

Subject: Kenepuru Road Network - pre winter maintenance requirements - Field meeting 23 February.

Present: Gary Duffy (HEBs/FH - JV recovery engineer), Alistair Cameron and Ross Withell (KCSRA).

Hi Gary

Ross and I appreciated being able to meet with you this afternoon to discuss local ratepayers Kenepuru road network concerns. We were pleased to find that your pre winter work list (basic maintenance issues) covered much the same matters as our concerns.

In this regard I understand you have organized the Leslie's grader to carry out some grading work on sections that were formally sealed work (eg the graveled slump areas around Te Mahia and further upstream past the Portage) once the grader is up and running. The JV maintenance grader is we understand programmed to come in around April to grade all the gravel roads of the Kenepuru road network.

A plus for the community and the network is your advice that the JV is now hiring the local contractors (Prices) based at the Heads. We were also very pleased to hear the other contractor crew, whose performance was creating real concerns, have gone.

Community list of basic BAU maintenance required.

As you will recall we discussed other basic maintenance work for other parts of the network and we set out that below.

1. Kenepuru Road Network - North side of the Sound from the Heads to the outer Sounds.

- Water tables to be cleaned out by either the grader or a smaller excavator, depending on whether the road is unsealed or sealed.
- Culvert entrances to be actually dug out deeper to leave a silt trap area
- Grading of the unsealed roads.
- Repair of potholes on both sealed and unsealed road.

As noted a common refrain from outer Sounds residents is that they forgotten what a grader looks and we hope this can be rectified.

2. Kenepuru Road Network - South side of the Sound, From the Heads back to Linkwater.

- Culvert entrances to be actually dug out deeper.

- More water tables to be cleaned out. In passing we note that the areas the Leslie crew were directed to complete is, in our view, good, competent workmanlike work.
- Repair of potholes, culvert trenches, using cold mix or FH eazy street (cold asphalt mix) also on Torea road.
- Hydro seeding of the over slips with the Doc bush manuka mix. Great to hear you already have measured up various areas
- Weed spraying of the water tables
- Vegetation mulching (good to see the mower has done some work already).

General Discussion

We appreciated your question and our subsequent discussion as to - what exactly was our view as the priority, given the scant funding available, between construction of retaining walls etc **OR** cleaning culverts and water tables.

As noted we believe the basic and most fundamental aspect of rural road maintenance revolves around water management.

Accordingly, if forced to choose we want the cleaning and deepening of the water tables and culvert entrances followed by culvert replacement on a priority basis.

KCSRA is more than willing to sit down with Council/Marlborough Roads and the JV to nail budgetary matters and get a much needed and sensible program of works in place to deal with what we see as basic but urgent Business as Usual roading maintenance.

Remediation work around Kenepuru Road RP 25.8

I accept that as a technically qualified and experienced roading worker I have to shoulder a disproportionate part of the burden of speaking up on behalf of the community and other Kenepuru Road users in order to progress much needed road maintenance work on the network. I appreciate that this can make the role of the likes of you and others involved in the maintenance and repair of the Kenepuru Road network more challenging, particularly given the background of mounting community disquiet over Kenepuru roading repair and maintenance outcomes (or not) that has been building for several years.

Against this background I refer to our discussion about the replacement of the partially collapsed culvert at approx. RP 25.8 above my neighbor's houses and mine on Lawrence Road. This replacement has been the subject of ongoing discussion for several years prior to the July 21 event and we understood it was going to be replaced.

I was very concerned to hear that the current thinking may be that this degraded and high risk culvert is not going to be replaced any time soon.

Please note that I have supplied and placed approx. 15 tonnes of rock at my own cost

into the downstream outlet gully. In my professional opinion I am confident this work saved the Lawrence road corroded culvert from being washed out in the rain events, causing further costly damage to the road and nearby properties. My immediate neighbors and I consider this culvert replacement is a priority to stop any additional downstream damage to affected properties.

Lets be clear that as a KCSRA Committee member and road spokesperson I always endeavor to leave my (and my neighbors) own personal road problems until last. Unfortunately given the length of time this particular situation has been developing I am concerned that my willingness to become involved in roading matters for the greater community good should somehow result in this long overdue remedial work being parked.

I have raised my concerns with our President Andrew Caddie. He is more than willing to lead and chair further formal discussion on this matter in order to seek a fair, equitable and speedy solution if you or others feel that would be more appropriate.

Conclusion

I stress that we want to work with you and other members of the JV to achieve outcomes that will improve the residence and security of the network. Culvert maintenance is a basic and fundamental prerequisite achieve this outcome. The recent work carried out by the wheel digger to try and open the culvert entrances, is unsatisfactory eg one of the culverts we stopped and looked out, 50% of the opening is blocked by insitu rocks etc. and the water has to turn a hard right angle to get into the culvert. This is a typical example of many of the culverts along Kenepuru Road, with some being completely missed.

I trust the above reflects our useful discussion and look forward to progressing pre winter maintenance matters

Alistair Cameron
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