

Notes from Meeting – 5 July 2023 – KCSRA, Council and Marlborough Roads - Council Chambers at 11am.

Kenepuru Road - Operational roading matters

Attendees; Amanda Smith, Andrew Adams, Lucan Orchard, (MR/MRRT), Andrew Caddie, Scott Watson, Kevin Bright, Richard Stewart (KCSRA) - Richard Coningham (MDC), Steve Murrin (secondment to MDC from NZTA). Virtually - Alistair Cameron, Adrian Harvey (KCSRA).

Apologies: Stefan Schulz.

Introduction: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various operational Kenepuru roading matters. KCSRA had prepared and circulated an agenda earlier as well as a initial draft WIP Register spread-sheet showing various work operations/event sites and colour coded as to state of progress.

After Andrew Caddie introduced new KCSRA Committee member Richard Stewart, Scott Watson discussed the intent of intent of the WIP Register. He then took the meeting through the spread sheet Register of WIP work items. The intention being that agenda items matters not covered in this sweep would be dealt with at the end of the meeting.

What follows is not necessarily in chronological order and attempts to focus on outcomes and KCSRA's understanding of next steps for various points raised and discussed.

A. Overview of Outcomes/Action Points

1. There was some discussion around the difficulties created by the relatively loose and incomplete numbering system for the location of K road assets such as culverts. This complicated matters when updating and using such a tool as the WIP Register. Steve Murrin agreed to supply a RP road section analysis sheet; *(post meeting note – thanks Steve received)*
2. The meeting agreed that the intent of the WIP Register was to assist all parties by enabling consolidation, smoother communication and monitoring of progress on matters set out in the Register. This initiative was welcomed by all.
3. KCSRA to take on-board the various suggestions and comments from the meeting to improve the efficacy of the draft WIP Register. KCSRA to produce another version for use by the group going forward.

B. Discussion arising from Review of WIP Register

1. **Programmed Culvert BAU replacement work:** KCSRA noted with appreciation the application and efficiency of RJ Civil in carrying out this work. Some discussion took place as to sign off of what had been achieved. KCSRA noted 24 culverts had

been replaced as per the MRRU dated 9 June and whilst this was much appreciated and would assist with improving the resilience of the road over the winter the earlier advice from MR was of a 32-culvert replacement program. Andrew Adams advised the person tasked with this report was currently on bereavement leave but on return would complete this task and he would update the group. Some discussion took place about the need to agree some RP references locations to assist in locating road assets and event sites. See paragraph 1 of section A above.

2. Portage Drop out near Torea Bay Road: This was number one on the WIP Register. Steve confirmed that this 2021 event site and the water tank slip were also seen by the recent FAS drop-in attendees as top of the list for repairs.. Andrew Adams confirmed the design work **was complete and final drawings done.** Some discussion took place as to funding sources/issues. Steve noted the approval from NZTA of \$52 million FAR 95 %. Steve advised that a priority list of event sites needed to be worked up. This might include the likes of the Portage drop out event site.

2.1: The first step was the drawing up of the list, the tabling of the same at an appropriate Council meeting for approval and then a sit down discussion with NZTA as to any reallocation of funding. Andrew Caddie requested that KCSRA be kept informed as this work progressed over the next little while.

3. Field Review by KCSRA: Alistair and Richard gave some background as to a field review of culvert condition carried out by them on Saturday 24 June between Broughton Bay and Soloman's. The draft WIP Register was most helpful in terms of itemising various matters and accompanying photos from this review. KCSRA was keen to work with MDC/MR (and the JV) to remedy the various instances of blocked culverts (20 odd) etc arising from this work.

3.1: Alistair commented that there was a great need for the contractors tasked with these relatively simple, but most important road maintenance tasks, be properly equipped, know and use the right methodology¹ and have adequate supervision. General discussion took place. Scott was keen to see and agree a way forward. Steve and Lucan explained how this sort of report might generate a log entry with the JV, if not attended to within a set time frame then there was follow up from MR. Lucan to liaise with Alistair /Richard.

3.2: Some discussion took place around the strictures of the NOC contract arrangements with the HEBs/FH JV impacting on remedy of BAU faults. Steve noting that under the NOC contract audits were possible but at the same time a certain level of non-performance was contractually permitted as was reasonable. Eg a small percentage of culverts being blocked was permitted before penalties etc were triggered.

3.3: Richard Coningham was interested in exploring the difference between MR/MDC seeing an event site as BAU and the JV seeing it as 'recovery' – how could this be better handled? KCSRA supported this line of thought.

¹ Richard Stewart commented he had prepared some edited and collated videos taken on the field trip which could make valuable training tools.

3.4: Steve commented on the relatively low usage of K Road and thus its lower priority status. Scott emphasised that this magnified the need for this allocation of money to be spent wisely and to best effect. Steve agreed.

4. Solomon Drop out area: Detailed discussion took place around Alistair's concerns that what had been done to date (culvert replacement) was still not best practice. This was unfortunate as this was an avoidable on-going failure risk. After further discussion MR advised it would be revisiting this site shortly. KCSRA may be able to supply photos to assist.

5. McIntyres Event Site: Richard and others demonstrated the issues at this site using the Register suite of photos and the possible remedies. Andrew Adams confirmed he would review this area in his upcoming field visit.

6. Event Site just before the Portage rubbish skip site: After discussion and review of the Register data and photos Steve noted that if a high risk of road failure was present at this event site then this needed to be addressed sooner rather than later irrespective of if BAU or recovery. Alistair suggested the size of the culvert in question was in the order of 375 mm. To be looked at by MR on the field trip.

7. Last Register Item: Scott took the meeting through the H & S issue here and the relatively simple fix contemplated by him. Steve commented that he thought extra warning signage had been put in place. Kevin agreed but suggested the warning sign needed to be more prominently placed to be effective. To be looked at by MR.

8. Metalling works: Lucan gave the meeting a well-received update as to on-going metalling works and the trailing of alternative application methodology to improve the efficacy of the work.

9. Improved Drivability: KCSRA noted with appreciation that the recent grading and stabilisation patching had significantly improved the drivability of sections of K road in particular up to Broughton Bay. Kevin noted that beyond this area some of the metalling pothole filling work may be becoming unstable and needed to be monitored.

The meeting concluded at approx. 12 pm.
Andrew Caddie - President KCSRA - 6 July 2023