

Road Maintenance and Renewals Contract

MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2025

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





1. SUMMARY

July recorded the highest monthly rainfall total for 2025 to date, resulting in a range of significant challenges across the network. Multiple slips, scours, washouts, and flooding events caused disruption to commuters. In response to these weather events, crews were deployed promptly to undertake repairs or make sites safe as quickly as possible. Kawakawa appeared to have a higher localised rainfall and experienced some of the worst flooding I have seen. Check out some of the photos under the emergency works section of the report for further insight into the weather events.

Our unsealed pavement crews remained mainly active throughout July, working on wearing courses across several roads. August will mark the conclusion of our metalling operations as we transition into the pre-seal repair programme. This work will recommence around April 2026. We have made considerable progress with our unsealed network operations this year, and I am pleased with the overall condition of the network. Although each weather event presents a setback, our grader operators continue to perform well in restoring roads back shape.

Ray's team continued with culvert replacements on Lodore, Te Kowhai Point, Waikaramu, Waikare, and Amblers Roads. Drainage remains a key focus in 2025, and a comprehensive culvert renewal programme is now underway.

Mike's crew were able to return to concrete work this month, which was a welcome shift given their passion for these tasks. Notably, a new footpath was constructed outside McDonald's in Kerikeri, with additional works undertaken in the town centre. Between concrete jobs, the team carried out some traffic island repairs in Kaikohe, slip clearing and other emergency response activities.

Our sealed patrol teams have continued their "find and fix" approach, completing 1,309 dispatches in July 2025, compared to 930 in July 2024, which is a promising indicator of the success of this new strategy. A new map showing fault types and their geographic distribution can be found in the "Find and Fix" section of the report. Meanwhile, the unsealed patrol crew remained focused on pothole repairs and vegetation management, particularly during and after the weather events.

Preparations are well underway for the 2025/2026 pre-seal repair season, scheduled to begin in early September. Our milling machine has arrived and is currently being prepared for the patching and digout run. Most of the shoulder repairs and water tabling in the pre-seal programme have already been completed. Our sealing crew is finalising planning and site approvals, and our bitumen sprayer is currently at the engineers getting its E2 compliance certification.

Nga Mihi

Rob Savage

2. WORK PROGRAMME

A total of 3,102 individual work items were completed throughout the month of July, of which 1,986 were routine find and fix issues, 183 were programmed works, 6 renewals/capital projects, 866 cyclic and 61 were callouts or emergency response works.

August 2025 forward works programme has been submitted in AWM.

3. ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT

A total of 479 Inspections (patrolled roads) have been completed routinely for July.

Sealed – Maintenance Patrol:

There were 7 sealed inspections completed outside of target frequency. 193 were completed

Unsealed Inspections:

There were 2 un-sealed inspections completed outside of target frequency. 276 were completed

Drainage – Annual Inspections

There are currently 0 drainage inspections running overdue. 10 were completed

| Network Area Inspection | |
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| South Area – July 25 | |
| Week 1 | 302.8km |
| Week 2 | 326.6km |
| Week 3 | 297.09km |
| Week 4 | 351.35km |
| Total KM | 1,277.84km |

4. ROUTINE WORKS COMPLETED

Routine maintenance activities completed in July:

- 399 sealed potholes repaired
- 3,632 unsealed potholes repaired
- 2,212.95m³ of running course applied
- 118.95km of unsealed roads graded equating to 16.8% of the total unsealed network
- 389 Catchpit entrances cleared
- 0.79km of (hand) roadside vegetation cut back
- 30.96km of tractor vegetation control

5. EMERGENCY WORKS

Several significant weather events occurred throughout the month of July, resulting in some damage across the network. The main damage included scouring, washouts, and slips—largely attributed to high rainfall volumes rather than wind-related effects.

The Situation Report (SitRep) was activated twice during the month to provide timely updates on road closures to Civil Defence authorities.

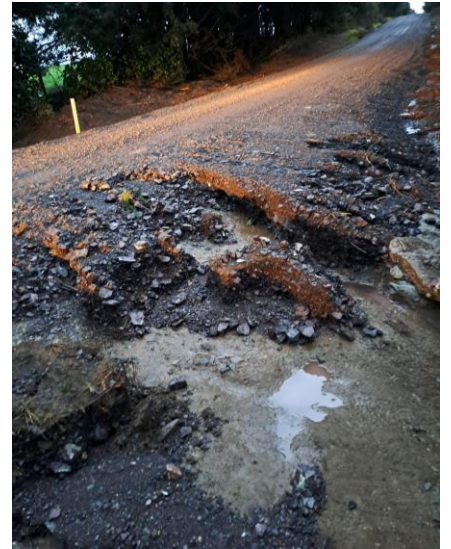
The most substantial slip occurred on Baffin Street in Opua, where approximately 170 tonnes of material was displaced.



Before / After Baffin Street



Matawaia Maromaku Road / Waiomio Road / Owae Road / Wharekawa Road



Akerama Road / Puketi Road

6. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE & RENEWALS

Drainage maintenance activities completed in July:

- 2.33km of water tabling
- 77.5m of Culvert pipes replaced/new (8 new lines)
- 25 Culvert inlet/outlets cleared
- 6 Culverts flushed
- 5 Headwalls constructed

Ray's crew successfully completed the replacement of culverts on several roads, including Lodore Road, Te Kowhai Point Road, Waikaramu Road, Waikare Road, and Amblers Road. In addition, the team promptly responded to an emergency situation on Wharekawa Road, undertaking a retreat and stabilisation of a large underslip.

Wharekawa Road



Waikaramu Road

7. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE/RENEWALS

Mike's team successfully completed 331.8m² of footpath renewal works in Kaikohe, on Park Road, and outside the Kerikeri McDonald's. In addition, the team has delivered new mobility parking installations across the network and upgraded several traffic islands in Kaikohe.

Upcoming planned work includes the repair of a section of footpath on Fairway Drive, which is currently awaiting the removal of a tree before works can commence.



Between concreting works, the team has been actively responding to weather-related jobs across the network, undertaking pavement repairs and clearing slips to maintain safe access for all road users.



Kerikeri Road / Park Road / Kaikohe Traffic Islands

8. ROAD FURNITURE ACTIVITY

- 25 new signs installed or replaced (damaged or missing)
- 6 signposts replaced/new
- 28 signs re-erected or straightened
- 9 signs/posts cleaned
- 6 posts re-painted
- 47 Edge marker/delineators replaced or straightened
- 60m of railing renewal/replacement



Lovatt Road

9. ORDERED WORKS

Ordered works carried out:

- 1.4km of channel hand clearing
- 13.6m² temp pavement failure repairs
- 710m Footpath vegetation cut back
- 122m of edge break repairs (>1m)
- 2.198km of high & low shoulder treatments



Showground Road / Clendon Esplanade

10. FIND AND FIX TRIAL

Since April, we have been operating under a “find and fix” maintenance model across our sealed road network. This proactive approach allows our teams to identify and address defects in real time, rather than relying solely on pre-scheduled repairs.

Our results show a big increase in number of dispatches completed in July 24 vs July 25 with the number increasing from 930 to 1309. This is a very satisfying result to see and will no doubt be creating safer roads and driving conditions.

We are currently working closely with the Far North District Council (FNDC) to further refine and optimise this model. Our goal is to continue using this approach, with adjustments made based on field data, feedback, and performance trends.

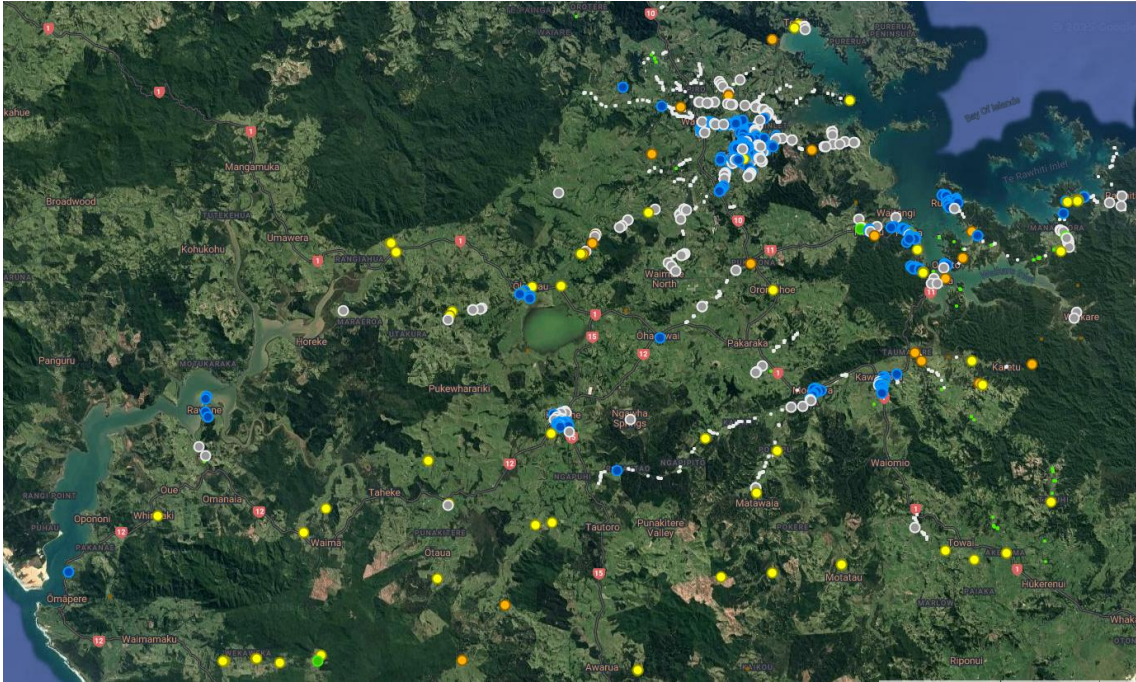
The upgraded maps below show different types of faults identified and fixed, along with roads inspected in July.



July Roads Checked – 331.6km covered

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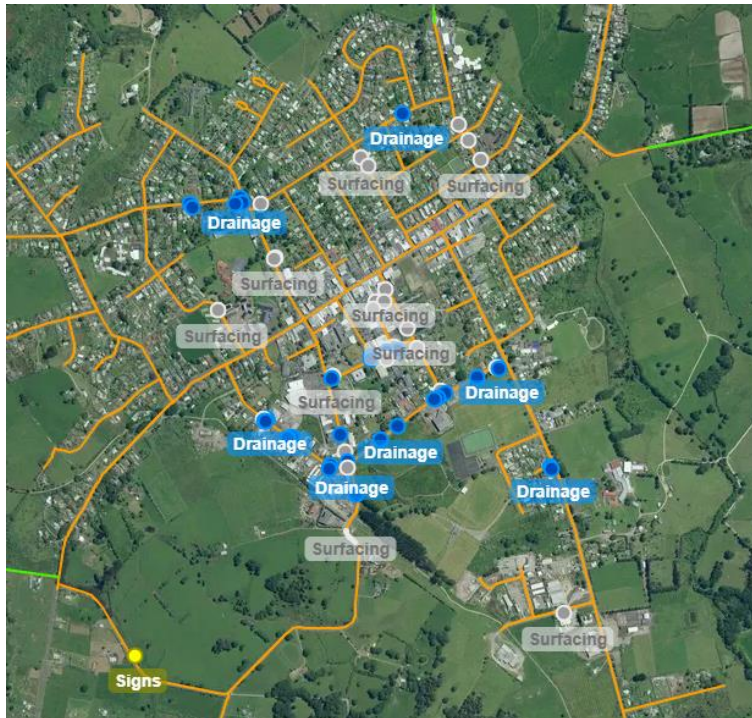
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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Blue</i> | <i>Drainage</i> |
| <i>Yellow</i> | <i>Signage</i> |
| <i>Orange</i> | <i>TF / markers</i> |
| <i>White/grey</i> | <i>Sweeping, potholes, edgebreaks</i> |
| <i>Green</i> | <i>Vege envelope</i> |



Total Jobs Completed



Jobs Completed Kikeri



Jobs Completed Kaikohe

11. UNSEALED NETWORK

Maintenance metal was applied to 37 roads across the network in July. This treatment aims to improve traction and extend the lifespan of the pavement throughout the winter season. Roads included:

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| ➤ Brindle Road | ➤ Callaghans Road | ➤ Cherrington Street |
| ➤ Forest Road | ➤ Inkster Road | ➤ Karaka Road |
| ➤ Monument Road | ➤ Lucas Road | ➤ Mihi Road |
| ➤ Motukiore Road | ➤ Ninihi Road | ➤ Omapere Road |
| ➤ Orakau Road | ➤ Pukepoto Road | ➤ Puketi Road |
| ➤ Rakauwahia Road | ➤ Ramsey Road | ➤ Remuera Settlement Road |
| ➤ Renwick Road | ➤ Rigden Road | ➤ Rodger Road |
| ➤ Saward Road | ➤ Smith Camp Road | ➤ Squires Lane |
| ➤ Taita Road | ➤ Te Iringa Road | ➤ Toia Road |
| ➤ Waikare Road | ➤ Waimamaku Beach Road | ➤ Waiomio Road |
| ➤ Waione Road | ➤ Waiotemaroma Gorge Road | ➤ Wekaweka Road |
| ➤ Whangae Road | ➤ Wharepunga Road | ➤ White Road |
| ➤ Whiu Road | | |



Orakau Road / Whangae Road

Brian and Dennis' crews carried on with our Heavy Metalling in July with 100mm gap 30 Wearing Courses put on 13 Roads across the network:

- Bolero Road
- Ludbrooks Road
- Rahiri Settlement Road
- Tapuhi Road
- Waioutu Road
- Lodore Road
- Nelsons Road
- Rakauwahia Road
- Te kowhai Point Road
- Lodore Road (East)
- Puketotara Road
- Scotts Road
- Vujchich Road

These sections of pavement should bind together nicely over the coming months, with the aggregate allowing additional material for our graders to maintain their shape over the coming years.



Rakauwahia Road



Lodore Road

12. VEGETATION

In July, a total of 31 kilometres of roadside vegetation was successfully trimmed as part of our ongoing vegetation envelope programme. This proactive maintenance work plays a key role in ensuring road user safety, with the latest efforts delivering significantly improved sight lines along the affected routes. Enhanced visibility is particularly important on rural and high-speed corridors, where overgrown vegetation can obstruct views around corners and intersections.

Roads Completed include Henarae Road, Whangae Road, English bay Road and Oromohoe Road. We will be focusing on the Southern area of Network in August.



Before / After Henarae Road



Before / After Whangae Road

13. REHABILITATIONS

We have received our list of Rehabs for the 25/26 season and testing is underway for these sites so we can begin the designing/planning process. Beam testing has been carried out. Sites with Rehabs during the 25/26 season include:

- Te Ahu Ahu Road
- Pataka Lane
- Ngapipito Road
- Marlow Road
- Augusta place
- Homestead Road Service Lane 2

Wiroa/Waimate North Intersection

We are currently working on the surveying and design work for this rehab and hoping to start construction in August.

14. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORT

No accidents to report in July.

15. AWM ISSUES



No issues in July 25 – Any operational events of note are being recorded to provide feedback to Thinkproject.

16. CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES / COMPLAINTS

Ventia Customer Service Request Comparison, May to July 2025

Number of RFS's

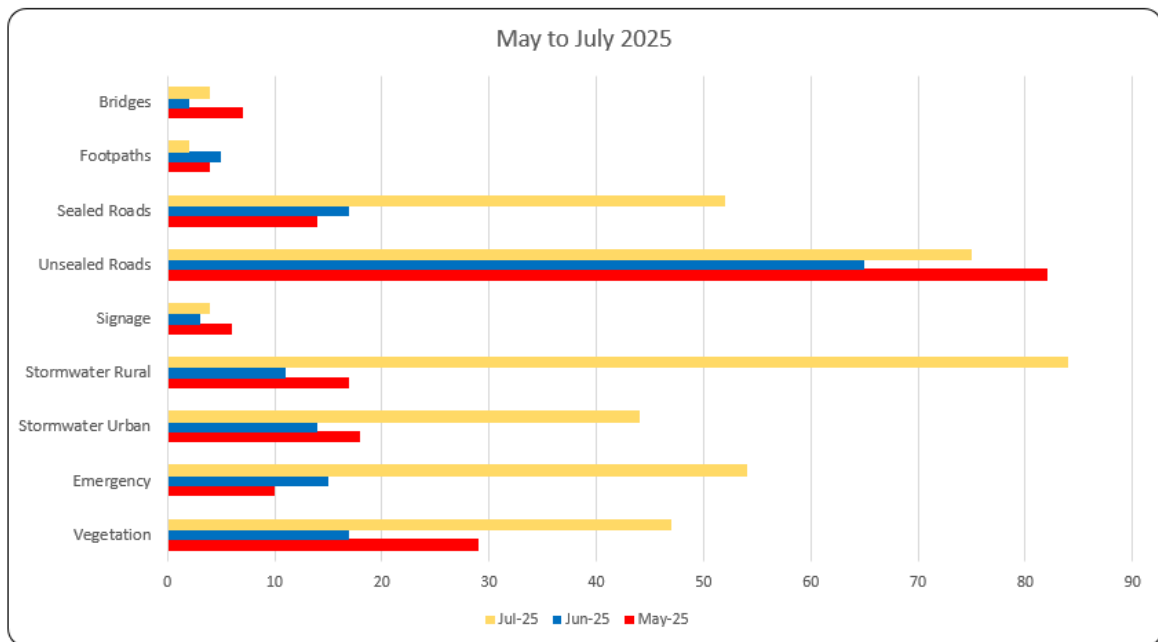
| Month | Vegetation | Emergency | Stormwater Urban | Stormwater Rural | Signage | Unsealed Roads | Sealed Roads | Footpaths | Bridges | Total |
|--------|------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| May-25 | 29 | 10 | 18 | 17 | 6 | 82 | 14 | 4 | 7 | 187 |
| Jun-25 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 65 | 17 | 5 | 2 | 149 |
| Jul-25 | 47 | 54 | 44 | 84 | 4 | 75 | 52 | 2 | 4 | 366 |

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Percentage of RFS's

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| Apr-25 | 15.5% | 5.3% | 9.6% | 9.1% | 3.2% | 43.9% | 7.5% | 2.1% | 3.7% | 100% |
| May-25 | 11.4% | 10.1% | 9.4% | 7.4% | 2.0% | 43.6% | 11.4% | 3.4% | 1.3% | 100% |
| Jun-25 | 12.8% | 14.8% | 12.0% | 23.0% | 1.1% | 20.5% | 14.2% | 0.5% | 1.1% | 100% |

TBC



17. COMPLIMENTS

We received two compliments for the month of July:

Julie wrote – “Thankfully the work done recently on this road made it that the flood last week didn't do hardly any damage. So well done to all those who worked on it.” – Oromohoe Road.

Brian Erwin – “Thank you for the work completed on the skippers Lane through to Pacific Motor group walkway.” – Skippers Lane.

18. HEALTH & SAFETY & WELLBEING

Star Rating Distribution

Star Rating ● 5 ● 4



As of 31st July, the Branch has had a 6% decrease in 5-star rated drivers and a 7% increase in 4-star drivers, there are no drivers below 4-Star this month, showing pleasing progress in the right direction.

19. TRAINING

In July 5 team members participated in the Frontline Leaders training course provided in house through AIM (Australian Institute of Management Education & Training) . This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to empowering and upskilling key field staff and managers with the tools they need to grow and be better leaders for our future.

Additionally, full level 2 First Aid training was successfully completed by some of our newer staff to bring them up to the required standard.

20. ENVIRONMENT

In July we had no notifiable incidents to report.

21. ANNUAL ROUTINE ACTIVITY ACHIEVEMENT

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

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| Biennial Painting of All Rails | 0% | complete |
| Biennial Parapet Painting of Bridges | 0% | complete |
| Annual Cleaning of EMP's | 0% | complete |
| Annual Sucking of All Sumps | 0% | complete |
| Biannual sweeping | 0% | complete (round 1) |
| Urban Vegetation Spraying | 0% | complete (round 1) |
| Rural Vegetation Spraying | 0% | 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

Kawakawa Wastewater Treatment Plant – Stream Diversion

Favourable weather window the allowed for excellent progress on site. The inlet to the box culvert has been fully completed, with the drain cleared and tidied, the lead-in section rock-lined, and both headwalls constructed.

Construction of Reach 3 has also been completed and rock-lined, successfully tying into Reaches 1 and 2, thereby finalizing all drainage works. This progress was well-timed, as a significant weather event soon followed, causing the site to flood — highlighting the importance and effectiveness of the drainage improvements.

The remaining works include fencing, the cattle race, and riparian planting. These have been delayed due to current site conditions, but we are targeting completion by the end of August.



Koutu Boulders Carpark

This was a small project successfully completed by the team over a three-day period. The car park and the walkway leading to the beach were cleaned and reshaped, with a compacted base layer applied across the entire area to improve surface stability. A new set of Boss pipe culverts and headwalls were installed to enhance stormwater management by directing water away from the walkway. Additionally, large rocks were strategically placed at the walkway entrance to prevent unauthorized vehicle access.

