

# Rural roading projects

## Your questions answered



### ■ What is a seal extension?

A seal extension is a new length of seal on a metal road. Each year when confirming its roading programme, Council identifies those lengths of metal roads to be sealed.

### ■ What is a road reconstruction/pavement rehabilitation?

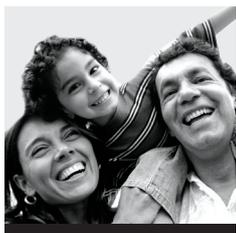
These are categories of work that significantly improve or replace an existing road. This may include improving curves and/or widening a road. This is a term defined by New Zealand Transport Agency who provide Government subsidy for such works.



### ■ What happens if Council wants to acquire land for a project?

Where land is required for road, Council will enter into negotiations with the property owner for land acquisition.

Council normally pays for all survey and legal costs of land acquisition. Payment for the land acquired is usually at the average value per m<sup>2</sup> of the property, based on the most recent Government Valuation. For large areas of land a registered valuer will assess a rate.



### ■ What happens if fences need to be shifted and who pays?

If the fence that needs to be shifted is located within a road reserve it is relocated at the property owner's cost.

If the fence that needs shifting is located on private property, Council will negotiate fence relocations as part of the land acquisition process with the property owner.

### ■ Will my vehicle entrance be affected and if so who pays?

Generally, all vehicle entrances will be reinstated to a similar condition that existed prior to commencement of construction.

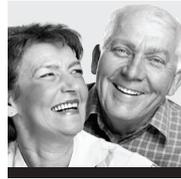
If required, rural residential vehicle entrances will be upgraded free of charge to the property owner. However, only one vehicle entrance will be upgraded free of charge for each residential dwelling or property. If a property has additional entrances the owner may enter into a private arrangement with the contractor to have these upgraded, otherwise they will only be reinstated to a similar condition that existed prior to commencement of construction.

Commercial and heavy commercial vehicle entrances, including entrances to farm paddocks, will be upgraded provided the property owner is willing to pay for any culvert pipes and all fencing alterations that may be required. Council staff will liaise with property owners if the entrance needs to be upgraded.

Unless an entire entrance was sealed previously, only the first two metres of an entrance is sealed at Council's cost. Extra sealing would need to be paid for by the property owner. Again, a property owner may enter into a private arrangement with the contractor for additional sealing.

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### ■ What is a roadside meeting?

This is a meeting held on site to discuss issues specific to a project. The meetings are normally held during the design phase of a project and give residents the opportunity for input into a project. If you are aware of any problems or potential problems regardless of how big or small they may appear, Council would appreciate knowing about them. It is often better to address issues during the design stage of a project rather than during the construction or after construction has been completed.

The elected Ward Councillor and a Council staff member from the Roding team.

### ■ Can I get extra work done on my property by the contractor during construction?

Again you may enter into any private arrangement with the contractor for them to undertake extra work for you. However they are not obligated under Council's contract to undertake extra work. Such work is strictly between you and the contractor, including arrangements for payment of extra work.



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