

Road Maintenance and Renewals Contract

MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2024

**FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
CONTRACT 7/18/101**



1. SUMMARY

What a year we have had! 2024 has been a huge year for our crews and we have got through a large programme of works thanks to the great run of weather and the dedication from our staff. Just a quick report this month, as we have had a short turnaround since the last report.

Unfortunately, in December we were disrupted by a couple of weeks of rainy weather which threw a spanner in the works. We had to shuffle a few things around but thankfully managed to get our open patches in Russell, Rangiahua Rehab, and the Otta sites sealed before the Christmas break.

Brians crew completed our annual wet roll and grade run which is done each December. This involves a water cart, roller and grader to provide additional binding and compaction of our highly trafficked roads before the busy Christmas season.



After multiple weeks of long hours and hot days, Cookie and his crew completed the first rehab of the season, Rangiahua Road. We were lucky enough to get this sealed before the break.

We are approximately 71% of the way through our preseal repair programme. Almost all our crews have been working on these this December in one way or another due to such a large programme. January will see Russell complete and Kerikeri underway.

Our patrol crews have been doing a great job covering all corners of the network keeping it tidy and safe for the public. They focused on footpath vegetation in Kerikeri leading up the Christmas break.

We will run a couple of skeleton crews over the Christmas holiday period. They will be carrying out basic routine works such as pothole repairs and emergency works on both the sealed and unsealed network.

A huge thanks to everyone who has helped us out on our Contract in 2024. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Keep safe on the roads these holidays 😊

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2. WORK PROGRAMME

A total of 881 individual work items have been completed so far in December, of which 674 were routine find and fix issues, 181 were programmed works, 13 renewals/capital projects, 1 cyclic and 12 were callouts or emergency response works.

January 2025 forward works programme will be submitted in RAMM Dec 20th.

3. ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT

Our 3 inspectors have been working through routinely scheduled inspections without any delay.

Sealed:

There are currently 0 sealed inspections running overdue. 104 were completed

Unsealed:

There are 0 un-sealed inspections that were completed late. 233 were completed

Drainage

There are currently 0 drainage inspections running overdue. 29 were completed

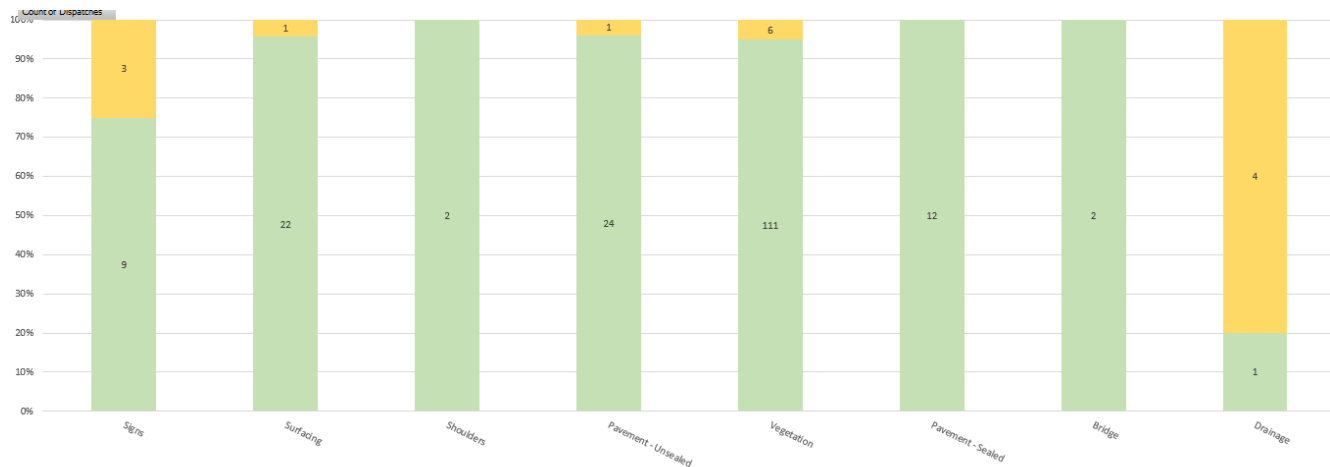
Network Area Inspection	
South Area – December 24	
Week 1	329.1 km
Week 2	288.4 km
Week 3	300.6 km
Week 4	279.3 km
Total KM	1,197.4 km



4. ROUTINE WORKS COMPLETED

Routine maintenance activities completed in December:

- 75 sealed potholes repaired
- 321 unsealed potholes repaired
- 24.6km of unsealed roads graded equating to 3.15% of the total unsealed network
- 165 Catchpit entrances cleared
- 0.5km of (hand) roadside vegetation cut back
- 14.9km of tractor vegetation control



Routine Response Time tracking (for one day) Yellow is next day completion, Green on track

5. EMERGENCY WORKS

We had two minor emergency events in December. One small branch on Blue Gum lane, and some trees that were blocking the Hooks and Halls Road bridge were also removed.



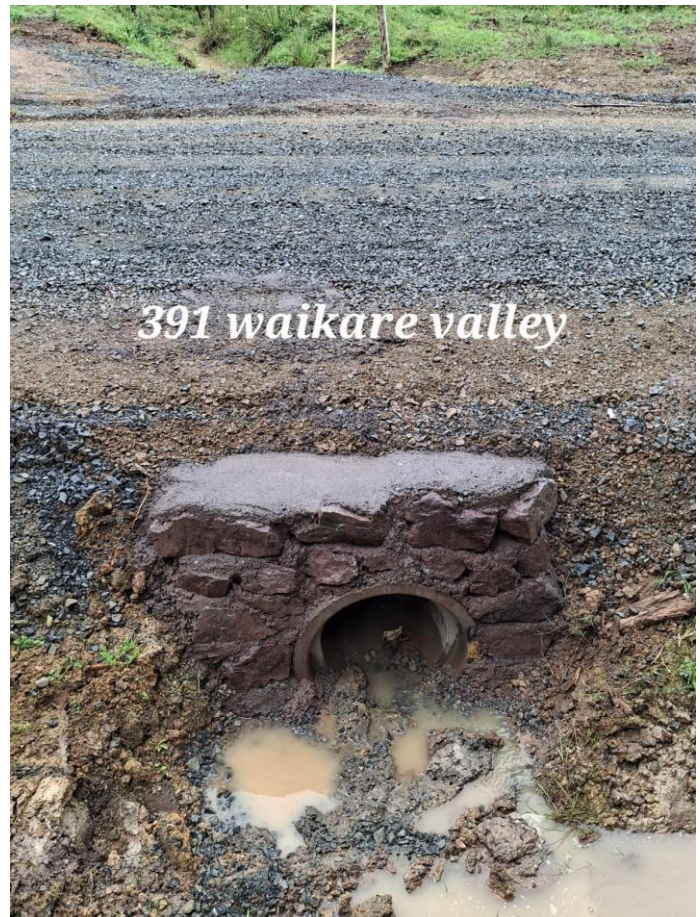
Hooks and Halls Road before / after

6. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE & RENEWALS

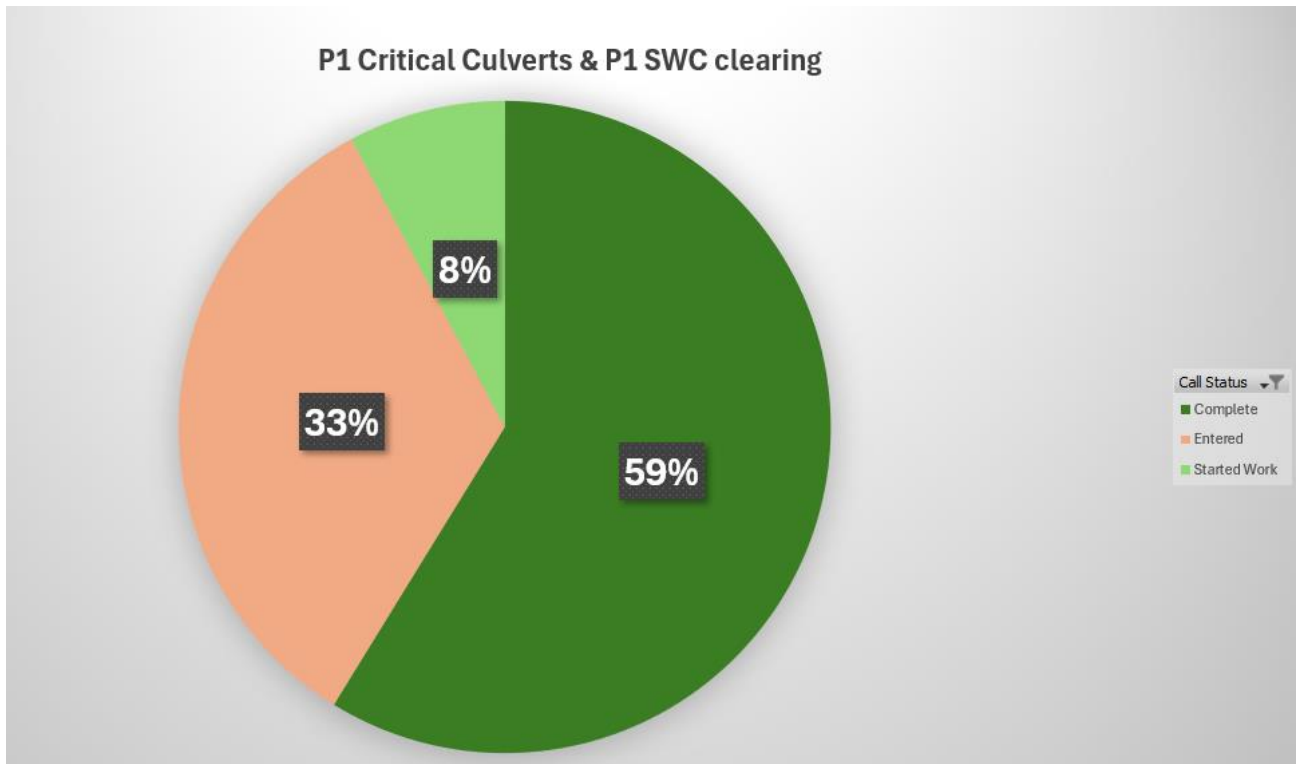
Drainage maintenance activities completed in December:

- 3.35km of heavy water tabling
- 22.5m of Culvert pipes replaced/new
- 14 Culvert inlet/outlets cleared
- 4 Headwalls constructed

Ray's team were once again helping out all over the show with culvert renewals and preseat repairs. New culverts were installed on Orakau Road, Porotu Road, Ninihi Road, Waikare Valley Road, Remuera Settlement Road, Tipene Road and Wiakare Valley Road.



Waikare Valley Road / Ninihi Road



7. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE/RENEWALS

No footpath renewals were carried out in December.

8. ROAD FURNITURE ACTIVITY

- 11 new signs installed or replaced (damaged or missing)
- 1 signpost replaced/new
- 13 signs re-erected or straightened
- 12 signs/posts cleaned
- 0 posts re-painted
- 69 Edge marker/delineators replaced or straightened



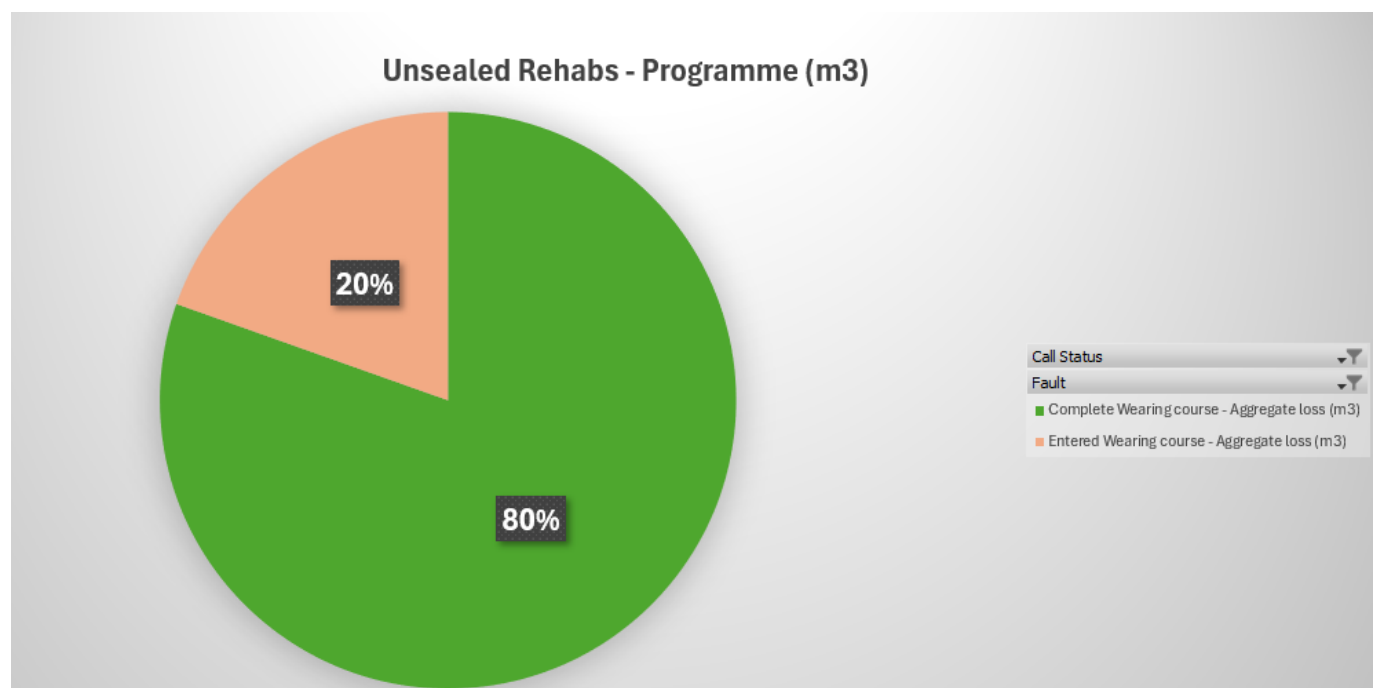
9. ORDERED WORKS

Ordered works carried out:

- 771m of footpath vegetation cutback
- 397m² of sealed pavement digout's
- 4,617m² of stabilised patches
- 22.6m of premix edge break repairs
- 221m of low & high shoulder remedials

10. UNSEALED NETWORK

Brians pavement crew completed a wearing course on Waiare Road at RP 27238 - 29825. This involved bringing in approximately 1500m³ of material at 100mm thick. This completes a series of wearing courses carried out on Waiare Road this year.





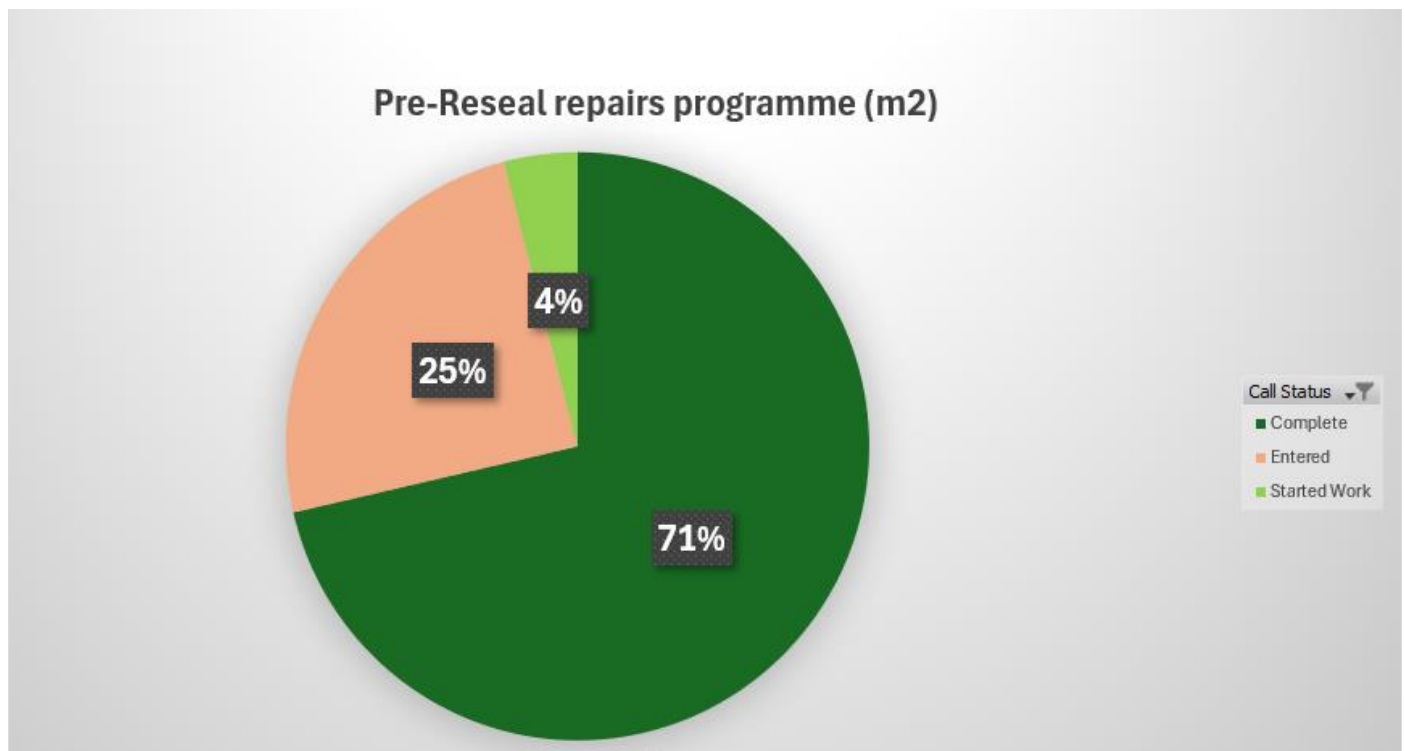


11. PRE-SEAL REPAIRS

We have completed approximately 71% of our preseal repair programme so far. This equates 20,735m² of repairs. Other works carried out in December included:

- Water tabling
- Dig outs
- Stabilised patches
- High/low shoulder repairs

We didn't manage to complete all the repairs in Russell, however we did manage to seal all the repairs we had open, which was a win heading into the break. In the new year we will begin on the preseal repairs in Kerikeri and complete the Russell sites.



12. VEGETATION

We bought two extra tractors onto the network in December. We had one based out west, one down south and the other in Kerikeri. In December we completed 14.9km of tractor vegetation control.



Before / After Ruapekapeka Road



Before / After Hone Heke Road

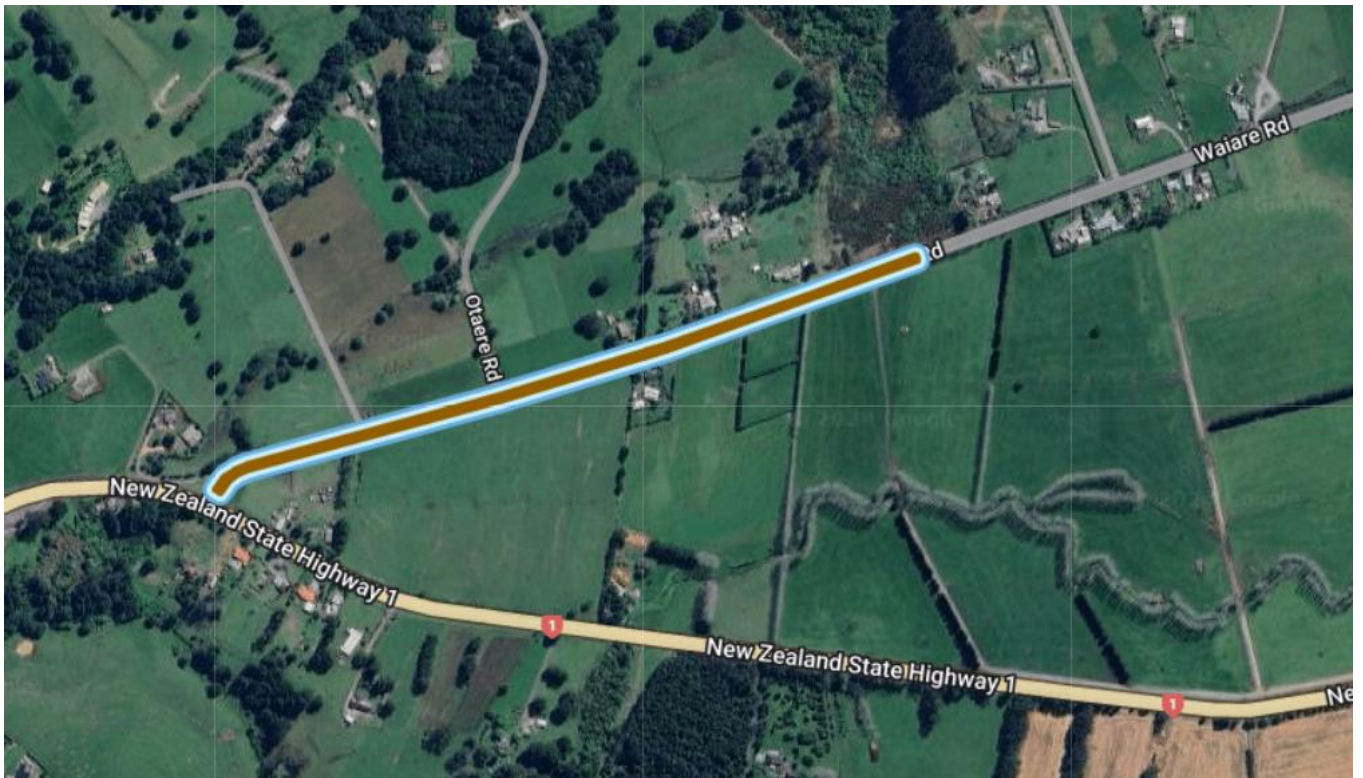
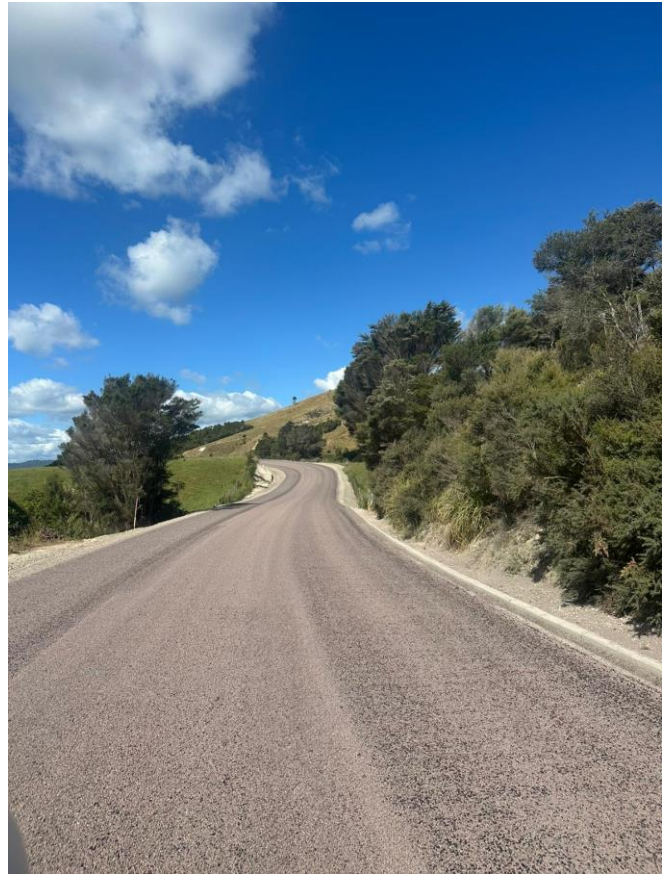


13. REHABILITATIONS

Rangiahua Road

Mike and the concrete crew completed the dish drains, bringing the rehab very close to completion. The rain put a delay on the pavement finishing, however Cookie and his crew managed to shape/compact the aggregate and pass all the testing requirements for this rehab which enabled sealing in the last working week of the year. A fantastic finish to the year to get this rehab completed. Next year our rehab team will move to our next site which will be Waire Road.





Waiare Road Rehab Site

14. RESURFACING

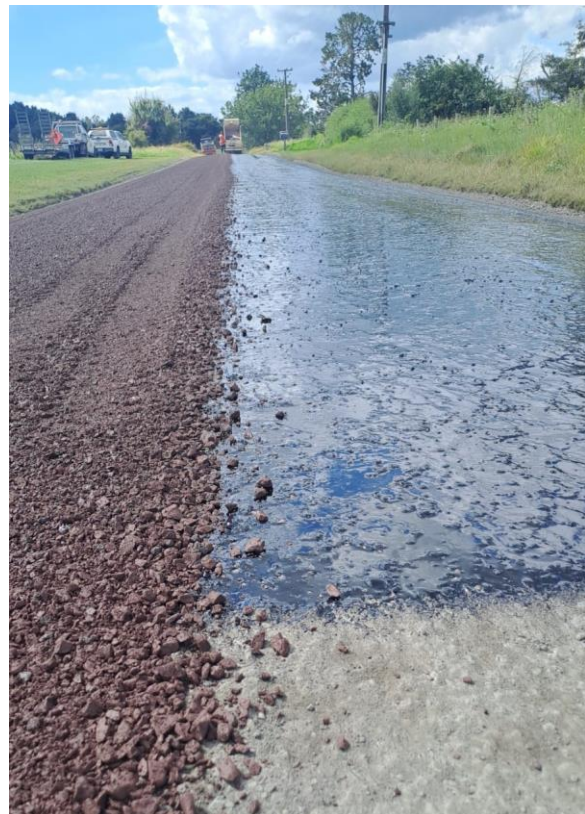
Our sealing crew have now completed reseals on five Roads:

- Ngawha Springs Road
- Waiapapa West Road
- Wehirua Road
- Hall Road
- The Lakes Drive

We completed some Otta Seal sites as a trial on Otaua and Ninihi Roads, and a couple up in the Northern network for Fulton Hogan on Church Road. These went well and the application was successful. We will continue to monitor these sites and provide feedback. The community was engaged, and a group set up to help provide feedback. So far, we have received very positive feedback from the group. In the final week of the working year the Rangiahua rehab was sealed which was a relief to get done before the break.



Otta Seals – Otaua / Ninihi Road



Otta Seals – Church Road

15. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORT

No accidents to report.

16. RAMM ISSUES



No issues in December 24 – Any development & minor operational events of note are being recorded to provide feedback to Thinkproject each month.



17. CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES / COMPLAINTS

Ventia Customer Service Request Comparison, October to 15 December 2024

Number of RFS's

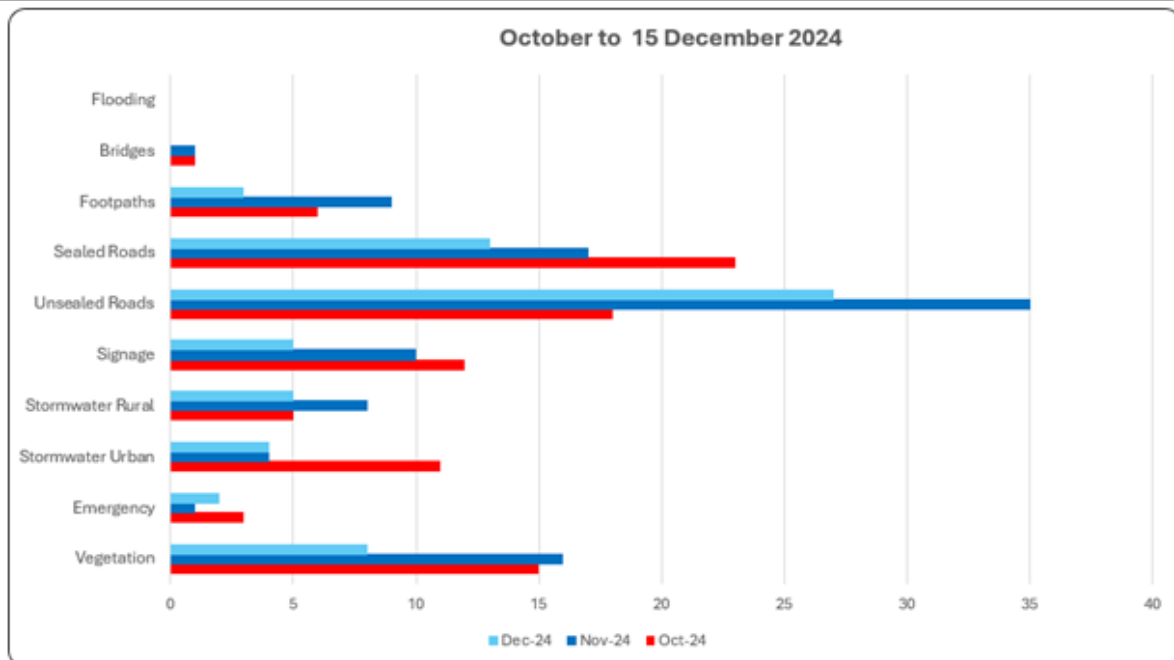
Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Flooding	Total
Oct-24	15	3	11	5	12	18	23	6	1	0	94
Nov-24	16	1	4	8	10	35	17	9	1	0	101
Dec-24	8	2	4	5	5	27	13	3	0	0	67

TBC

Percentage of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Flooding	Total
Oct-24	16.0%	3.2%	11.7%	5.3%	12.8%	19.1%	24.5%	6.4%	1.1%	0.0%	100%
Nov-24	15.8%	1.0%	4.0%	7.9%	9.9%	34.7%	16.8%	8.9%	1.0%	0.0%	100%
Dec-24	11.9%	3.0%	6.0%	7.5%	7.5%	40.3%	19.4%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

TBC



18. COMPLIMENTS

We received seven compliments for the month of December:

Matt Naylor wrote – “Kia Ora, thank you so much for this information outstanding communication informing me like this, I'll let the whanau know. Nga mihi.” – Otaha / Takou bay.

Christopher Johnson wrote – “Thank you for the work you did on Takou Bay Road.” – Takou Bay Road.



Keith wrote – “Just want to thank you again for your swift attendance. And resolution to the speed sign issue outside my property in Kotare Heights. Wish you an enjoyable xmas with your family.” Regarding sign repair on Kotare Heights.

Anonymous person wrote – “Thanks so much, appreciate the quick response.” Regarding pothole repair on Kaka Place.

Jeanaven Hotere wrote – “Kiaora, just wanted to give a bit of positive feedback on the aggregate that was laid on Saturday. Firstly, wanted to commend all the workers who carried out the application of product Very professional, courteous and the graders and roller drivers did an excellent job.” Regarding Otta seals on Otaua/Ninihi Roads.

Timothy Glasson wrote – “More good news today. The amazing crew has finished sealing Ngawha Springs Road this afternoon, the full length 3km. I was driving home over sizzling hot tar and top metal, where there was hardly a bump, so smooth, I doubt if I’ve seen any better, and drivers have been respecting it by driving carefully so far. Keep it up everyone.” Regarding Reseal on Ngawha Springs Road.

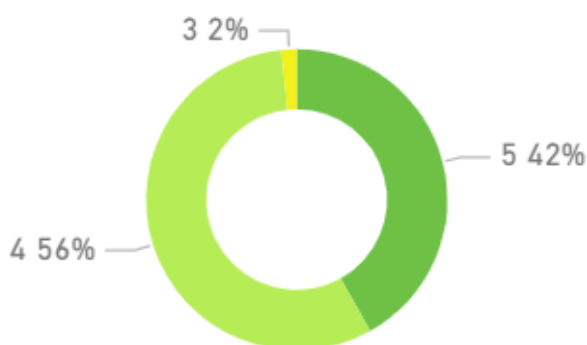
The owners of Greens Indian Restaurant in Paihia stopped in with food and the owners of Green’s the Indian restaurant in Paihia stopped in with food and drinks for all the DCL and Ventia staff. They said they have lived on Nautical Drive for the past seven years and are extremely happy that FNDC/NZTA have undertaken to continue a footpath all the way to ITM. Their children walk this way to/from the school bus, and it has always been a worry.

Thank you to these people who have made compliments. It makes the teams day when they receive positive feedback.

19. HEALTH & SAFETY & WELLBEING

Star Rating Distribution

Star Rating ● 5 ● 4 ● 3



In December Managers and Supervisors have been holding Toolbox Talks and safety meetings with their individual crews/teams. This has allowed for more focus and engagement with the teams in a smaller group, while still able to address any company wide alerts and issues. There is also the opportunity to focus on specific work the various crews are engaged in, along with giving and receiving feedback from both field staff and management alike.

The Branch has had an 11% decrease in 5-star drivers in December, which has contributed to a 12% increase in 4-star drivers and 1% decrease in 3-star drivers.



20. ENVIRONMENT

In December we had no notifiable incidents to report.

21. ANNUAL ROUTINE ACTIVITY ACHIEVEMENT

Routine and cyclic rounds start at the financial year (July 2024/25):

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Biennial Painting of All Rails	0%	complete
Biennial Parapet Painting of Bridges	0%	complete
Annual Cleaning of EMP's	17%	complete
Annual Sucking of All Sumps	0%	complete
Biannual sweeping	100%	complete round 1
Urban Vegetation Spraying	100%	complete round 1
Rural Vegetation Spraying	100%	complete round 1
Line marking Network Remark	0%	complete

22. SMALL TO MEDIUM ENTERPRISE (SME) BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

Summary of SME engagement through the last financial year - 1st July 23 to 30th June 24.

Measurement	Qty
Local Contractor component of work	38%

23. OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS

SH11 Haruru Falls – New Footpath

The footpath project is all but complete with only a small snag list to complete. The timber boardwalk is awaiting non-slip grid and the timber rail at the far end of the project will have chain link mesh installed for added safety. A general tidy up of the site and a good grass strike will finalise the look.

We have had a good response from the local community about the project, not just for the work done, but also for creating a safe walkway for pedestrians.

A shout out to the owners of Greens Indian Restaurant in Paihia for the drinks and snacks provided throughout the project 😊



Panguru Slip Remedial Work

The team at Panguru are now busy backfilling the slip site. Trucks are importing Gap65 and the team are building up in 200mm layers. This will be ongoing until they reach the road height. The team will get in as much material as possible before the year ends which will also help to stabilise the slip area and road from any possible movement.

Some sporadic wet weather has caused a few issues with secondary slips, but these have been addressed and any further movement is being monitored.



24. PLANT

Early in December we received two beautiful new tractor brooms for our sealing crew. These are used to sweep off excess chip, post sealing.



Notice to Contractors outstanding.

None as of 5/12/2024.

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Contract Manager – FNDC South Maintenance Ventia (NZ) Ltd



A Poem for You

As Christmas nears, we take a moment to say
Thank you for the trust in our road maintenance way
We are grateful for the contract, that allows us to serve
And keep our community's roads safe and preserved

We appreciate the opportunity to work alongside your team
And contribute to the safety of our community's dream
We are proud to play a part in keeping our roads in line
And ensuring safe travels for this holiday and all time

May your Christmas break be merry and bright
Filled with love, laughter and warm holiday delight
We wish you, your team and families a joyful time
With safe travels and happy memories that forever shine

From our team to yours, we extend our festive cheer
Though some of us will be working, to keep things running clear
A skeleton crew will be on hand through the holiday break
To ensure everything runs smoothly for safety's sake

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!