

REPORT OF THE ROADING MANAGER SEPTEMBER 2007

GENERAL

The good weather during September allowed Works to carry out activities without hindrance. Unfortunately October saw a return of unsettled conditions which again hampered routine and programmed works. Extreme winds suffered, throughout the region; over several days in October was the outstanding feature of the period. This stretched the contractor's resources at times with multiple fallen trees and very hazardous working conditions for the staff dealing with these. However Works staff coped well and quickly restored full access to all areas.

September/ October 2007 - Completed Maintenance Works

- Sealed and unsealed road potholes patched throughout the district.
- Edgebreak repairs carried out on various sealed roads in the district.
- 84km length of maintenance grading completed during September mainly in the Kaiwera and Waikaka wards.
- 186km length of maintenance grading completed during October.
- 536m³ of maintenance metal placed during September to complete Area 3.
- 284m³ of patch metal on various roads throughout the district during September.
- Patch metalling carried out on Courtney, Knowsley Park, Waddle and Waiarikiki Roads during October.
- Signs and edge marker posts maintenance at various locations throughout the District. Included replacement of several broken signposts which had been deliberately sawn through by vandals.
- Urban crossings and channels cleared during wet weather.
- Regular CBD sweeping.
- Concrete repair works completed in Eccles Street.
- Manual removal of vegetation in kerbing underway in various urban streets.
- Remote kerb and channel cleaning in Gore and Matakura continued.
- Rural sealed intersections swept during September.
- Routine bridge maintenance carried out.
- Various rural blocked culverts cleared.
- Essential service trenches reinstated.
- Cement stabilising repairs of faulty sections on various sealed roads underway.
- Asphalt levelling repairs to depressions on various sealed roads underway.

- Unsealed road repairs completed on damaged sections of Clinker Hill and Mountain Roads.
- “No Spray Register” advertised, register updated and public advised of upcoming weed spray operations.
- Weed spraying well underway on rural and urban roads and footpaths.

Emergency Works Completed

- Fallen trees and other debris cleared from various roads during and following windstorm events.
- Crash damaged bridge repaired on River Road.
- Flood scour shoulder dropout repaired on Shanks Road.
- Knapdale Road Maitava River bank dropout repaired with rock riprap.
- Flood monitoring patrols undertaken.
- Safety fencing erected around damaged wheel guard on the Pyramid Bridge. Awaiting permanent repair.
- Eroding creek bank next to Clinker Hill Road strengthened with rock riprap.

November 2007 - Programmed Maintenance Works

- Maintenance grading.
- Various cyclic routine maintenance including potholes, marker pegs and sign maintenance.
- Various pre-reseal footpath, vehicle crossing, kerb manhole and sump repair works in Gore and Maitava.
- Edge break repairs on various roads.
- Continue stabilisation repairs on various roads.
- Depression levelling repairs to continue on various roads.
- Removal of high grass lip at edge of seal on several roads if conditions allow.
- Ongoing routine cleaning of urban and reserves areas streets and channels.
- Continue hand cleaning of remote kerb and channels.
- Carry out minor bridge maintenance.
- Bridge handrail painting.
- Permanent repair to Pyramid Bridge wheel guard.
- Shoulder mowing as necessary including sections of Gore flood banks.
- Continue sealed road shoulder grading if conditions suitable.
- Clean culverts by hand and water blasting.
- Weed spraying to continue on various rural and urban roads and footpaths.
- Reaby Road culvert replacement.

Programmed Construction Works

Several projects programmed for completion in June, which were interrupted by winter, will be recommenced. They include the following:

- Complete sealed water channels on Mountain Road traction seal safety improvement project.
- Complete Waddle Road traction seal safety improvement project.
- Construct and seal bridge approach sealing safety improvements on Byars, Craigie, Cunningham, Turnbull and Winsloe Roads.
- Construct seal widening safety improvement on Main Street, Waikaka at approach to Bushy Park Road.
- Investigation and design for Kee Road and Otama Hill Road traction seal projects.
- Investigation and design for Glenkenich Road area wide pavement treatment project.

Pavement Marking

Roadmarkers Otago made good use of the good weather in September and early October to carry out a large quantity of remarking work. Many markings had suffered serious scuffing as a result of the extensive and frequent ice gritting which occurred during the harsh winter.

Reseals

MWH, the consultant managing the Council's reseal contract is currently awaiting the seal design report from Fulton Hogan, this season's contractor. The seal designs will dictate the actual cost of treatment at each site and will influence the quantity of sealing that will be undertaken.

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