Road Maintenance and Renewals Contract

MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2026

FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

CONTRACT 7/18/101

1. SUMMARY

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. Over the holiday period we operated with a small skeleton crew who focused on essential maintenance tasks. The full team returned on Monday, 12 January—slightly later than usual, but a well-needed and appreciated break for staff after a very demanding 2025.

Our return coincided with a significant weather event, with more than 400mm of rainfall recorded in parts of Russell and Rawhiti. This resulted in extensive damage across the eastern area of the network. We activated a sitrep report for the first time in a considerable period and quickly accumulated over 100 weather-related dispatches.

Access was cut off on Rawhiti Road North, Rawhiti Road South, and Manawaora Road due to major slips and a bridge washout. After several days of limited access, we were finally able to reach the damaged bridge and repair the abutment using approximately 400 tonnes of rock spalls. Across the network, seven subcontractors were engaged over a two-week period to support slip clearing. Roads were initially reopened to a single lane, with all overslips cleared and two-lane access restored by the end of January. Underslip repairs will continue into February. We also supported WDC with slip clearance on Whangaruru Road, and our subcontractor DCL assisted in safely evacuating campers who were trapped at a DOC campsite following a large slip.

Preseal repairs resumed with stabilised patching on Carey Road in Kaikohe. Sealing works were completed on sections of Russell Road, Pipiwai Road, Pokapu Road, and Showground Road, with the crew progressing well through the programme.

The rehabilitation project on Kempthorne Road has been completed, and Dennis' crew has now commenced earthworks on Marlow Road. Over the next couple of months, rehabilitation works will also begin on Ngapipito Road, Te Ahu Ahu Road, and Manning Street.

Mikes crew completed a trial of new products on the Williams Road footpath in Paihia, along with a bridge deck replacement on Lovatt Rd in preparation of logging operations starting in late January.

The Wet, Roll and Grading programme has now been completed, along with the bi-annual spraying and sweeping cycle. In addition, the scheduled Moerewa soak pit maintenance run has also been completed.

Our patrol crews continue to work across the network, attending to a wide range of tasks including pothole repairs, vegetation control, sweeping, and edge marker realignment.

Wishing everyone a safe and successful 2026.

Nga Mihi

Rob Savage

Claim for the Month of January 2025

FNDC South	Total
1.1420.02.2407 - BOI/Whangaroa Ward Footpaths Mtce	$ 1,087.19
1.1420.04.2407 - Kaikohe/Hokianga Ward Fpaths Mtce	$ 4,962.40
4011.1.1.4922 - Drainage Renewals 213	$ 18,166.34
4014.1.1.4922 - Sealed Road Resurfacing 212	$ 538,546.92
4015.1.1.4922 - Unsealed Road Metaling 211	$ 1,986.32
4016.1.1.2405 - Seal Pavement Maintenance 111	$ 55,871.53
4017.1.1.4922 - Pavement Rehabilitiation 214	$ 28,756.12
4021.1.1.2405 - Traffic Services Maintenance 122	$ 4,853.73
4022.1.1.4922 - Traffic Services Renewals 222	$ 7,590.71
4030.1.1.2405 - Environmental Maintenance 121	$ 125,899.18
4031.1.1.2405 - Routine Drainage Maintenance 113	$ 89,043.52
4118.1.1.2405 - Unsealed pavement mtce 112	$ 132,293.21
4119.1.1.2405 - Structural Maintenance 114	$ 9,889.91
5072.1.1.2405 - Tau Henare Drive	$ 546.00
5788.1.1.4917 - Haruru Falls Resilience	$ 330,393.66
8016.1.1.2423 - CM Seal Pavement Maintenance 111	$ 19,882.31
8021.1.1.2423 - CM Traffic Services Mtce 122	$ 16,261.93
8030.1.1.2423 - CM Environmental Maintenance 121	$ 16,661.65
8031.1.1.2423 - CM Routine Drainage Mtce 113	$ 14,630.48
8118.1.1.2423 - CM Unsealed Pavement Mtce 112	$ 33,835.88
8119.1.1.2423 - CM Structural Maintenance 114	$ 7,810.59
8251.1.1.2407 - State Highway Cleaning	$ 1,158.08
Total	**$1,460,127.66**

2. WORK PROGRAMME

A total of 642 individual work items were completed throughout the month of January, of which 449 were routine find and fix issues, 144 were programmed works, 22 renewals/capital projects, 631 cyclic and 26 were callouts or emergency response works.

February 2026 forward works programme has been submitted in AWM.

3. ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT

A total of 298 Inspections (patrolled roads) have been completed routinely for January.

Sealed – Maintenance Patrol:

There was 0 sealed inspection completed outside of target frequency. 107 were completed.

Unsealed Inspections:

There were 0 un-sealed inspections completed outside of target frequency. 144 were completed.

Drainage – Annual Inspections

There are currently 0 drainage inspections running overdue. 47 were completed.

Network Area Inspection	
South Area – January 26	
Week 1	90km
Week 2	175km
Week 3	262km
Week 4	254km
Total KM	**781.00km**

4. ROUTINE WORKS COMPLETED

Routine maintenance activities completed in January:

- 31 sealed potholes repaired
- 34 unsealed potholes repaired
- 54m3 of running course applied
- 92.3km of unsealed roads graded equating to 13% of the total unsealed network
- 177 Catchpit entrances cleared
- 0.94km of (hand) roadside vegetation cut back
- 3.92km of tractor vegetation control

5. EMERGENCY WORKS

In January, a significant weather event impacted the eastern sector of our network, with Russell and Rawhiti experiencing an intense 200mm downpour on Sunday, 18 January. Multiple crews and subcontractors were deployed to commence slip clearance and restore road access as quickly as possible.

A critical failure occurred on Rawhiti Road South when the carriageway washed out behind the bridge abutment, rendering the bridge impassable. Progress on both slip clearance and bridge restoration was further disrupted on Wednesday, when a second event delivered an additional 200mm of rainfall. This subsequent downpour reactivated previously cleared slips and temporarily halted repair activities.

By the end of the month, all overslips had been cleared, and the bridge was successfully reopened to traffic. However, a substantial number of underslips remain across the area. These will require detailed geotechnical assessment and design over the coming months to determine appropriate remediation strategies.

Rawhiti / Manawaora Road Slips

Ngaiotonga Bridge Repair

Remedial works were also undertaken on several historic underslips along Teheke–Horeke Road. These activities included reinforcing the affected areas with rock spalls, widening the carriageway, applying a metal overlay, and clearing water tables where required. These improvements have significantly enhanced the safety and reliability of the route for road users.

Taheke Road – Underslip Repair / Widening

6. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE & RENEWALS

Drainage maintenance activities completed in January:

- 6.18km of water tabling
- 27.5m of Culvert pipes replaced/new (3 new lines)
- 26 Culvert inlet/outlets cleared
- 18 Culverts flushed
- 8 Headwalls constructed

Ray's crew successfully completed the replacement of 3 culverts across 2 roads, along with the installation of 8 headwalls—delivering a significant boost to stormwater management and network resilience. In addition to the scheduled works, the team undertook vital maintenance activities, including culvert clearing and water tabling, to enhance drainage performance and mitigate the risk of future disruptions. They also changed tack for a week and carried out works on Haruru Falls Road Rehabilitation. .

Roads that received new culvert lines included Lanark Road and Duddy Road.

Duddy Road

Te Ahu Ahu Road / Taheke Road – Water Tabling

7. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE/RENEWALS

No footpath renewal works were undertaken during January, which enabled Mike's crew to redirect their efforts toward alternative maintenance activities. Footpath renewal programmes are scheduled to commence in February, with planned works primarily in Kawakawa, Moerewa, and Rawene.

During the first week back, the crew completed a full bridge deck replacement on Lovatt Road in preparation for a logging operation due to begin in late January. The finished deck is of a high standard and has significantly improved the structural stability and overall integrity of the bridge.

Lovatt Road Bridge

The team also undertook a trial of two remediation products on the problematic footpath section along Williams Road in Paihia. A silicone-based product was tested as an alternative to the existing timber infills; however, it did not perform as effectively as the grout-based product, which demonstrated better durability and usability.

Williams Road

8. ROAD FURNITURE ACTIVITY

- 19 new signs installed or replaced (damaged or missing)
- 22 signposts replaced/new
- 46 signs re-erected or straightened
- 24 signs/posts cleaned
- 27 posts re-painted
- 10 Edge marker/delineators replaced or straightened
- 12m of railing renewal/replacement

9. ORDERED WORKS

Ordered works carried out:

- 0.46km of footpath vegetation
- 7m of kerb & channel remedial
- 6m2 Footpath repairs (maintenance)
- 845m2 of Stabilised patches
- 185m2 of Pavement digouts
- 5m of edgebreak repairs (>1m)
- 1.1km of high & low shoulder treatments

10. UNSEALED NETWORK

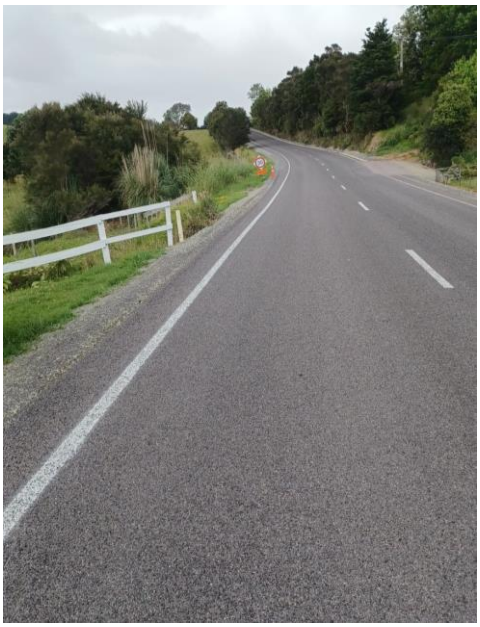
Maintenance metal was applied to Horahora Road, however we also topped up a few other roads after the weather event, however these are not included in the January claim.

Horahora Road Before / After

11. REHABILITATIONS

Kempthorne Road

All works are now complete on the Kempthorne Rehab, including sealing and line marking. Unfortunately, in the weather event there was a bit of damage sustained to the area. Thankfully the road remained intact and most of the damage can be easily repaired.



Haruru Falls – Seal Extension

The Haruru Falls Seal Extension was completed on 3 February, just in time for the official blessing and opening of the road.

Strong progress was made immediately after the Christmas break, with all drainage works finalised, top-up material applied, road shaping completed, and the final two sections stabilised in preparation for sealing.

However, the weather event that impacted Northland shortly after, caused significant disruption to the site, including a major underslip and multiple overslips along the full length of the project area. In addition to the two lost working days due to rainfall, several further days were required to clean up the site and restore it to the required standard. Despite these setbacks, the team remained committed and worked diligently to get the programme back on track.

The road was successfully sealed, with the remaining days spent completing line marking, installing and painting site rails and signage, and placing edge markers.

The official blessing and opening of the newly sealed road took place on the morning of 4 February, attended by Hon. Shane Jones, Mayor Moko Tepania, and other officials, councillors, and dignitaries. Ventia received special acknowledgment for its contribution and execution of the project.

All Ventia staff involved in the seal extension delivered exceptional effort to meet a very tight timeframe. The project represented a significant undertaking, and its successful completion showcases outstanding teamwork and commitment. This recognition extends also to the subcontractors whose work contributed to the project's success.

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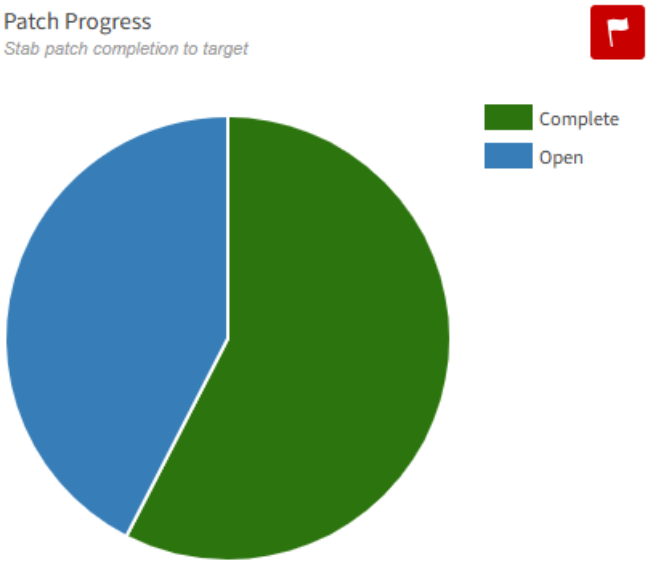
Marlow Road

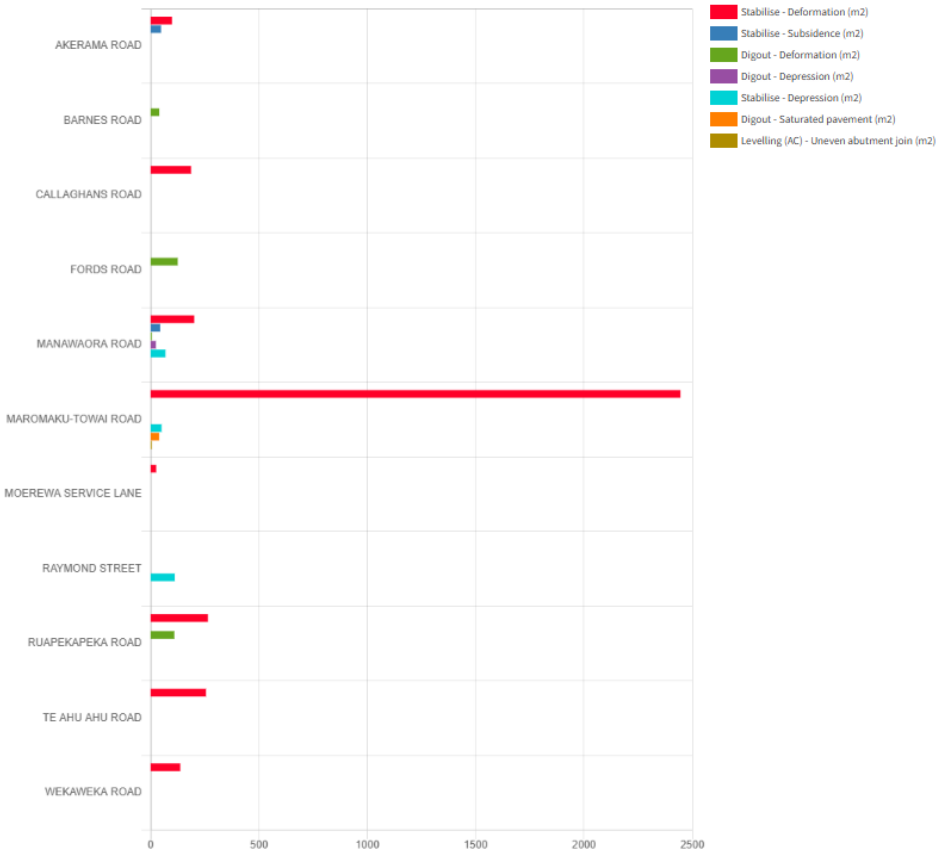
Dennis' crew have moved from Kempthorne to make a start on Marlow Road. Early earthworks are underway including tree removal and drainage works. Shoulder undercutting and metal overlaying will begin after Waitangi Weekend.

12. PRE-RESEAL REPAIRS

Steve and his crew started patching this year on Carey Road in Kaikohe. These works included 6 stabilised patches, including the problematic entrance to the tuck COF centre. The crew made their way down south to Ruapekepeka Road, where they will carry out more patches as they continue to make their way south.

Carey Road





Remaining Pre Seal Repairs

13. RESEALING

Despite the weather bomb in January, our sealing crew had a good month and managed to complete reseals on the following roads:

- Ashby Street
- English Bay Road
- Pipiwai Road
- Pokapu Road
- Showground Road

In February the team will move to Waimate North Road then onto Kerikeri and Waipapa for some night shift work. The team are pumped to be back sealing again, and in the last week of January managed to spray more than 100,000 litres of bitumen in three days, a new record for the branch. Congratulations team!

In addition to the resealing, we also carried out a small AC job on the in the intersection of Carey Road and Lindvart Street in Kaikohe. This will improve the strength of the pavement and prevent trucks damaging the pavement as they turn out of the intersection.

Showground Road / Carey Road AC

14. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORT

No accidents to report in January.

15. AWM ISSUES

No issues in January 26 – Any operational events of note are being recorded to provide feedback to Thinkproject.

16. CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES / COMPLAINTS

Ventia Customer Service Request Comparison, November 2025 to January 2026

Number of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Total
Nov-25	37	3	11	11	4	49	35	6	4	160
Dec-25	24	2	4	8	4	41	15	4	0	102
Jan-26	49	40	25	23	9	70	25	13	4	258

TBC

Percentage of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Total
Nov-25	23.1%	1.9%	6.9%	6.9%	2.5%	30.6%	21.9%	3.8%	2.5%	100%
Dec-25	23.5%	2.0%	3.9%	7.8%	3.9%	40.2%	14.7%	3.9%	0.0%	100%
Jan-26	19.0%	15.5%	9.7%	8.9%	3.5%	27.1%	9.7%	5.0%	1.6%	100%

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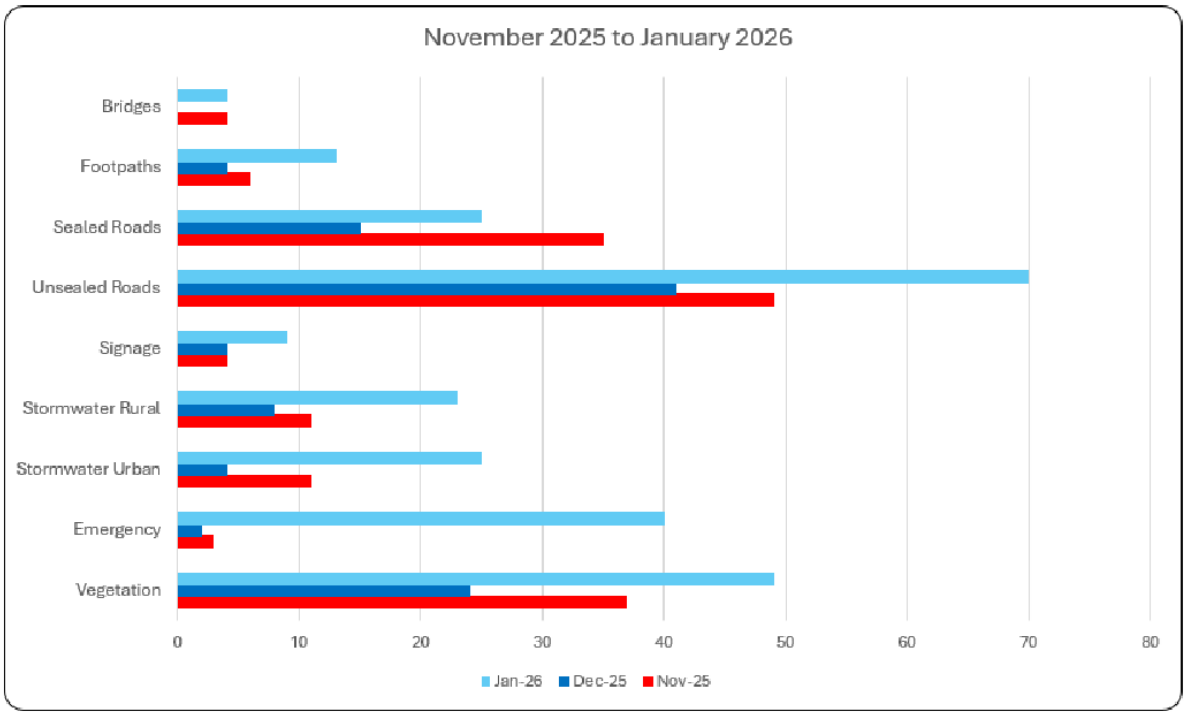


17. COMPLIMENTS

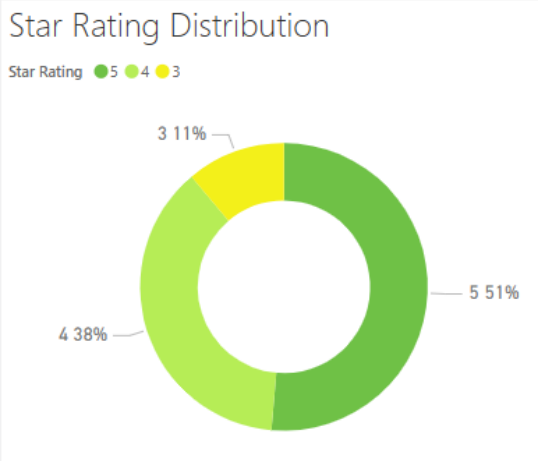
We received three compliments for the month of January:

Nadia wrote – *"Thank you for your quick response and action."* – Arabella Road Slip.

John wrote – "*He is very satisfied with the dust suppressant laid out on Newton Road. He would like to thank FNDC Contractors."* – Newton Road Dust Suppression.

Ursela wrote – "*Just letting you know that the job done to upgrade Lovatt Road has been done well, in fact our engineers think it's the best job they have seen done on Lovatt Road for some time*." – Lovatt Road Wearing Course.

18. HEALTH & SAFETY & WELLBEING



As of 30 January, the Branch has recorded a modest shift in overall driver ratings. Specifically, there was a 8% increase in 5-star ratings, accompanied by a 7% decrease in 4-star ratings and a 1% decrease in 3-star ratings, with no drivers rated at 2 stars during this period.

This adjustment suggests a slight redistribution within the rating categories and highlights the ongoing need to support continuous improvement. It is worth noting that the Branch has maintained a consistently strong standard throughout the reporting period, with most drivers achieving 4- or 5-star ratings and an overall monthly average of 4 stars.

For additional context, total distance travelled 96,410km, hours logged 3879, and average driver ratings for the month 4 Stars.

19. TRAINING

The 2026 Safe Start programme was completed by all staff prior to commencing work for the year. Most of the team attended the session on 12 January, dedicating the full day to safety refresher training, thorough inspections of plant and equipment, and confirming that first aid kits, spill kits, and fire extinguishers were fully stocked, compliant, and fit for purpose.

This year's Safe Start covered a comprehensive range of topics, including load restraint training, hazardous substances awareness, environmental legislation requirements, concrete saw operation, and battery safety—with a particular focus on lithium-ion battery management. Staff also received key safety messages delivered by senior management.

The Safe Start remains an important annual exercise, ensuring all personnel return to work with a strong safety mindset following the holiday break. It also provides an opportunity for teams to reconnect, discuss their plans for the year ahead, and reinforce the expectations and behaviours required for safe and efficient operations.

20. ENVIRONMENT

In January we had no notifiable incidents to report.

21. ANNUAL ROUTINE ACTIVITY ACHIEVEMENT

Routine and cyclic rounds start at the financial year (July 2025/26):

Biennial Painting of All Rails	**18%**	complete
Biennial Parapet Painting of Bridges	**15%**	complete
Annual Cleaning of EMP's	**26%**	complete
Annual Sucking of All Sumps	**0%**	complete
Biannual sweeping	**100%**	complete (round 1)
Urban Vegetation Spraying	**95%**	complete (round 1)
Rural Vegetation Spraying	**89%**	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 25.

Measurement	**Qty**
Local Contractor component of work	35%
Internal salaries and wages (Generally invested back to local communities) Local labour hire wages	$3,832,159.42 $735,431.24
Other internal local market expenditure e.g., local supplier purchases etc. Includes local Ventia Quarry purchases	$7,503,567.00

23. NTE/NTC

A section to show what Notices to Engineer and Notice to Contractors are outstanding.

Notice to Engineers outstanding.

NTE Number	Date Sent	Description	Accepted / Declined / Info only	Responding NTC

Notice to Contractors outstanding.

NTC Number	Date Sent	Description	Accepted / Declined / Info only	Responding NTC

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