to name, location and indicative dates. To be considered further by JV and MR.

Olivia confirmed that the process checking various discrepancies of the GIS database and associated databases as discussed at page 12 in the Information package to the Council Assets and Services Committee on 11 March 2025 had been satisfactorily completed.

#### **4. Marine Facilities matters**

**4.1 Torea Barge/Boat ramp revamp:** Discussion ensued - the target completion date for this project is Easter but certainly by the end of the month. Scott noted that prior to the meeting he had had the opportunity to cover with Steve Murrin various potential technical specification issues that had been raised with KCSRA. As a result of that discussion Scott was confident that these technical issues were now in hand. MR/FH confirmed that the works needed a sign off by a consultant Engineer (*Jonathan Duffy - Shearwater Consulting*). In terms of the various past discussions with MR and KCSRA concerning the addition of a “splay area” at the top and to one side of the ramp Steve confirmed that was an ongoing discussion with FH - but an encouraging one.

**4.2 Waitaria Wharf Update:** Steve noted that the design option 4 was the preferred choice. Councilors would be updated in a workshop on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. ***Post meeting note** - Scott had a useful discussion with Steve to explain using the design plan the various design points he had raised with the WSP engineer on this design option.*

**4.3 Portage Jetty maintenance issues:** Steve confirmed consultation with Iwi had been completed and the consent application was now lodged. He thanked KCSRA for the letter of support. He noted they were going for a 15-year term to obviate the need to get another consent should these sediment build up issues arise in the future.

**4.4 Fish Bay barge ramp:** Some discussion ensued as to where things were. Essentially a five-year consent had been obtained. Closer to its expiry date Council and MR would look at the efficacy of the current barge ramp configuration.

#### **6. Other Business:**

**6.1. Road Closure Management:** Olivia led the discussion noting that they had been looking at the best and most efficient way to handle road closures as the Recovery work programme referred to in section 3 above and the complex works at Portage Heights got underway. The Portage Heights closure area would follow the same weekday closure schedule of 8am to 12 pm, open to 12.30, closed 12.30 to 5pm/3.30 pm on Fridays. For the forthcoming works this was expected to be from the Moetapu

Road Bay turn off to the Mahau Road turn off. Essentially the JV was looking to capture more than one work site in the closure length of road for efficiency reasons. Suitable allowance would be made for users part way through the extended closed area when the closure started. Some discussion took place around the lunchtime opening – consensus emerged that this was a very useful opening slot to allow egress and ingress part way through the day. Andrew stressed the usefulness of using the excellent weekly Marlborough Roads Recovery Newsletter to keep road users informed.

**6.2. Speed Limits:** Stefan generated some discussion about the rationale of the 30 km limit in the likes of say Willow Bay. Barbara Faulls and Steve were very clear that the communities involved had sought this limit. Richard noted that a speed limit reduction around Portage had been sought in the last meeting. MR had noted there were some possible difficulties – where had that got? Steve apologised noting he had overlooked that point and could Richard remind him going forward.

**6.3. Water Tank traffic Issues:** Richard raised some issues around the traffic flows here – agreed once the road markings had been completed this could be revisited.

**6.4. Pilot Vehicle Operation – Training:** Richard recounted a difficult personal experience road use situation involving a piloted vehicle. Richard noted some Pilots (eg Mel Price) were excellent and varied their engagement with road users to suit the situation (not too far in front, advising where other users should stop etc). However seemed some needed a little reinforcement as to the discharge of their role and engagement with other road users. Hani would look into the matter.

**6.5 Trailer Parking Torea Bay area:** Ben Mineham raised for discussion if car and trailer parking was or would be adequate at Torea Bay. After discussion a solution seemed to be to reduce the size of some of the bunding as that would significantly expand the potential Car/Trailer parking. Steve would have a look next time in the area.

The meeting **concluded at 12.05 pm** with some closing comments from Wayne Oldfield about the value and success of these meetings.

***Post meeting discussion** Andrew Adams and Hani raised some concerning (currently) minor vandalism - smashed vehicles windows – to parked up contractor machinery in the vicinity of the Solomon's drop out. Stefan assured MR and Hani that he (and KCSRA) would do what they could to assist. Stefan also made some practical suggestions as to ways to curb such activity or catch the perpetrators - in addition to MR reporting the matter to the local Police.*

Andrew Caddie - President KCSRA