

FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

CONTRACT 7/18/101

Road Maintenance and Renewals Contract

MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

*Preseal Repairs – Mill Rd,
Kawakawa*



1. SUMMARY

Almost another month without any weather events. At the end of the month, we were hit with a 100mm Rain event, but got off relatively lightly, the biggest problem being disruption to our pre seal repairs and construction activities.

Our Phase 2 Gabrielle works continued, however with most sites complete we now have only one subcontractor assisting us with these works. They completed two rock spill under slips on Te Tio Rd.

We had another alignment session with our Kaipara inspectors as a bit of a knowledge sharing exercise and will continue to do this moving forward to ensure we are working towards the same goals. This time they came up and spent time in our network.

The reseals are on track, however the rain slowed momentum down towards the end of the month, putting a dampener on things. We are approximately 10% of the way through our reseal programme.

Jash's team continued the Ngapipito Rehab, with the weather delaying the sealing.



Ngapipito Rd

Pre seal repairs are well underway, with crews currently working out on Koutu Loop Rd. Digouts and stabilised patches completed so far include Waiare Rd, Wiroa Rd, Puketotara Rd, Keri Downs, Mill Rd, Boswell St, and North Rd. Weather also disrupted sealing on Koutu Loop Rd.

The signs crew plotted along with their routine maintenance, and again encountering more vandalism. This month 16 sign assemblies were stolen the day after they were erected on Ngapipito Rd.

Our patrol crews have been doing a great job to keep the network tidy and safe for the public.

Nga mihi

Rob



2. WORK PROGRAMME

A total of 4,515 individual work items were completed throughout the month of October, of which 3,588 were routine find and fix issues, 847 cyclic or annual rounds, 31 were programmed works, 18 renewal / capital project, and 31 were callouts or emergency response works.

November 2023 forward works programme has been submitted in RAMM.

3. ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT

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

Sealed:

There are currently 0 sealed inspections running overdue. 351 completed, of which 12 have been audited by the NTA team.

Unsealed:

There are currently 0 un-sealed inspections running overdue, 3 inspections were completed late during the month, 238 were completed of which 12 have been audited by the NTA team.

Drainage

There are currently 0 drainage inspections running overdue. 22 completed, of which 1 has been audited by the NTA team.

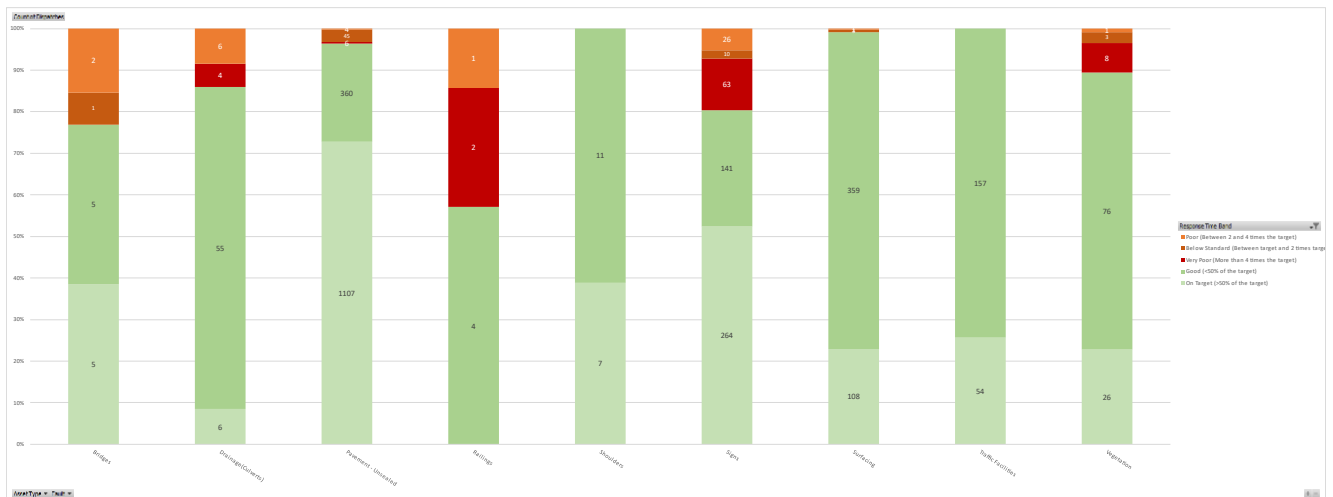
Network Area Inspection	
South Area – October 23	
Week 1	250.9 km
Week 2	309.2 km
Week 3	338.2 km
Week 4	251.3 km
Total KM	1,150 km



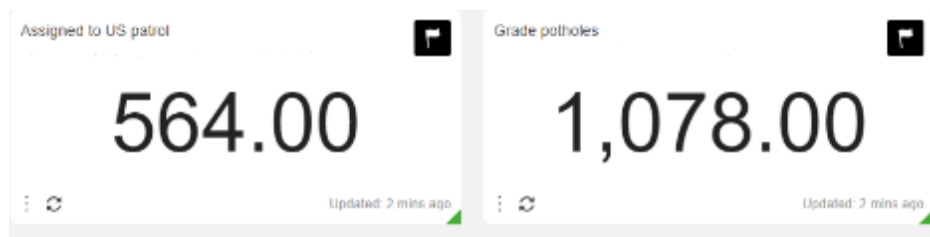
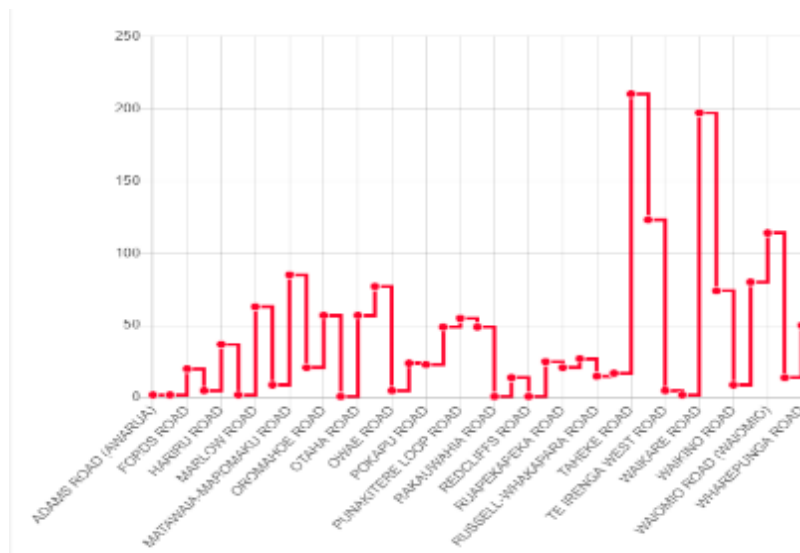
4. ROUTINE WORKS COMPLETED

Routine maintenance activities completed in October:

- 296 sealed potholes repaired.
- 5,861 unsealed potholes repaired.
- 275.9km of unsealed roads graded equating to 35.3% of the total unsealed network.



Routine Response Time Band



Potholes per road & those cleared by patrol crew vs. grading.

5. EMERGENCY WORKS

The main emergency works in October were during the rain event at the end of the month which mainly included trees that had come down. We also responded to some damage on the seawall and footpath in Paihia (Waka Kotahi to undertake permanent repairs).



Wahrepunga Rd / Hooks and halls Rd



Marsden Rd Paihia footpath damage

6. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE & RENEWALS

Drainage maintenance activities completed in October:

- 346m of heavy water tabling (Storm recovery package & scheduled work)
- 62.5m of Culvert pipes replaced/new. (Renewals Programme)
- 3 Culverts flushed.



Lanes Rd Culvert Renewal / Omanaia Rd Water Tabling



Before/After Tipene Rd Culvert Renewal

7. PHASE 2 – RECOVERY WORKS – GABRIELLE & MAY RAIN EVENTS

We carried on with phase 2 work, however we have got through a significant amount of this work meaning we have dropped down to one subcontractor, DCL to assist with the remaining work. The works carried out in October were two under slips on Te Tio Road.





Before/After Te Tio Rd Under slips

8. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE/RENEWALS

The Concrete crew have completed footpaths on Mangakahia Rd, Te Haumi Dr and Pokapu Bridge. They are a flexible crew and have been out tidying up slips and water tabling left over from the storms. They plan on heading to Otatara Marae Rd early November to install a concrete ford in an area that constantly washes out in heavy rain.



Hobson St Water tabling / Te Haumi Dr Footpath

9. ORDERED WORKS

Ordered works were carried out:

- Urban Spray (Started in Moerewa then Kerikeri)
- Digouts/Rip and Remake/Stabilised Patches

10. ROAD FURNITURE ACTIVITY

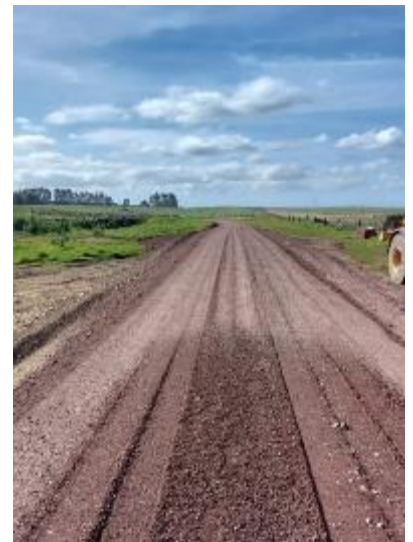
- 55 new signs installed or replaced (damaged or missing)
- 11 signposts replaced/new.
- 44 signs re-erected or straightened.
- 281 signs/posts cleaned.
- 120 posts painted.
- 16 metres of railing replaced.
- 269 edge marker / delineators replaced & straightened.

11. UNSEALED NETWORK

Unsealed rehabs were completed on:

- Pokas Rd
- Waitaheke Rd

Maintenance metal was put on sixteen roads across the network including Bullman Rd, Happy Valley Rd, Horahora Rd, Inkster Rd, Koronae Rd, Mangakaretu Rd, Manuwai Rd, Ngapuhi Rd, Omanaia Rd, Picadilly Rd, Stewards Rd, Te Iringa Rd, Tipene Rd, Wahimiti Ln, Waiotemaroma Gorge Rd and Wekaweka Rd.



Pokas Rd / Waitaheke Rd



Happy Valley Rd / Waihimiti Ln

12. PAVEMENT REHABILITATIONS

1. Ngapipito Rd 1850-3000m –Sealing has been booked for later this week (WE4/11 - weather dependent). Close to 5000m³ of aggregate was overlayed and stabilised with cement over the last few weeks.

The construction team are currently doing Preseal repairs on Ngapipito road and will be moving onto Orakau Road Rehab next as Cumber Road rehab has been postponed until after new year's due to desludging works by our Ventia Water brothers.

- Cumber Rd 0-421m
- Orakau Rd 14822-15050
- Pipiwai Rd 12274-12610m



13. RESURFACING

October was a bit hit and miss with the weather. The team focussed on keeping it local and not going out to the edges of the network or any of the higher speed environment roads while the weather was risky. This prove to be successful all be it a slow month, but some big sites are ahead of the team in November with Ruapekapeka the first road hit on 1st November at over 30tn. Roads completed in October include:

Kendall Rd, Riverview Rd, MacFarlane St, Waipapa Landing PI, Part of Ruapekapeka Rd.

14. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORT

We had two minor incidents in October. One where a speeding car came around the corner on Lake Road and lost control, swerved into the bank and clipped the wheel of our grader. No injuries and very minor damage to grader tyre.

Second incident we found a car had crashed on one of our pre seal repair sites. No injuries. Site was correctly set up for afterhours care and no faults or defects identified contributing to the crash. Speed likely a factor.



15. RAMM ISSUES



No issues this month – Any development & minor operational issues encountered in the system are being recorded to provide feedback to Think project each month.

16. CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES / COMPLAINTS

A welcome reduction in RFS numbers again this month with 85 (TBC). Comparing with the same period in the last two years of 155 in October 2022 and 170 in October 2020.

Ventia Customer Service Request Comparison, August 2023 to October 2023

Number of RFS's

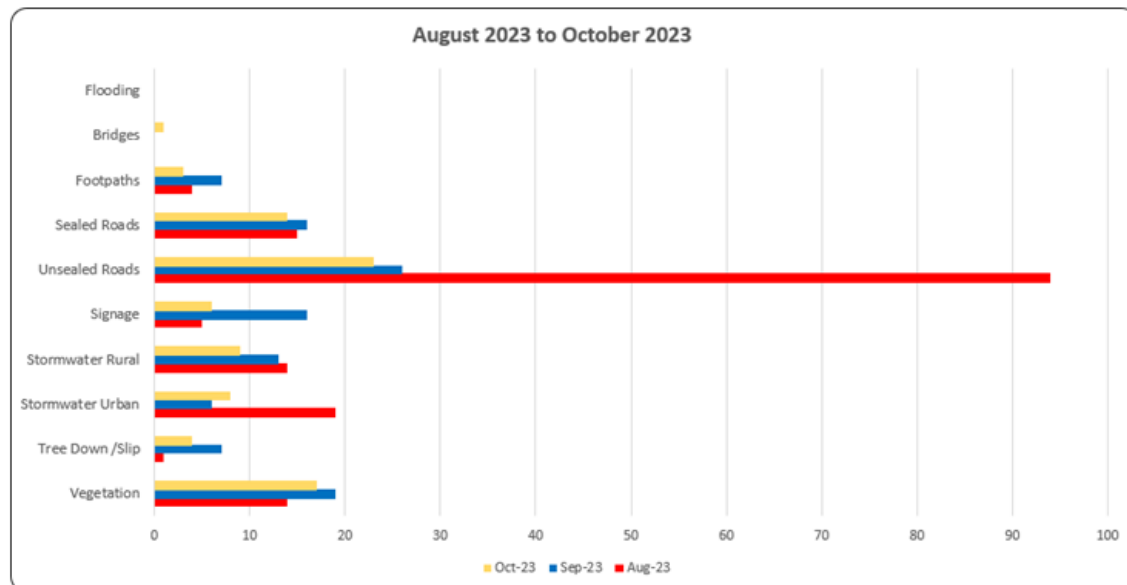
Month	Vegetation	Tree Down /Slip	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Flooding	Total
Aug-23	14	1	19	14	5	94	15	4	0	0	166
Sep-23	19	7	6	13	16	26	16	7	0	0	110
Oct-23	17	4	8	9	6	23	14	3	1	0	85

TBC

Percentage of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Tree Down /Slip	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Flooding	Total
Aug-23	8.4%	0.6%	11.4%	8.4%	3.0%	56.6%	9.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	100%
Sep-23	17.3%	6.4%	5.5%	11.8%	14.5%	23.6%	14.5%	6.4%	0.0%	0.0%	100%
Oct-23	20.0%	4.7%	9.4%	10.6%	7.1%	27.1%	16.5%	3.5%	1.2%	0.0%	100%

TBC





17. COMPLIMENTS

Three compliments this month, see below for details.

Montrose Rd- Customer phoned and txt'd Ventia thanking us for the grading.

"Just txt'ing to let you know what an awesome job your grader operator has done on Montrose Rd, Best job since we have been living there, Go ventia."

Motukioire Rd – Customer emailed Ventia thanking us for the repairs.

"Just wanted to do a big mihi to you te rmatua Calvin and your team/Hilary for sorting out the roads in Motukioire. They have re-done the roads after all the rain and just want to say I appreciate the work that you guys do."

Newton Rd – Customer emailed Ventia thanking us for the repairs.

"I want to express my thanks for the good work that DCL and Ventia have done on Newton Road."

18. HEALTH & SAFETY & WELLBEING

See attached to this report email for the SHEQ stats for the month.

The themes from our Branch Toolbox held on 10th October at the Kerikeri Sports Complex were:

- Discuss a fatality of a worker struck by an excavator at a Contractors yard in Otago.
- The sun is starting to pop up hot on the odd occasion. Slip, slop slap and hydrate. If you need a new water cooler for your team discuss with your manager to arrange.
- Safety belts, safety belts, safety belts.
- Overloading material on the back of trucks. Driver must ensure the load is compliant.

Francois our Construction Manager has started strong with Movember all be it a week or two early with this sick slug. He has created a Movember fundraising link - raising funds and awareness this Movember for all the dads, brothers, sons, and mates in our lives. I need your help. Please donate to support men's health.

Click this link to support - [Movember](#)



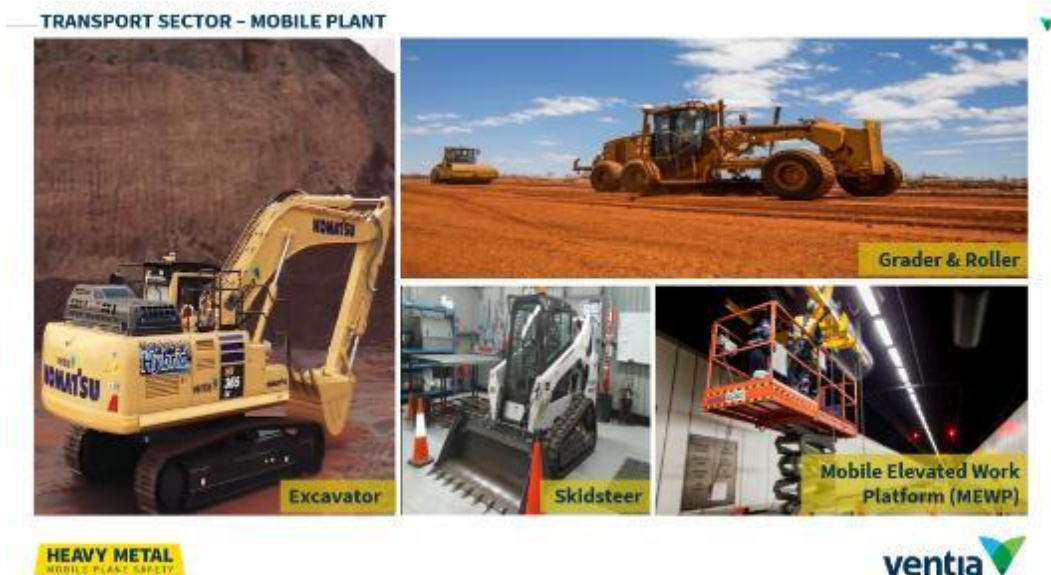


19. TRAINING

Our TTM Mentor has been doing a fantastic job training and signing off practical completion for our Traffic Controllers. We continued running weekend training sessions for our STMS non practicing, preparing them for their practical assessments.

We had three group training at our October toolbox meeting:

- “*Heavy Metal*” – An introduction to Mobile Plant Safety. Ventia Australia and NZ wide is running a programme through October & November on Heavy Metal (Mobile Plant Safety). A couple of sample slides of the stats and common risks found through a lot of data recording of incidents here at Ventia. Further info in the training section below.
- “*Respect at work*”
- “*Being sun smart*”



Ventia's Critical Risks





20. ENVIRONMENT

In October we had no notifiable incidents to report.

21. ANNUAL ROUTINE ACTIVITY ACHIEVEMENT

Routine and cyclic rounds start at the financial year (July 2023/24):

Biennial Painting of All Rails	0%	- on hold due to funding.
Biennial Parapet Painting of Bridges	0%	- on hold due to funding.
Annual Cleaning of EMP's	0%	- on hold due to funding.
Annual Sucking of All Sumps	0%	complete
Biannual sweeping	0%	complete
Urban Vegetation Spraying	45%	complete
Rural Vegetation Spraying	69%	complete
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 22 to 30th June 23.

Measurement	Qty
Local Contractor component of work	41%

23. OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS

The Construction team stayed on course with the delivery of *Pokapu Road Bridge Construction* as below:

The Pokapu bridge site is all but been completed. The old bridge was dismantled and removed from site and transported to its new location at the Whangarei quarry garden. Top Energy finished installing poles at new locations and reconnecting new lines. Chorus cables were run through the ducting lines and reconnected. The last of the seal was finished on the 26th. A general clean-up of the site is now underway. Line marking, finishing up the guardrails, adding a few extra signs and topsoil/grass will complete the project. Future work for the construction team will include the carpark at the new sports complex in Waipapa as well as a few smaller private jobs.



24. COMMUNITY WORK

This year our Community Grants program launched in sunny Northland New Zealand, and we provided \$30,000 in community grants to benefit several organisations.

EGM New Zealand Damian Pedreschi says the nomination panel were overwhelmed with the response we received. *"We had groups from right across Northland from Kaitaia to Mangawhai and everywhere in between apply, making it an extremely difficult selection process."*

The 14 selected recipients attended a heartwarming presentation held in Kaikohe and Whangarei along with Damian Pedreschi, Marketing and Communications Manager Laura Stokes, our Ventia Transport and Water teams and representatives from our chosen community groups.



The community groups Ventia is contributing to this year in Northland New Zealand are:

- Dress for Success Northland
- Far North Life Education Trust
- Glass Ceiling Arts Collective Ltd
- Kerikeri High School
- Mangawhai Football Club
- Ngā Moko a Rāhiri Inc.
- No.64 Squadron (Kaitaia)
- One Tree Point Bowling Club Inc
- Regent Community Trust
- Ruawai Lions Club
- Te Kopuru Playcentre
- Westpac Chopper appeal
- Work Ready NZ Limited / Ara Whakamaua
- Parapara Marae



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