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RE: [EXTERNAL] Failing culverts in Pauatahanui Village

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Dear Diane / Pāuatahanui Residents Association,

Thank for raising the Pāuatahanui community's concerns with us. We agree that these culverts are in need of repair ASAP, and that this section of road is an important link for our city. I visited the site yesterday and understand the context.

While we continue to negotiate with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency regarding funding we are actively investigating other funding options and remedial options. In particular I have asked the Transport team to look at some improvements for pedestrians in the short term

Safety is our number one concern which is why we have put in place some interim measures to slow traffic through this area.

As you will be aware we have competing demands for both resources and funding across the city and these culverts are not the only repair work required nor, at this stage, are they the highest priority. We are working through a process to address these, and other issues within our city, and that will take time.

In the meantime we continue to monitor these culverts and will keep the community informed as we make progress.

Ngā mihi,

Wendy Walker
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From: Pauatahanui Residents Association <pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com>
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Dear Councillors

We are writing with regard to the road situation in the Pauatahanui Village with specific reference to the culvert that goes under Paekakariki Hill Road near 6 Paekakariki Hill Road. This culvert and one at the northern end of the Village are both in urgent need of repair.

The issue was first addressed by Council in December 2022 when an email from Peter Chapman, Manager - Corridor Access, Transport, on 5 December, noted was sent out stating
*"Urgent notice regarding Porirua City Council (PCC) Rural Road
PCC have concerns about two culverts that are failing on Paekakariki Hill Road
At present time the two structures have not had a weight limit posted on them, nor is the road closed to heavy vehicles - but this is subject to change
The location of the two culverts are at the Pauatahanui end of the road, at approx. #6 and #33*

The culverts and road surface are subject to ongoing monitoring and replacement options are being investigated for early 2023

PCC is asking that heavy vehicles use alternate routes to avoid travelling over them"

This email indicated a level of urgency in dealing with this and our community continues to view this as an urgent matter as the impacts of continuing vehicle use over this section of road continue to worsen the situation. However further correspondence between the Chief Executive and some residents indicates that Council is trying to negotiate the repairs with Waka Kotahi under the Transmission Gully Board of Inquiry conditions. It is our understanding that Council first has the responsibility to carry out the repairs to local roads, including those that might be attributable to TG, regardless of the time frame associated with the TG Board of Inquiry conditions. Given that there is still some time and a number of processes before TG has to meet the BoI conditions, we are urging Council to repair the culverts as a matter of urgency. The road through the Village is vital not just to members of our community and the wider Porirua community using this route to access Transmission Gully but also to commercial road users, including local forestry operations.

We look forward to your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Diane

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