

Road Maintenance and Renewals Contract

MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2025

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





1. SUMMARY

October brought favourable weather to the Far North, allowing us to make excellent progress across the network. With plenty of sunshine and only around 80mm of rainfall, we were able to complete a substantial volume of work, despite some minor disruptions caused by wet conditions.

I had the opportunity to get out of the office and travel across various roads around the network, and I'm proud to report that the roads are looking fantastic. The improvements are clearly visible and reflect the hard work of our crews.

Our preseal repair programme is now well underway. In October, we focused on high-traffic areas such as Kerikeri and Waipapa, where works were carried out under nightshift operations to ensure public safety and minimise disruption. In addition to the stabilised patches, a number of AC patches (Mill and Fills) were completed throughout Kerikeri. Looking ahead to November, we'll be shifting our efforts to the southern part of the network, starting with Pipiwai Road which includes a seal extension near Lovatt Road. With this momentum, our resealing programme is set to ramp up significantly in November.

You may have noticed the new vehicle crossing and drainage installation on Butler Road outside Countdown. This work, completed by Mike and the concrete crew, resolved a long-standing issue where vehicles were bottoming out and damaging the road surface.

We have had a strong push on water tabling and drainage this year, with over 37km completed to date. Our graders have begun wide grading operations on the unsealed network, pulling excess metal from water tables back onto the road. This material retains moisture and binds well, improving both surface quality and drainage. However, with rising temperatures and reduced rainfall, some roads are becoming very dry, making grading more challenging. In addition to water tabling, Ray's team installed 16 new culverts, targeting known problem areas across the network.

The Wiroa–Waimate North intersection rehabilitation is nearly complete, with only the traffic islands remaining, scheduled for installation in early November. Dennis' crew has made excellent progress on the Kempthorne Road rehabilitation, completing all widening, shoulder check-outs, drainage, and new kerb and channel. The site is now ready for metaling and stabilisation, programmed for November. We've also commenced work on the Haruru Falls Road rehabilitation, which will be a major upgrade. We're aiming to have some sections completed and sealed before Christmas.

Finally, our patrol crews have welcomed the arrival of spring after a challenging winter dominated by pothole repairs. The "find and fix" strategy continues to deliver strong results, allowing us to address issues early and reduce the need for larger-scale interventions.

Please refer to the following report for a breakdown and a selection of photos from October's operations.

Nga Mihi

Rob Savage

2. WORK PROGRAMME

A total of 1,216 individual work items were completed throughout the month of October, of which 952 were routine find and fix issues, 230 were programmed works, 3 renewals/capital projects, 17 cyclic and 14 were callouts or emergency response works.

November 2025 forward works programme has been submitted in AWM.

3. ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT

A total of 508 Inspections (patrolled roads) have been completed routinely for November.

Sealed – Maintenance Patrol:

There were 0 sealed inspections completed outside of target frequency. 225 were completed

Unsealed Inspections:

There were 0 unsealed inspections completed outside of target frequency. 256 were completed

Drainage – Annual Inspections

There are currently 0 drainage inspections running overdue. 27 were completed

Network Area Inspection	
South Area – October 25	
Week 1	313km
Week 2	285km
Week 3	296km
Week 4	309km
Total KM	1,203km

4. ROUTINE WORKS COMPLETED

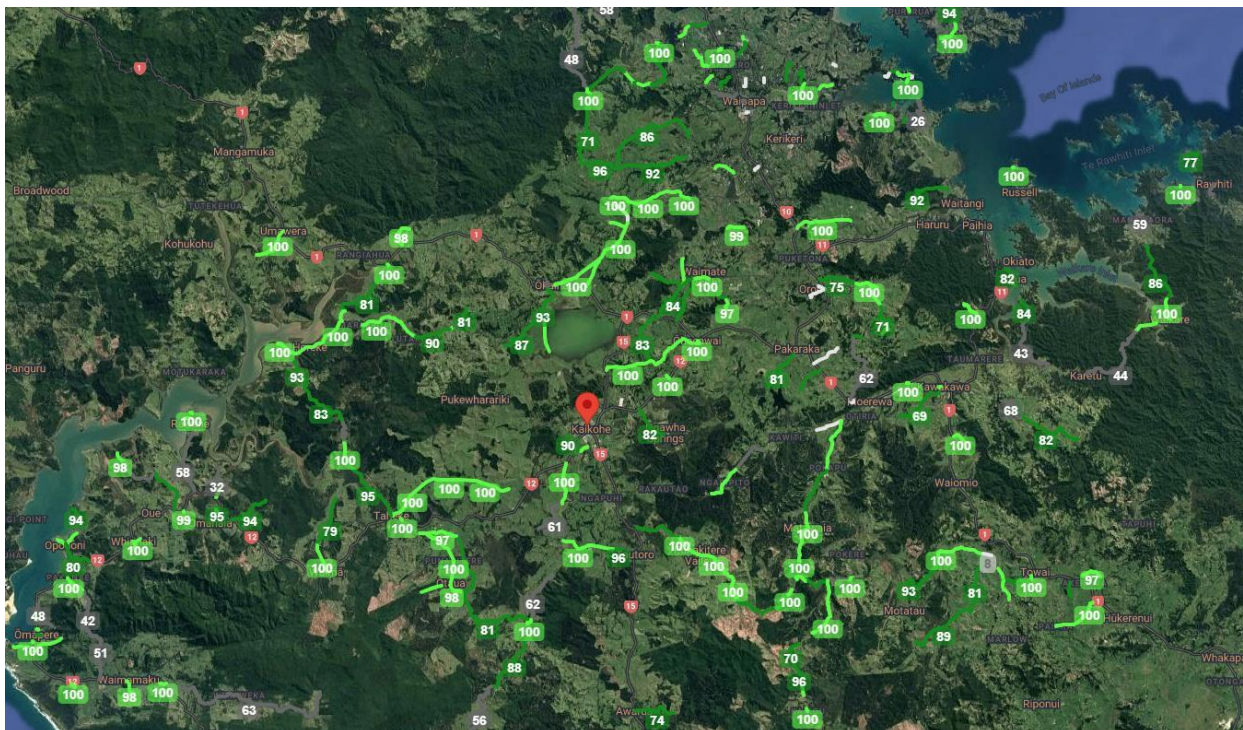
Routine maintenance activities completed in October:

- 134 sealed potholes repaired
- 1,079 unsealed potholes repaired
- 965m³ of running course applied
- 95.7km of unsealed roads graded equating to 13.3% of the total unsealed network
- 333 Catchpit entrances cleared
- 0.12km of (hand) roadside vegetation cut back
- 38.1km of tractor vegetation control

5. FIND AND FIX

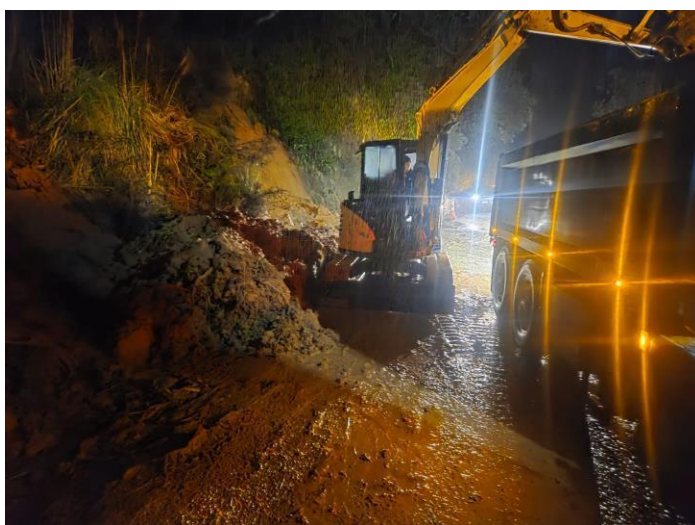
We continue to operate under the "find and fix" approach, which remains effective in addressing defects across the network. While we are still fine-tuning inspection frequencies on certain roads to optimise coverage and responsiveness, this method continues to deliver strong results in terms of network condition and efficiency.

The map below illustrates the patrol coverage for October, highlighting the roads that have been inspected and treated during the month.



6. EMERGENCY WORKS

Besides a minor weather event and 80mm of rain throughout the month, October was relatively calm, with no major events impacting the network. However, crews responded to several minor incidents, including small slips and fallen trees. The most notable responses occurred on Rawhiti Road and Titore Way, both located in Russell. These interventions ensured continued access and safety for road users and demonstrated the team's readiness to address emerging issues promptly despite the absence of significant weather disruptions.



Titore Way / Russel-Whakapara Road / Rawhiti Road South

7. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE & RENEWALS

Drainage maintenance activities completed in October:

- 6.47km of water tabling
- 145m of Culvert pipes replaced/new (16 new lines)
- 31 Culvert inlet/outlets cleared
- 2 Culverts flushed
- 23 Headwalls constructed

Ray's crew successfully completed the replacement of 16 culverts across 9 roads, along with the installation of 7 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.

Roads that received new culvert lines include:

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| ➤ Cook Road | ➤ Perry Road | ➤ Waiare Road |
| ➤ Wharau Road | ➤ Poieke Road | ➤ Kahikatoa Road |
| ➤ Scotts Road | ➤ Orira Road | ➤ Horeke Road |



Orira Road / Cook Road

8. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE/RENEWALS

In October, there were no footpath renewals which allowed Mike's crew to concentrate on other infrastructure upgrades. Their efforts were directed toward concrete and drainage works on the Kempthorne Road Rehabilitation project. Additionally, the team completed preparatory work on Waipapa Road by raising manhole lids ahead of sealing operations, addressed several trip hazards through grinding, and delivered a high-quality vehicle crossing and drainage installation outside Countdown in Kerikeri.



Butler Street before / after

9. ROAD FURNITURE ACTIVITY

- 44 new signs installed or replaced (damaged or missing)
- 4 signposts replaced/new
- 29 signs re-erected or straightened
- 15 signs/posts cleaned
- 6 posts re-painted
- 52 Edge marker/delineators replaced or straightened
- 10m of railing renewal/replacement

10. ORDERED WORKS

Ordered works carried out:

- 0.4km of footpath vegetation

- 16m of kerb & channel remedial
- 19.9m² Footpath repairs (maintenance)
- 2,861.1m² of Stabilised patches
- 19.3m of edgebreak repairs (>1m)
- 12.34km of high & low shoulder treatments
- 648m² Mill and Fills



Butler Road Mill and Fill

11. PLANT

This month, we were fortunate to receive two valuable additions to our fleet. The first is a new skid steer, primarily designated for milling stabilised patches. It also comes equipped with a versatile sweeping attachment, which will be particularly useful in stabilised patch preparation—further details can be found in the preseal repair section of this report.

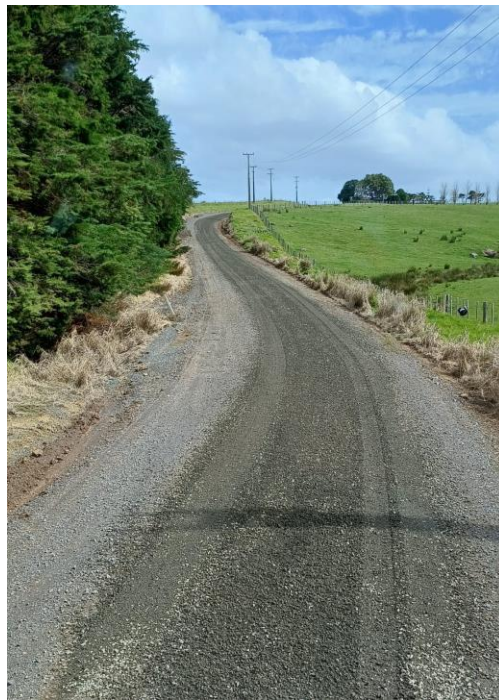
We also welcomed a new loader to our fleet. This machine will support our sealing operation by loading sealing chip onto our chip spreading trucks across the region.



12. UNSEALED NETWORK

Maintenance metal was applied to 21 roads across the network in October. This treatment aims to improve traction, extend the lifespan of the pavement and allow graders more material to shape the roads. Roads that received top up metal included:

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| ➤ Koutu Point Road | ➤ McDonnell Road | ➤ McIntyres road |
| ➤ Motutoa Road | ➤ Moehau Road | ➤ Mackenzie Road |
| ➤ Okaka Road | ➤ Ohuri Road | ➤ Moehau Road |
| ➤ Rangihoua Road | ➤ Otahi Road | ➤ Okaka Road |
| ➤ Te Ohu Road | ➤ Russell-Whakapara road | ➤ Purerua Road |
| ➤ Waikare Valley Road | ➤ Waihotu Road | ➤ Stanners Road |
| ➤ Whangae Road | ➤ Whirinaki School Road | ➤ Waikare Road |



McDonnell Road / Mackenzie Road

13. VEGETATION

In October, a total of 38 kilometers 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 and 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. The southern area of the network was the focus for October and will be for November also. Roads Completed include:

- Akerama Road
- Monument Road
- Paiaka Road
- Rusk Road
- Ford Road



Before / After - Monument Road / Ford Road

14. REHABILITATIONS

Waimate North/Wiroa Intersection

The asphalt concrete (AC) has now been successfully installed, and line marking is complete. With only the traffic islands remaining - scheduled for installation in early November, this rehabilitation project is nearly finished. Final site clean-up and detailing will also be completed alongside the island works.



Kempthorne Road

Significant progress has been made on the Kempthorne Road rehabilitation project throughout October, with several key components now completed. These include:

- **Drainage improvements** to support long-term pavement resilience
- **Culvert installations** to enhance stormwater management
- **Road widening** to improve safety and accommodate future traffic volumes
- **Shoulder check-outs** to prepare for overlay and stabilisation
- **Kerb and channel installation** for improved edge definition and drainage
- **Dish drain installation** to support surface water control

These works have laid a solid foundation for the next phase of the project. In November, we will begin overlaying new metal and carrying out stabilisation works, which will strengthen the pavement structure and prepare the site for sealing.

Dennis and his team have maintained strong momentum, and the site is tracking well toward completion.



Haruru Falls – Seal Extension

Earthworks are progressing well, with teams making good progress on site. The drainage crew has been actively replacing and upgrading culverts, with only one line remaining. Once completed, they will move on to installing the headwalls.

Following the drainage work, we will be installing four sets of TerraMesh baskets to stabilise minor under-slip areas and improve slope integrity. Preparations for aggregate importation are also underway, beginning with centerline marking and placement of survey pegs.



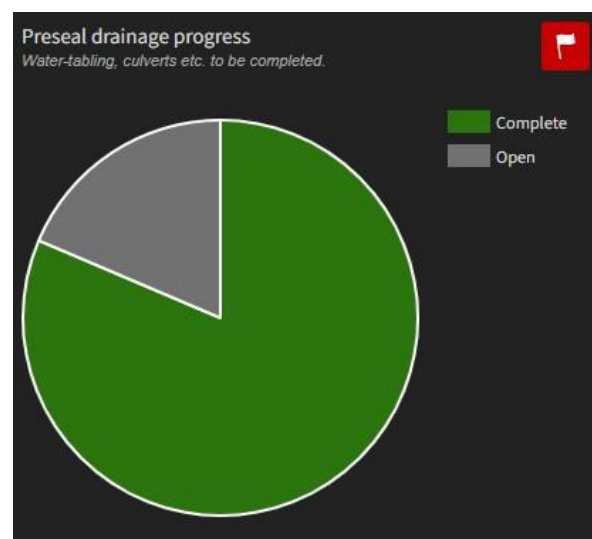
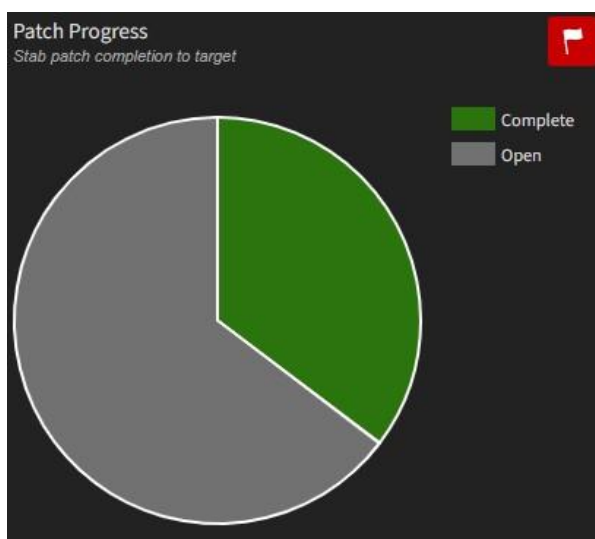
15. PRE-RESEAL REPAIRS

We're well underway with our pre-seal repair programme for the 2025/26 season. October saw a strong focus on the Kerikeri, Waipapa, and Waimate North areas, where night shifts were strategically scheduled to minimise traffic disruption. The results have been encouraging, with a number of long-standing problem areas successfully addressed.

A total of 2,861m² of stabilised patches were completed during the month, contributing to a smoother and more resilient network ahead of the reseal season.

Looking ahead to early November, our patching crews will shift operations to Pipiwai Roads, followed by work in the Towai/Maromaku area.

We have also added a new skid steer and milling head to our fleet this season, which has been a game-changer for the team. The crew has been impressed with its performance, particularly the sweeping bucket attachment, which allows for quick and tidy site clean-up after each patch. This equipment has significantly boosted our operational efficiency and site turnaround times.





Pokapu Road

16. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORT

No accidents to report in October.

17. AWM ISSUES



No issues in October 25 – Any operational events of note are being recorded to provide feedback to Thinkproject. Noteworthy event was the transition across all staff to AWM Mobile completed in 1st week October, with new platform familiarisation having taken place prior in September for a smooth transition.

18. CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES / COMPLAINTS

Ventia Customer Service Request Comparison, August to October 2025

Number of RFS's

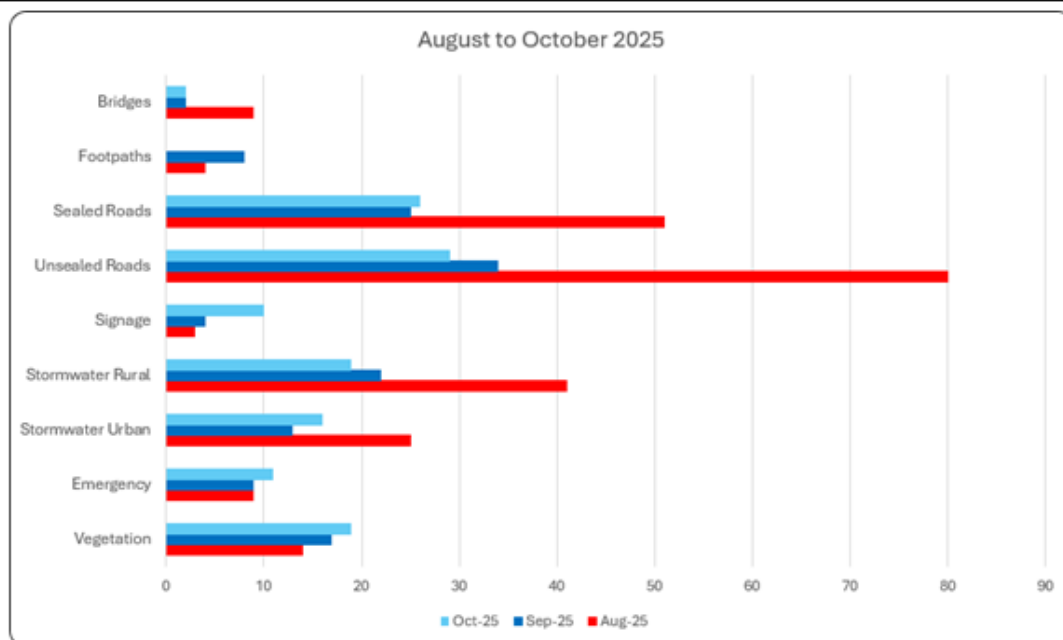
Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Total
Aug-25	14	9	25	41	3	80	51	4	9	236
Sep-25	17	9	13	22	4	34	25	8	2	134
Oct-25	19	11	16	19	10	29	26	0	2	132

TBC

Percentage of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Total
Aug-25	5.9%	3.8%	10.6%	17.4%	1.3%	33.9%	21.6%	1.7%	3.8%	100%
Sep-25	12.7%	6.7%	9.7%	16.4%	3.0%	25.4%	18.7%	6.0%	1.5%	100%
Oct-25	14.4%	8.3%	12.1%	14.4%	7.6%	22.0%	19.7%	0.0%	1.5%	100%

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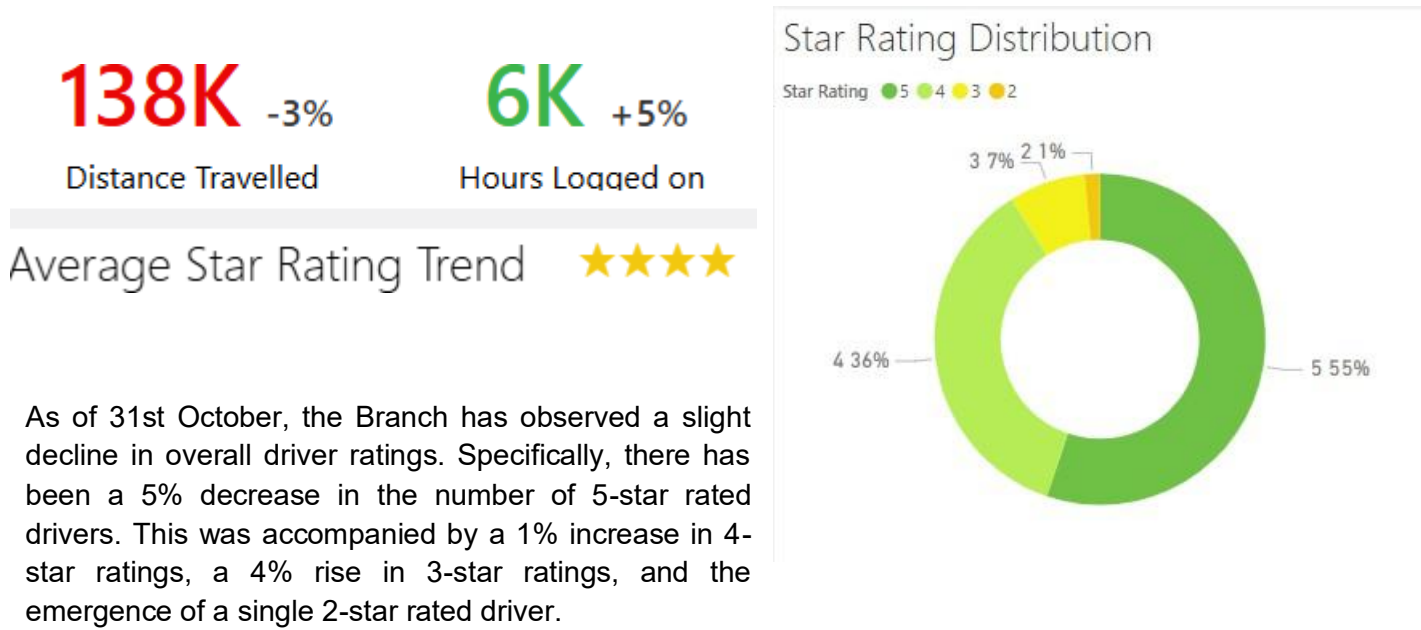


19. COMPLIMENTS

We received one compliment for the month of October:

Paul wrote – *"I am very pleased with the current state of the roads, the recent work on Oromahoe and Ludbrook Roads is great, thanks."* – Oromahoe/Ludbrook Roads.

20. HEALTH & SAFETY & WELLBEING



This shift indicates a downward trend in performance, suggesting the need for targeted conversations with specific drivers to reinforce expectations and encourage improvement. It's important to note, however, that the Branch has consistently maintained a strong standard throughout the reporting period, with the majority of drivers holding 4-to 5-star ratings and an overall monthly average of 4 stars.

To provide further context, supporting data on total distance travelled, hours logged, and average driver ratings for the month have been included below.

21. TRAINING

In October, two members of our Drainage team successfully completed Concrete Saw training, enhancing their skillsets and increasing their versatility within the crew.

Two staff responsible for sign installation and maintenance participated in refresher training focused on working at heights, with particular emphasis on safe ladder use. This ensures continued compliance with safety standards and reinforces best practices in the field.

22. ENVIRONMENT

In October we had no notifiable incidents to report.

23. ANNUAL ROUTINE ACTIVITY ACHIEVEMENT

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

Biennial Painting of All Rails	15%	complete
Biennial Parapet Painting of Bridges	9%	complete
Annual Cleaning of EMP's	23%	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

24. OTHER WORKS IN PROGRESS

Tokerau Beach Road – Wastewater Storage Tank

Following confirmation that no historical or archaeological findings were present within the designated work zone, the project officially commenced on 29th October.

The initial task involved relocating a power cable that ran directly through the excavation site. The cable was successfully repositioned around the perimeter and reconnected to the pump station's power board. This adjustment not only cleared the excavation area but also allowed space for bollard installation at the conclusion of the project.

Excavation for the tank is currently underway, with material being stockpiled on site. The tank is scheduled for delivery and installation on 5th November. Backfilling will begin immediately after installation to secure the tank and mitigate any safety risks associated with open excavations.

If progress continues as planned, the project is on track for completion by mid-November.



25. 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
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Notice to Contractors outstanding.

NTC Number	Date Sent	Description	Accepted / Declined / Info only	Responding NTC
144	06/03/2023	Approval of Monthly Programme		

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