

# TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:

## November & December 2023

*In a partnership of the four Northland Council's 'roading and transport departments', combining and co-locating the individual council staff and resources, the NTA works as part of Council to collectively create better, safer, and more accessible journeys across the district (and region) through structured maintenance and improvements in accordance with national safety and engineering standards, policies and guidelines.*

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Far North REAP (Rural Education Activities Programme) continued their work delivering Far North's Road Safety Education Programme, with highlight for November & December being the "Patience to Paradise" campaign material updated and media rollout with NZME and Mediaworks. Bike Northland continued delivery of the Grade 1 BikeReady programme across Far North schools.

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Works have ramped up as we enter the full summer construction season, with a focus of November and December on completing sealed network renewals and reseals. The projects assessed as being able to be fully delivered this year has increased to \$20,592,509, being 74% of total programme (versus previous report of \$18.146M || 71% of programme). A full list of 2023/24 projects with their respective delivery and risk status is provided within this report.

Across November and December crews completed a total of 3,748km of network inspections, and grading of 670km (41% of unsealed network). With the dryer months now here the grading activities reduce significantly with a maintenance focus on pothole repairs for both unsealed and sealed road, edge marker post replacement and roadside mowing. The 2023/24 summer dust suppression programme was also completed on the approved budgeted sites.

Works continued with the 2022/23 Emergency event(s) recovery activities, with further Phase 2 repair and clean-up works completed across November and December, including construction of five retaining walls. There are 38 confirmed Phase 3 (Complex sites) confirmed to progress to the detailed Geotech Investigation and Design phase, with three having full design reports and construction drawings completed. The seven next most critical sites have been issued to consultants for assessment and pricing (following NZTA and CE approval of procurement policy exception), with associated contracts due to be executed in early February.

120 new Corridor Access Requests received for works in the road reserve across Far North District in November (71) and December (49).

The Hokianga Ferry service carried a daily average of 559 passengers and 284 vehicles for the months of November and December 23, with revenue for the two-months combined 12% lower when compared to the same period last year. The schedule departures were 97% on time for the month, with 163 shuttling's and 10 charters.

Pleasingly the volume of customer requests has continued to reduce back to pre-storm event "normal" levels, with 296 requests received in December.

## ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

[Far North REAP](#) (Rural Education Activities Programme) are contracted to deliver Council’s Road Safety Education programmes across the Far North District. Key activities undertaken in November and December included:

- “Patience to Paradise” campaign material updated and media rollout with NZME and Mediaworks including on-air announcements, competitions, radio advertising, digital platform promotions, Social media (Facebook), Digital Billboards in Kaitaia/Ahipara, Fatigue stop at South End Information Centre, Whangarei for those travelling north (December 22<sup>nd</sup>) and a liaison meeting with Auckland Transport and NZME to develop a Patience to Paradise inter-regional promotional campaign with roll out to take place end of January through to Brynderwyn closure end of February.
- Representation on the FNDC Mayoral Business weekly meetings: Discussed collaborative work on the up-and-coming Brynderwyn closure and use of Patience to Paradise campaign.
- Speed Trailer Set Up (x8) in Waipapa due to concerns with Bunnings opening and traffic issues on SH10. Data used in submission to Waka Kotahi Speed Review.
- Facebook pre-Christmas Restraints competition.
- Road Safety Far North and Mid North Basketball liaison meetings: Code of Conduct development - use of restraints, fatigue, and speed.
- Alcohol Breathalyser trial at Awanui Hotel: Breathalyser machine installed for bar staff to engage with customers and discuss levels of intoxication, low alcohol/alcohol free options. Trial measures to be reported after summer period.
- Traffic Management support for tangi in Ngataki (young person passed in road crash and was one of the basketball team that had worked with the Far North REAP road safety team).
- Traffic Management support to local kura for regional inter-school Kapa Haka event
- Road Safety Liaison meeting (Auckland)
- Site visit and meeting with Kaitaia Intermediate, (School, NTA & Far North REAP representatives) to look at options to address issues regarding school bus drop off congestion on main North Road Kaitaia.
- TEAMS meetings with Waka Kotahi, Auckland Transport, NTA, Far North REAP Road Safety regarding collaborative road safety promotion site at Northland Field Days end of February.
- Attendance at the ‘The Party’ Interactive Video (Road Safety Far North) relaunch and ‘After the Game’ Interactive Video premiere (Auckland Transport).
- Far North REAP Learner Licence Courses:
  - November 9 of 11 passed, December 6 of 6 passed.
- Far North REAP Restricted/Full Courses:
  - November: 12 Restricted passed, 5 Full passed.
  - December: 11 Restricted passed, 5 Full passed. (100% pass rate).
- Te Runanga o Whaingaroa / Moerewa Christian Fellowship Restricted/Full Courses:
  - November: 7 Restricted passed, 4 Full passed.
  - December: 17 Restricted, 8 Full passed.
- Moerewa Christian Fellowship Restricted/Full Course (December. Testing in Kaikohe – 1 Restricted passed, 6 Full passed. 100% passed).

[Bike Northland](#) are contracted to deliver Council’s bike safety and skills training and they utilise the Waka Kotahi programme [BikeReady](#). Bike Northland are delivering Grade 1 only at this stage and working with schools to build a Grade 2 programme which is where students are taken on the road. Bike Northland also help support the bikes in school’s programme. Their key deliverables are summarised below:

2023/24 Far North District Council		
Course	Contracted	YTD
Grade 1	1050	994

## SPEED LIMIT REVIEW PROGRAM

Council approved the Kerikeri-Bay of Islands Interim Speed Management Plan at the 29 November meeting. Since that approval staff have received a notice of motion, pausing any further work on this catchment until Council meets on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February.

Far North District Council approved the goals and objectives of the Draft 2024/27 Regional Speed Management Plan and a three-year implementation programme that included Russell/Kawakawa, Moerewa rural roads, Kaikohe/Ngawha, Kaitaia and Far North schools.

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## TRANSPORT CHOICES FUNDING PACKAGE (CERF)

While Council completed the process of signing Schedule 2 (Construction funding agreement) for the Transport Choices package in October 2023, the agreement was not executed by Waka Kotahi prior to the programme being placed on hold pending direction from the new Government.

In a letter from the Minister of Transport received by Council on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the Minister confirmed that there will be no further funding allocated for the Transport Choices programme meaning the construction of the Far North projects will no longer receive funding for completion.

An excerpt from the Minister's letter of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 is below, with the construction phase of the Far North programmes falling under point one.

I am writing to inform you of my decisions regarding the Transport Choices programme:

- All projects that were put on hold at the end of October 2023 will not receive any further funding, and therefore will not proceed to implementation/construction as part of the Transport Choices programme.
- The Transport Choices projects that already have a signed Schedule 2 (implementation/construction) funding agreement with NZTA are not impacted, and can continue to progress to delivery.
- All councils proceeding in the programme with a signed Schedule 2 funding agreement are to complete their Transport Choices projects by June 2025.

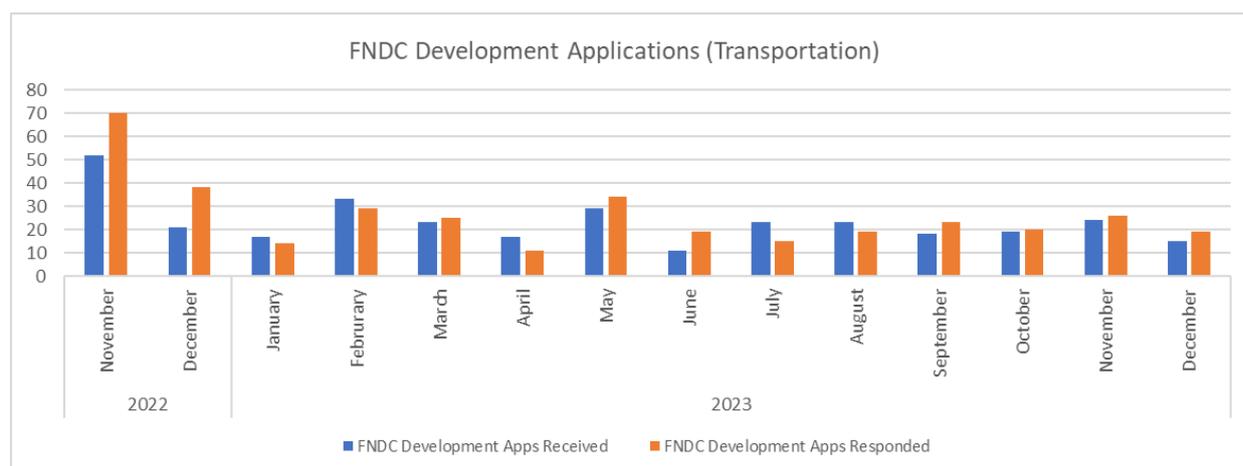
## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS (Transportation)

The following table and graph below provide information on the volume of development applications received for transportation assessment over the past twelve months.

A total of twenty-four applications were received in the month of November (vs. twelve month rolling average of twenty) and a total of twenty-six were processed.

In the month of December, a total of sixteen applications were received (vs. twelve month rolling average of nineteen) and a total of nineteen application were processed before the Christmas / New Year shutdown period (22nd December 2023 – 8th January 2024).

Year	Month	FNDC			
		Development Apps		Alfresco	
		Received	Responded	Received	Responde
2022	November	52	70	2	2
	December	21	38	3	3
2023	January	17	14	1	0
	February	33	29	1	2
	March	23	25	2	2
	April	17	11	1	1
	May	29	34	0	0
	June	11	19	2	2
	July	23	15	1	1
	August	23	19	1	1
	September	18	23	6	5
	October	19	20	4	4
	November	24	26	5	5
	December	16	19	1	1

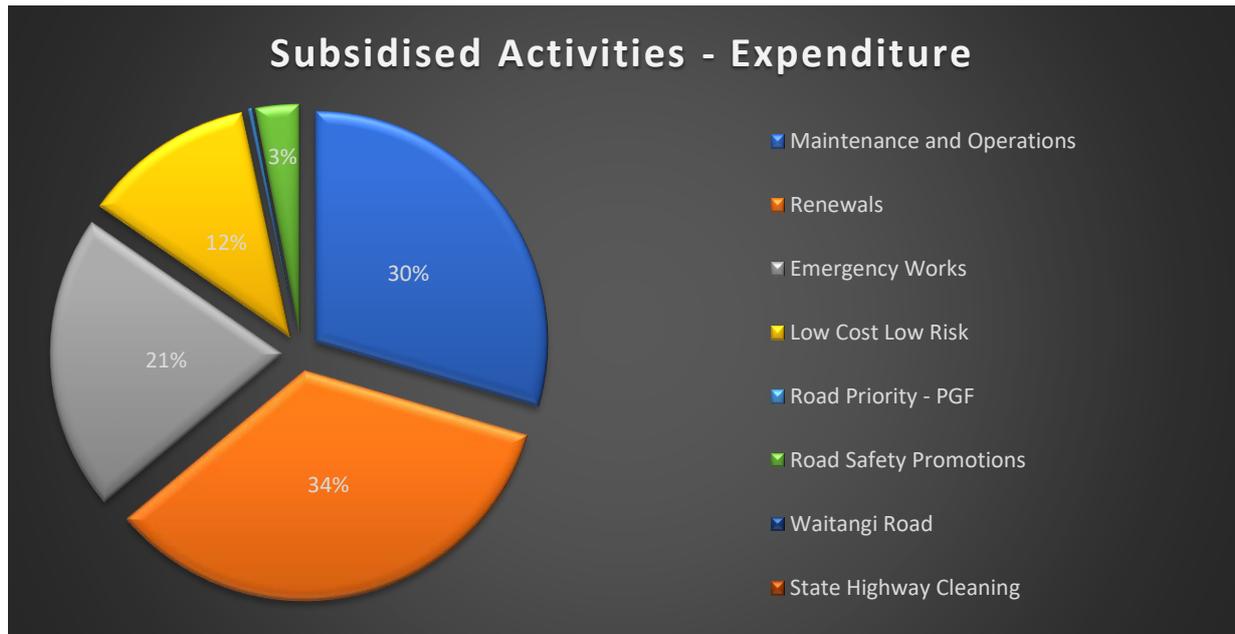


## FNDC TRANSPORT BUDGET EXPENDITURE ALLOCATION PROGRESS

The graphs provided below provide an overview of the key areas of “subsidised” transport expenditure over the first 12 months of the current 2023/24 financial year.

As demonstrated in the pie graph below, 85% of expenditure year to date relate to the three core activities of Renewals (34%), Maintenance & Operations (30%) and Emergency Works (21%) with completion of each of these activities tracking well against available approved full year budgets.

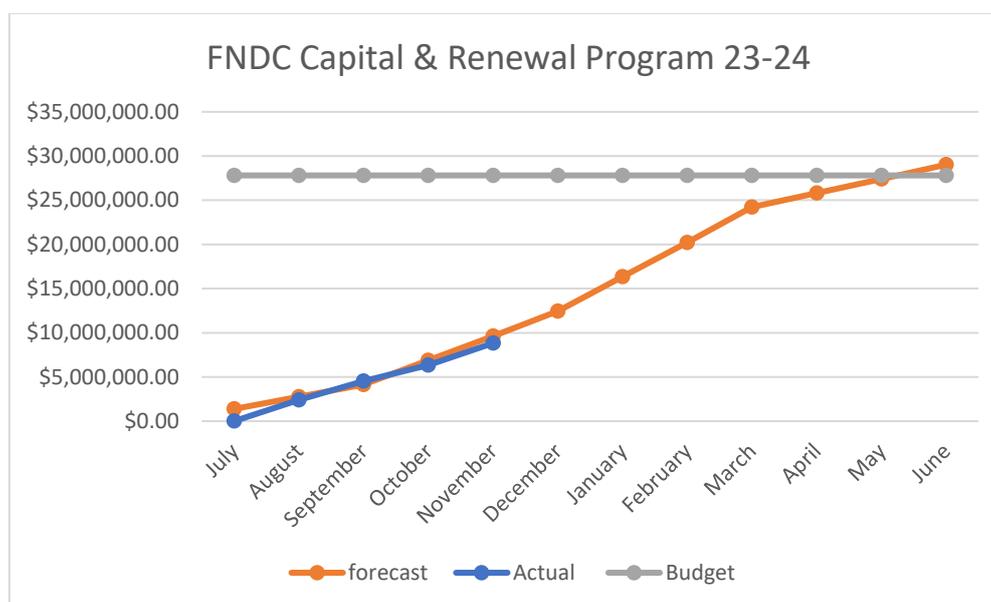
Works in the Low-Cost Low Risk (Improvements) category are also beginning to ramp up and will continue to be progressed through the remainder of the financial year.



## FNDC TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY

Works continued on Capital Works programme activities with the improved weather seeing pavement works and other activities continuing. The year to date expenditure for the first quarter was aligned with forecast, with expenditure expected to increase at a greater rate now that we are moving into the summer construction season.

The current total forecast is slightly greater than approved budget primarily due to outcome of revised cost forecasts undertaken that take current escalation impacts into account. Discussions are presently in progress with Waka Kotahi to secure additional subsidy funding however if this additional funding is not provided the programme will be re-prioritised and re-forecast to ensure it remains within approved budgets.



Note – December actual expenditure data unavailable at the time of finalising report

### Project Risk Table

The projects assessed as being able to be fully delivered this year has increased to \$20,592,509, being 74% of total programme (versus previous report of \$18.146M || 71% of programme).

FNDC	No. of Projects	Description	Budget	% of Total Budget
🟢	31	Will be fully delivered this year	\$20,592,509.00	74%
🟡	13	Risk of partial delivery	\$5,698,700.39	20%
🔴	8	Risk of non delivery	\$1,517,500.00	5%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,808,709.39</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Note – a full list of 2023/24 projects (complete with status and risk assessment) provided below.

### FNDC Monthly Report - December 2023

Work Category	Category	Project Title	Location	Monthly status update	Next months status update	Risk
141	Emergency Works	Fairburn Road RP9668 (RRMS Slip ID 232445)	Fairburn Road RP9668	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
141 - Emergency Works Total				\$416,336.00		
212	0	Sealed Road Resurfacing	Network Wide	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
212 - Sealed Resurfacing Total				\$4,553,540.00		
213	0	Drainage Renewals	Network Wide	Design Stage	Construction underway	●
213-Drainage Renewals Total				\$200,000.00		
214	HG	SOMMERVILLE AVENUE (KAITAIA)	SOMMERVILLE AVENUE (KAITAIA) RP 10 to RP 184 = 174m	Construction underway	Construction completed	●
214	HG	NGAPIPITO ROAD	NGAPIPITO ROAD RP 1850 to RP 3000 = 1150m	Construction completed	Construction completed	●
214	HG	CUMBER RD	CUMBER ROAD RP 0 TO RP 421 = 421m	Design Stage	Construction underway	●
214	HG	ORAKAU RD	ORAKAU RD RP 14822 TO RP 15050 = 228m	Construction completed	Construction completed	●
214	HG	PIPIWAI RD	PIPIWAI RD RP 12274 TO RP 12610 = 336m	Construction underway	Construction completed	●
214	HG	GILL RD	GILL RD RP 470 TO RP 1390 = 920m	Construction completed	Construction completed	●
214	HG	GILL RD	GILL RD RP 1423 TO RP 2180 = 757m	Construction completed	Construction completed	●
214	HG	MIDGLEY RD	MIDGLEY RD RP 600 TO RP 1900 = 1300m	Construction underway	Construction completed	●
214	HG	KAITAIA-AWAROA RD	KAITAIA-AWAROA RD RP 28540 TO 30140 = 1690m	Construction underway	Project on hold	●
214	HG	PAWARENGA RD	PAWARENGA RD RP 2306 TO 2956 = 650m	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
214 - Sealed Rehab Total				\$3,760,000.00		
215	0	General Bridge Repairs 2021/24 (SP3)	Network Wide	Procurement Stage	Procurement Stage	●
215	0	Scour Protection Works 2021/24 (SP3)	Network Wide	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
215	0	Hihi Road Bridge F07 and Matai Rd Bridge C03	Hihi Road Bridge F07	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
215 - Structures Component Replacement Total				\$2,150,000.00		
216	0	Churtons Road Bridge C13 Replacement	Churtons Road Bridge C13	Construction completed	Construction completed	●
216	0	Quarry Road Bridge B13 & Wekaweka Road J18 Culvert Replacement	Quarry Road (Awanui)	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
216	0	Whangaroa Road UN28, Waharua Road A39 & West Coast Road (Kohukohu) G28 Culvert Replacements (PW + Prof Serv)		0 Procurement Stage	Procurement Stage	●
216 - Bridge and Structures Renewals Total				\$2,700,000.00		
341	Road 2 Zero	144229 - Safety - Speed Management via Local Area TM	Ahipara Rd, Ahipara Township	Procurement Stage	Construction underway	●
341	Road 2 Zero	152000 - Safety - High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR)	Ahipara-Sandhills	Procurement Stage	Construction underway	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	152002 - Resilience Improvements 2021/22 - Beach Road, Mangonui	Beach Road, Mangonui	Project planning stage	Project deferred to future years	●
341	Road 2 Zero	144220 - Safety - Speed Management	BOI and Kerikeri	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	144247 - Safety - Pedestrian Improvements	Cobham Rd/Hone Heke Rd Intersection	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	152011 - Resilience Improvements 2023/24 - Hupara Road	Hupara Road RP 3028-3058, Moerewa	Procurement Stage	Procurement Stage	●
341	Road 2 Zero	144226 - Safety - Speed Management via Local Area TM	Kaikohe Nth Urban Area	Construction completed	Construction completed	●

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341	Low Risk Improvement	144256 Stock Truck Effluent Diposal Facilities	Kaitaia and Kaikohe	Project planning stage	Design Stage	●
341	Road 2 Zero	144229 - Safety - Speed Management via Local Area TM	Kaitaia Urban Area	Procurement Stage	Construction underway	●
341	Road 2 Zero	144236 - Safety - School Zones (& Safer Journeys for Schools)	Kerikeri Primary and High Schools	Project on hold	Project on hold	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	152008 - Resilience Improvements 2023/24 - Kohukohu Road	Kohukohu Road RP602, Kohukohu	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	152006 - Resilience Improvements 2022/23 - Manawaora Road	Manawaora Road	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
341	Road 2 Zero	151999 - Safety - Speed Management via Local Area TM	Moerewa - Otiria & Side Roads	Construction completed	Construction completed	●
341	Road 2 Zero	144235 - Safety - School Zones (& Safer Journeys for Schools)	Moerewa School	Project on hold	Project on hold	●
341	Road 2 Zero	144218 - Safety - Speed Management	North Hokianga and Kaitaia	Procurement Stage	Construction underway	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	152010 - Resilience Improvements 2023/24 - Pawarenga Road	Pawarenga Road RP 517-537	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	144212 - Safety - Urban/Rural Intersection (HRRl)	Pukepoto Rd/ Lake Rd	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	144248 - Safety - Pedestrian Improvements	Redan Rd	Procurement Stage	Construction underway	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	144213 - Safety - Urban/Rural Intersection (HRRl)	Reef View/Foreshore Road	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
341	Road 2 Zero	144238 - Safety - School Zones (& Safer Journeys for Schools)	Riverview School	Project on hold	Project on hold	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	144214 - Safety - Urban/Rural Intersection (HRRl)	Tokerau Beach Road/ Inland Road	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	144142 - Associated Improvements	Various Locations	Project planning stage	Design Stage	●
341	Road 2 Zero	160157 - Safety - Speed Management	Various Schools in BOI and Kerikeri catchment	Project on hold	Project on hold	●
341	Low Risk Improvement	152007 - Resilience Improvements 2023/24 - Waikare Road	Waikare Road RP 10935-10970, Waikare	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
341 - Low Cost Low Risk Total			\$8,312,950.39			
seal extensions	0	PAWARENGA ROAD	PAWARENGA ROAD RP 11903 to RP 13583 = 1680m	Construction completed	Construction completed	●
seal extensions	0	RUAROA RD	RUAROA RD RP 3008 to 5681 = 2673m	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
seal extensions	0	HAUTAPU RD	HAUTAPU RD RP 0 - 530 = 530m	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
seal extensions	0	HAUTAPU RD	HAUTAPU RD RP 4736 - 5937 = 1201m	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
Seal Extensions Total			\$2,478,500.00			
unsub footpath	0	BOI-Whangaroa New Footpath: Queen Street	Queen Street from Wellington - Little Queen St, Russell	Procurement Stage	Procurement Stage	●

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unsub footpath	0	BOI-Whangaroa New Footpath: SH11 Haruru	SH11 from Nautical Dr - Haruru Falls Rd, Haruru	Procurement Stage	Procurement Stage	●
unsub footpath	0	BOI-Whangaroa New Footpath: Te Tii Road	Te Tii Road from BOI Academy - Whitiara Marae, Te Tii	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
unsub footpath	0	Kaikohe-Hokianga New Footpath: Horeke Road	Horeke Road from end of existing path - School, Horeke	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
unsub footpath	0	Kaikohe-Hokianga New Footpath: Manning Street	Manning Street from 14 Manning St - Marmon St, Rawene	Design Stage	Design Stage	●
unsub footpath	0	Kaikohe-Hokianga New Footpath: Mitchie Street	Mitchie Street from Lawn St - end of road, Okaihau	Design Stage	Project deferred to future	●
unsub footpath	0	Kaikohe-Hokianga New Footpath: Parnell Street	Parnell Street: gap between Honey St & School, Rawene	Design Stage	Procurement Stage	●
unsub footpath	0	Kaikohe-Hokianga New Footpath: Parnell Street	Parnell Street: gap at Nimmo St, Rawene	Design Stage	Procurement Stage	●
unsub footpath	0	Kaikohe-Hokianga New Footpath: SH12 Ohaewai	SH12 from pre-school - existing path & existing path - rugby field, Ohaewai	Design Stage	Project deferred to future	●
unsub footpath	0	Kaikohe-Hokianga New Footpath: SH12, Kaikohe	SH12 from Reservoir Rd - Showgrounds, Kaikohe	Design Stage	Project deferred to future	●
unsub footpath	0	Te Hiku New Footpath: Cable Bay Block Road	Cable Bay Block Road, Cable Bay	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
unsub footpath	0	Te Hiku New Footpath: Taupata Place	Taupata Place, Kaitaia	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
unsub footpath	0	Te Hiku New Footpath: Takahe Rd	Takahe Rd, Ahipara	Construction underway	Construction underway	●
<b>Unsub Footpath Total</b>			\$3,237,383.00			
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>			\$27,808,709.39			

Photo Wall – November/December 2023



*Gills Road Pavement Rehabilitation*



*Sommerville Ave: Kerb and Channel, Urban Stormwater Replacement/ Road Rehabilitation Project*



*Orakau Road Rehabilitation*



*Pipiwai Road Rehabilitation*



*Kaitaia Awaroa Road Rehabilitation*



*Cable Bay Block Rd 2<sup>nd</sup> retaining wall with handrail and fresh pour before washing for exposed aggregate.*



*Cable Bay Block Rd fresh pour before washing for exposed aggregate*



*Cable Bay Block Rd rock wall to create width for the new footpath.*



*Manawaora Road Slip Repair with completed & hydroseeded soil nailed embankment.*



*Manawaora Road Slip Repair with reinstated pavement and sight rail installed.*



*7/23/101 Wekaweka Rd J18 Culvert Replacement*



*7/23/101 Quarry Road B13 Culvert Replacement*



*FNDC Contract 7/23/185 - FNDC Footpath Projects Suite 3 (21-24)*



*FNDC Contract 7/22/159 - EW Slip - Fairburn Rd*

## FNDC TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

Key points of note for the month of November and December includes:

- Completed routine maintenance focused on pothole repairs for both unsealed and sealed road, edge marker post replacement and roadside mowing.
- Programmed works completed were culvert replacement, culverts end clearing and flushing, and few culverts were replaced. Signs and edge marker post replaced, cleaned straightened and painted. Spraying, edgebreaks /shoulder repairs, dig outs and stabilised patches and sweeping.
- Wet, Grade and Roll completed prior to Christmas for the South area for approximately 38km
- 2504km network inspection completed district wide in November and 1244km in December.
- Remarking of road centreline and edgelines is still in progress for the North area
- Dust Suppressant application completed for 29km District Wide

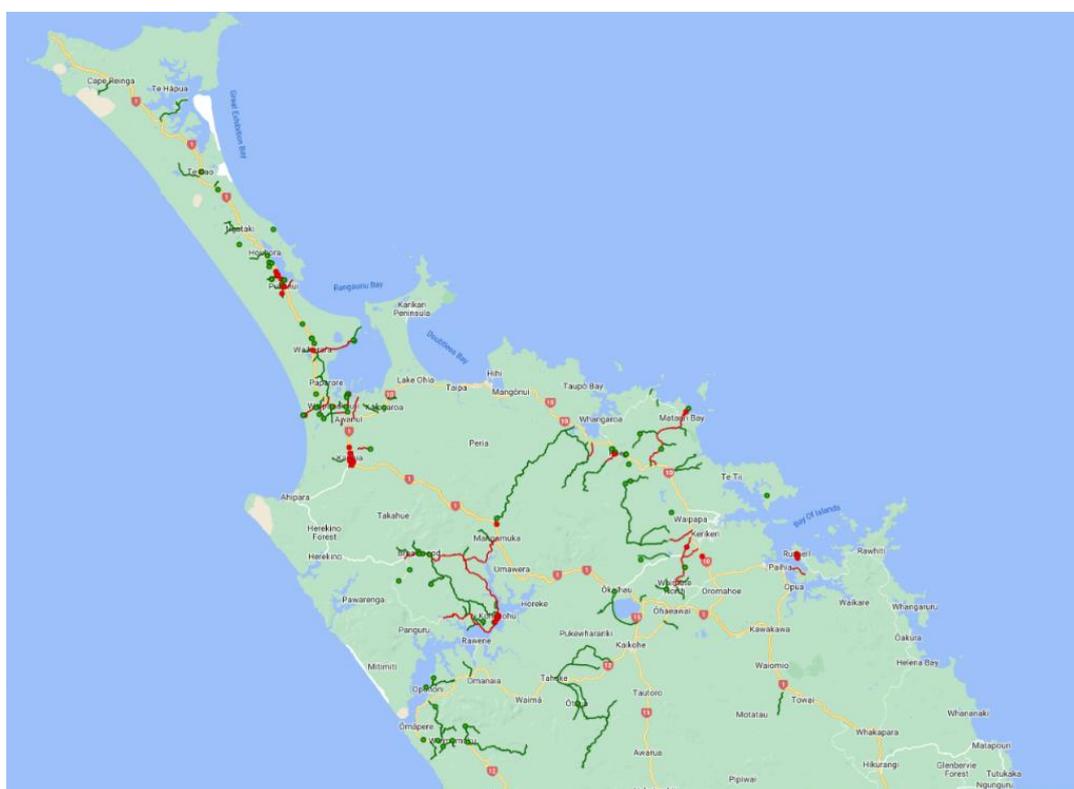
Maintenance activities programmed for January relate to:

- Routine unsealed and sealed network routine maintenance activities
- Pre-reseal pavement repairs
- Drainage works
- Footpath renewals and unsealed overlay

Daily site checks continuing all warning and Phase 2 reinstatement works for storm damages for the October Rain Event and a few from the Cyclone Gabrielle & May Rain event.

### Network Inspections

The map below provides a visual representation of all completed inspections carried out by the contractors for the month of November & December, (unsealed roads shown as green, and sealed roads in red).



## Completed Grading

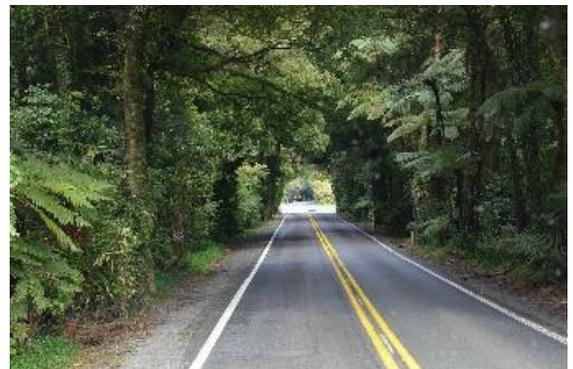
Excellent progress was made with network wide maintenance grading in November & December, with 41% (or 670km) of the unsealed network length completed, as represented in the map to the right.



## Contractor Innovations:

### Chip Spreader – With no hoist.

The main hazard when spreading chip onto our reseal sites is overhead hazards – Powerlines and low trees. Trout River Trucks have made this truck for one of Ventia’s sub-contractors, permanently with the sealing team. It’s a conveyer operated bin. It drags the chip along a conveyor and out into two augers that then spread the material evenly out the back. The spreader also drops down to 200mm off the ground to reduce chip roll around. A super impressive modern machine that eliminates overhead hazards.



### Asphalt Millings to reinforce scoured shoulders

In response to the challenges posed by this year’s weather events, specifically prolonged and intense rainfall exceeding 40mm per hour for nearly an hour, we observed significant negative impacts on the shoulders and water tables of certain roads. Rather than merely addressing these issues in a conventional manner, Ventia seized the opportunity to implement a creative solution.

Harnessing the potential of recycled asphalt millings, they embarked on a project to reshape and reinforce damaged or weak shoulders. The process involved strategically utilising asphalt millings and compacting them to form a resilient structure. The outcome is akin to concreting the shoulders, but at a fraction of the cost and with the added benefit of using a recycled product.

The roads this has been utilised on to date are: Waimate North near SH10, Old Bay Rd the near SH1 end and Porotu Rd.

This innovative approach not only addresses the challenges posed by adverse weather conditions but also underscores Ventia’s commitment to sustainable and cost-effective solutions in road maintenance.

## EMERGENCY WORKS RECOVERY PROGRAMME

### PHASE 2 DELIVERY

Minor works, less than \$100k (generally), per site, low risk, reinstatement of roads to pre-event condition (may require geo-tech assessment to support outcomes). Waka Kotahi funding approval through report applications.

#### Works completed in November & December:

Road	Start	End	Length	Asset Type	Fault
FISHER-RILEY ROAD	715	730	15	Retaining Walls	New construction - Drop out (m)
KAITAIA-AWAROA ROAD	26807	26817	10	Retaining Walls	New construction - Drop out (m)
FISHER-RILEY ROAD	534	544	10	Retaining Walls	New construction - Drop out (m)
PIPIWAI ROAD	8480	8490	10	Retaining Walls	New construction - Drop out (m)
WAIMATE NORTH ROAD	7790	7820	30	Pavement - Sealed	Digout - Subsidence (m2)
OTATARA MARAE ROAD	513			Drainage (Culverts)	Install headwall structure - Scour (ea)
PIPIWAI ROAD	6234	6259	25	Retaining Walls	New construction - Drop out (m)

#### Works planned for January:

Road	Start	End	Length	Asset Type	Fault
WAIMATE NORTH ROAD	3227	3527	300	Surface Water Channels	WT reconstruct - Over deepened/scouring (m)
TAITA ROAD	2588	2589	1	Drainage (Culverts)	Culvert renewal - Inadequate/damaged (m)
HAPPY VALLEY ROAD	1378			Drainage (Culverts)	Install headwall structure - Scour (ea)
KAHIKATOA ROAD	255	256	1	Drainage (Culverts)	Culvert renewal - Inadequate/damaged (m)
WAIMATE NORTH ROAD	3216			Drainage (Culverts)	Culvert Maint - Minor Repairs (ea)
WAIMATE NORTH ROAD	4530	4590	60	Surface Water Channels	WT reconstruct - Over deepened/scouring (m)
WAIMATE NORTH ROAD	8589	8634	45	Surface Water Channels	WT reconstruct - Over deepened/scouring (m)
WAIOTEMARAMA GORGE ROAD	5858	5863	5	Retaining Walls	New construction - Drop out (m)
MATAWAIA-MAROMAKU ROAD	17940	17950	10	Retaining Walls	New construction - Drop out (m)
TAHEKE ROAD	6546	6581	35	Retaining Walls	New construction - Drop out (m)
TAHEKE ROAD	9274	9289	15	Retaining Walls	New construction - Drop out (m)
LAKE ROAD (OKAIHAU)	8752	8772	20	Retaining Walls	New construction - Drop out (m)



### PHASE 3 DELIVERY

The Far North has 38 sites confirmed under **Phase 3** – these sites require detailed geotechnical investigation and design, procurement consideration and project management oversight.

NZTA procurement specialists approved an exception to award Geotech Investigation and Design work packages to a panel of six pre-qualified specialist consultants for priority sites (Stage 1) across the Northland region. The subsequent Chief Executive approvals enabled work packages for Kaipara, Far North and Whangarei to be distributed to consultants prior to the Christmas break.

The three sites noted as ‘Complex’ under the Stage identifier below have full design reports and construction drawings completed. The project team are working on confirming funding for construction currently, both the NZTA and local share components.

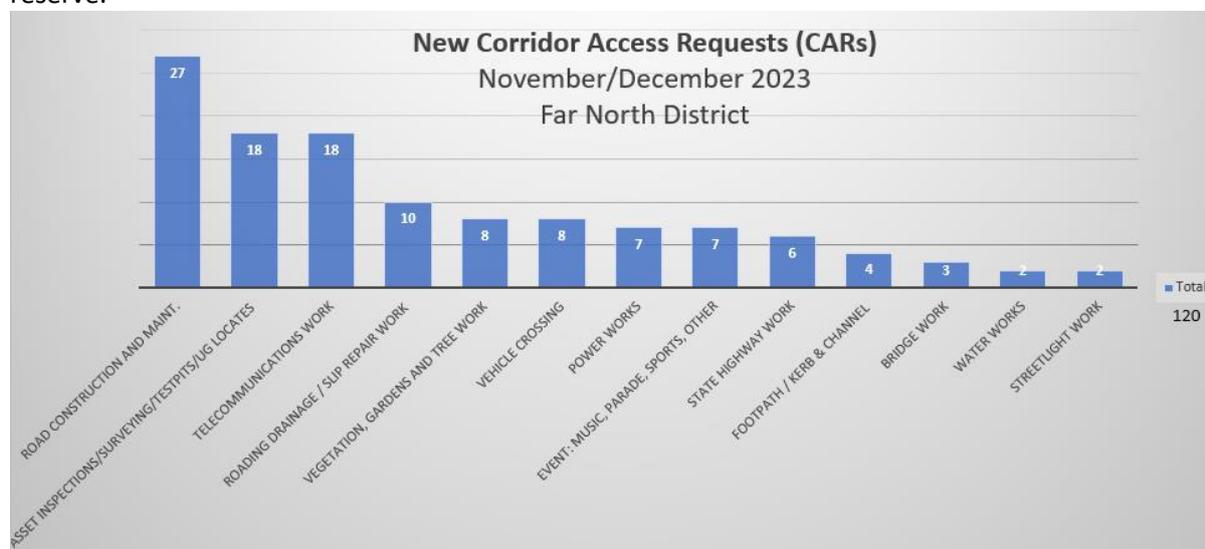
Contracts for seven sites (Stage 1) in the Far North are due to be executed early in February and procurement for the remaining 31 sites in Far North’s programme (Stage 1b) will be underway shortly.

Phase 3 Emergency Works			
Council	Stage identifier	Slip site location	Route position
Far North	Complex	WEST COAST ROAD	20915
Far North	Complex	WEST COAST ROAD, MOTUTI	16775
Far North	Complex	WHANGAE ROAD	2250
Far North	Stage 1	KAITAIA - AWAROA	13525
Far North	Stage 1	KAITAIA - AWAROA	26807
Far North	Stage 1	MANGAMUKA RD	2948
Far North	Stage 1	PAWARENGA RD	8151
Far North	Stage 1	WAINUI - MATAURI BAY RD	4995
Far North	Stage 1	WAINUI RD	4655
Far North	Stage 1	WAINUI RD	6561
Far North	Stage 1b	BROADWOOD RD	296
Far North	Stage 1b	CHURCH ROAD (KAITAIA)	1404
Far North	Stage 1b	DUNCAN ROAD (KAINGAROA)	10069
Far North	Stage 1b	DUNCAN ROAD (KAINGAROA)	13894
Far North	Stage 1b	DUNCAN ROAD (KAINGAROA)	14443
Far North	Stage 1b	DUNCAN ROAD (KAINGAROA)	10105
Far North	Stage 1b	FISHER-RILEY ROAD	2820
Far North	Stage 1b	FRYER RD	2892
Far North	Stage 1b	FRYER RD	3487
Far North	Stage 1b	HONEYMOON VALLEY ROAD	5585
Far North	Stage 1b	IWITAU RD	6252
Far North	Stage 1b	LARMER ROAD	2117
Far North	Stage 1b	MANGAMUKA RD	7860
Far North	Stage 1b	MATAWAIA - MAROMAKU	7182
Far North	Stage 1b	MONUMENT RD	6844
Far North	Stage 1b	ORURU ROAD	2348
Far North	Stage 1b	PAPONGA ROAD	2453
Far North	Stage 1b	PARANUI RD	4460
Far North	Stage 1b	TAPUHI RD	8730
Far North	Stage 1b	TE RORE ROAD	3039
Far North	Stage 1b	WAIARE RD	28085
Far North	Stage 1b	WAIARE ROAD	28047
Far North	Stage 1b	WAIKARE ROAD	8444
Far North	Stage 1b	WAIKARE ROAD	10600
Far North	Stage 1b	WAIKARE ROAD	19970
Far North	Stage 1b	WAIMATE NORTH RD	3227
Far North	Stage 1b	WHANGAE RD	4817
Far North	Stage 1b	WHANGAPE RD	6228

## Corridor Access Requests (CARs) and Temporary Traffic Management

### CARs and Temporary Traffic Management Applications

There were 120 Corridor Access Request applications received for works in the road reserve across Far North district in November (71) and December (49). A breakdown of the activities in the graphs shows road construction and utilities activities accounts for most excavation applications in the road reserve.



There were 40 CAR applications approved in November and 38 approved in December for Far North district. The Kerikeri Street Party was pushed through for approval in November after event organisers realised application for a road closure had not been submitted and a road closure to celebrate Karangahape Marae refurbishment was also accelerated.

Incorrect dates submitted by the TTM company for Paihia Christmas Parade meant another Extraordinary Council meeting was tagged onto the Transport Committee meeting to gain approval of the road closure. Kaikohe and Kaitia Christmas Parade TMPs were also approved.

Fraser Hoani is in the process of creating an FNDC annual events calendar to eliminate these last-minute road closure requests that require Extraordinary Council meetings to approve road closures due to lack of planning by organisers.

### Work Completion Notifications, Reinstatement Inspections and Traffic Management Audits

#### November 2023

CAR Status	Count of CAR #
Cancelled	27
Closed	36
Completion Notified	9
Work in Warranty	23
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>95</b>

#### December 2023

CAR Status	Count of CAR #
Cancelled	13
Closed	35
Completion Notified	10
Work in Warranty	6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>64</b>

There were 159 Corridor Access Requests (CARs) completion status updates in November (95) and December (64). A total of 29 excavation sites were set into a two year warranty period with 15 of those inspections completed onsite.

There were four temporary traffic management safety audits completed in November and December. The sites scored a 'High', 'Acceptable', 'Needs Improvement' and 'Unacceptable' rating.

02/11/23	Tarmac	Footpath repairs /intersection upgrade	Full Road Closed / Priority Give way	Tarmac	Recreation Drive Kaikohe	17	Acceptable (11-25)	Fraser Hoani	Signs hidden inbetween parked cars moved out while on site so signs are visible to road users. People keep stealing TTM equipment which makes things hard for contractors to be compliant. Pedestrians walking through site randomly picking gear up and moving equipment, STMS and crew too intimidated to address issues.
22/11/23	Chevron	First Coat Chip Seal	3 Way MTC	Fulton Hogan	Gillis Road Kaitiaki	0	High (0-10)	Kelly Sproule	Nice tidy site
23/11/23	Fulton Hogan	Rehab	Full Road Close	Fulton Hogan	Sommerville Road		Unacceptable-Multiple (both 51+ and other Aspects)	Kelly Sproule	All active signs missing no T1 or Road closed ahead sign & road closed sign. No TTM paper work completed, construction crew had all risks & hazard controls. WAP had expired by over a month Stop work notice issued. No Site checks been completed
06/12/23	Safe Trak	Top Energy Maintenance	3 Way MTC	Top Energy	Inlet Road Karekare Peninsula	30	Needs Improvement (26-50)	Kelly Sproule	Safety zones not long enough cones added to extend & make longitudinal and braking safety zone compliant. No Tc on paddle on side road.

TTM Review Panels were held on 7 and 21 November; and 20 December to review unacceptable, unsafe or non-compliant traffic management sites. The Stop Work Order issued to Tarmac working on Recreation Road in October was issued with notice of non-conformances (NNCs) to both the STMS and the Contractor. The Corrective Action Plan was found to be lacking and we are working with the contractor to improve their TTM Quality System to prevent further non-compliant, unsafe sites on FNDCs network.

### Other TTM Updates:

A Corridor Access newsletter was distributed to contractors, TTM providers and utility operators in Far North and wider Northland. Key points included a reminder to contractors of the Northland local road works moratorium to remove all orange from the network; and reinforcing Northland Councils' adoption of the risk-based approach to temporary traffic being led by Waka Kotahi and the TTM Industry Steering Group.

Kelly Sproule attended the FNDC Situational Safety and Tactical Communication workshop in Kaikohe in November after an incident at a Stop Work Order left him shaken. Kelly is WDC employed but audits and inspects reinstatements in the Far North. The course was beneficial and has set Kelly up to build on his skillset and confidence should traffic audits escalate in the future.

The TTM Industry Steering Group (ISG) met on 28<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the national transition to a risk-based approach to TTM. Rachel Taylor, NTA Road Corridor Management Lead has joined one of the six workstream focus groups - the Good Practice workstream. This group is working on the definition of Good Practice and ISG endorsement of Practice Notes based off the IPENZ model. As representative for the North Island RCAs a subsequent update on workstream progress was relayed – RCA engagement and Council collaboration across the country has been one of the good news stories to come out of the TTM industry reform.

Fraser Hoani attended Fulton Hogan, T8 and SafeTrak safety meetings in December to discuss temporary traffic management and safety expectations for working in the road.

The Road Worker Safety Governance Group (RWSGG) met with the ISG on 16 December in Auckland. RWSGG representatives come from WorkSafe, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Civil Contractors New Zealand (CCNZ) and the Association of Consultants and Engineers (ACE NZ). Rachel Taylor presented to the Group on behalf of Councils nationally. The presentation focused on 5 questions put to Councils nationally on the transition to a risk-based approach to TTM and what support Councils would like from the Governance Group. Misconceptions that the risk-based approach means cost-saving was a key issue identified by RCAs. Bringing Procurement teams into the conversation will be a key focus for the Groups in 2024.

## HOKIANGA FERRY (KOHU RA TUARUA)

**Revenue** The November & December 2023 revenue was lower when compared to last year for the same period. There was a downward trend in ticket sales for all categories. The closure of SH1 Mangamuka Gorge and ongoing pressures due to cost of living and poor weather during key Christmas-New year period could be contributing factors to the reduction in travel.

Tabulated below is the revenue comparison for the same period last year:

November 2023	November 2022	Difference
\$42,514.78	\$47,786.00	\$5,271.22
December 2023	December 2022	Difference
\$49,818.70	\$57,442.78	\$7,624.08

The graph below provides a comparison of the revenue collected compared to previous years for the same period (December 23).



### Patronage & Service Information

The Ferry service carried a daily average of 559 passengers and 284 vehicles for the month of Nov & Dec 23. The schedule departures were 97% on time for these months with 163 shuttling's and 10 charters.

Unique visit to the Hokianga pages within Northland Ferries website were up by 14% this month when compared to same period last year. Northland Ferries has installed the Hokianga Tourism Association (HTA) agreed onboard display sign for marketing and promoting the Hokianga region. Furthermore, NF has paid its membership subscription renewal of the HTA.

In line with FNDC's approved process, free travel valued at \$166.00 was provided for the Hokianga Memorial Returned Services Association to the Kohukohu Arch of Remembrance on Armistice Day (11 Nov).

There were no customer complaints received, only five requests for an afterhours service. There were no mechanical or weather-related interruption to the service.

### Planned, Routine & Preventive Maintenance

The following routine and preventive maintenance were carried out on the vessel this month which included all engine oil change, gearbox oil changes, test and run fire pumps, grease ramp mechanisms, belts and pulley checks, repair drift alarm plug, fuel leak repair engine #4, Engine #4 thermostat replaced and cleaning of bilges.

Furthermore, a total of 28,701 litres of fuel were filled in the vessel. In the last twelve months, 176,493 litres have been purchased against 14,096 engine running hours that averages 12.5litres per hour of operation.

### Health & Safety, Risks

There was one incident recorded for the month of November by the crew. Strong wind snapped the office door closed onto a crew member’s foot who suffered a sore and swollen foot but was still able to perform her duties. The door latch stopper was repaired by NF which would prevent a reoccurrence. There were no incidents, accidents or near misses in Dec 23.

The vessel’s monthly HSE audit as well as weekly emergency response training was carried in accordance with the vessel’s operating procedure.

Furthermore, an audit of vehicle and passenger ticket sales was also carried out using CCTV footage and Northland Ferries have confirmed that correct number of sales and concession clicks were made in Nov & Dec 23.

### CUSTOMER REQUESTS

The volume of customer requests continues to decline (296 requests received during December). At the end of December, there were 452 open requests, being an 17.4% increase from the prior month. We have observed a slight increase in number of open requests due to the holiday close down period, but the team are focused on working with contractors to help progress requests for our customers and communities.

