

Temporary road closure approval – Whakapirau Road culvert replacement

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 27 November 2019
Reporting officer: Wendy Campbell, Corridor Access Coordinator

Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To seek approval from Council for the application of a temporary road closure for the purpose of replacing the culvert on Whakapirau Road located at RP80 – Roading maintenance.

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

Approve the application for a temporary road closure to allow the replacement of the culvert located on Whakapirau Road at RP80 to take place in a safe manner. The proposed closure is to be in place from Monday 17 February 2020 from 7am to Friday 21 February 2020 at 6:00pm and requires a detour be put in place via SH12 and Ford Road.

Recommendation/Ngā tūhunga

That Kaipara District Council:

- a) Approves the application for the temporary road closure on Whakapirau Road at RP80 as shown on the proposed Traffic Management Diagram (attachment A of this report) from Monday 17 February 2020 from 7am to Friday 21 February 2020 at 6:00pm.
- b) Notes that this approval is conditional on the maintenance contractor informing all businesses/residents located within the road closure area with a letter drop.

Context/Horopaki

In terms of the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulation 1965, Council is required to advertise any road closures at least 42 days in advance of an event. The decision to close the road is to be approved by Council under the Local Government Act 1974, s319.

The replacement of the culvert on Whakapirau Road will start on Monday 17 February 2020 from 7am and will continue for 5 working days until Friday 21 February 2020 6:00pm. To carry out the replacement in a safe manner a full road closure is required, a detour via State Highway 12 and Ford Road will be put in place for the duration of the works.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

The proposed traffic management diagram (Attachment A) necessitates the temporary closure of parts of Whakapirau Road. The proposed Traffic Management Plan requires the road to be closed for five working days.

This is likely to cause a small nuisance to the local businesses as residents as normal users of this road will experience a maximum of 15 minute detour to be added to their normal travelling routing when using the detour via State Highway 12 and Ford Road. The works was advertised

in the Lifestyler Newspaper on 5 November 2019 and closed for objections on 18 November 2019 without any objections received from the public.

Options

Option A: Approve the application for the temporary road closure

By choosing option A, the council can allow for a safer event for the community, event participants and road users.

Option B: Decline the application for the temporary road closure.

Declining this application would mean that required replacement works to the culvert may not take place. As the local authority, Council has an obligation to provide a safe environment for the Roading Maintenance Network Contractor while carrying out required works within the scope of their contract as well as local residence.

The recommended option is Option A.

Policy and planning implications

There are no policy and planning implications. The works have been undertaken in accordance with Local Government Act 1974, s319 – General powers of Council in respect of roads; ‘to stop or close any road or part thereof in the manner and upon the conditions set out in s342 and Schedule 10’.

Financial implications

The applicant will bear all costs of temporarily closing the road.

Risks and mitigations

There are no major risks associated with the decisions or matters outlined in this report.

Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The public have been informed of the application.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

Advise the applicant of the council’s decision. If approved, give public notice and advise stakeholders of the decision to close part of the road under Clause 11a of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974. Applicant to undertake letter drop to all residence/businesses located within the closure.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

Number	Title
A	Traffic Management Plan

Wendy Campbell, 31 October 2019