

Road Maintenance and Renewals Contract

MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2025

FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

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1. SUMMARY

September marked the arrival of spring, bringing warmer conditions that signalled the beginning of our construction season. Despite receiving 160mm of rainfall and experiencing a minor weather event later in the month, we were able to make solid progress across multiple activities.

Our stabilised patching programme kicked off in Russell, moved through Opuia, and continued into the Waimate North area. Brian's pavement crew delivered 1,356m² of stabilised patches, setting a strong foundation for the season ahead. The sealing crew are fully prepared for the upcoming season. Our sprayer passed all compliance checks, and the team have been warming up by sealing patches in anticipation of the reseal programme launching in October.

In the western sector, culvert renewal works progressed steadily, with 14 new culverts installed. Ray's crew also completed extensive water tabling and headwall installations. Once these works wrap up, attention will shift to future heavy metal and wearing course sites, ensuring drainage is in place ahead of pavement construction.

The construction team provided support throughout the month, assisting with water tabling on reseal sites and culvert clearing as part of our broader focus on improving drainage across the network. These efforts accompanied other pre seal repair activities, with the shoulder works now nearing completion. The combined contributions from various teams have helped maintain steady progress and prepare the network for the upcoming season.

Our concrete crew has been busy on the Wiroa/Waimate North rehabilitation project, which has involved a large amount of concrete and drainage work. The site is progressing well and remains on track for completion in October. For photos and further details including updates on the Kempthorne Road rehab, please see the rehabilitation section of this report.

The patrol crews carried on with their "find and fix" strategy which has enabled early intervention and reduced the need for larger-scale repairs, keeping our roads safer and more reliable. It appears we will continue to run with this model moving forward, in addition to some fine tuning of inspection frequencies.

As the season shifts, so does the energy across our teams. There's a noticeable lift in momentum and morale as crews return to full swing. The early start to our pre seal repairs has set a positive tone, and with reseals just around the corner, the network is poised for significant improvements. Collaboration between crews has been strong, with shared resources and support helping to overcome wet weather challenges and keep progress on track. It's shaping up to be a productive and rewarding season.

Nga Mihi

Rob Savage

2. WORK PROGRAMME

A total of 1,637 individual work items were completed throughout the month of September, of which 1,263 were routine find and fix issues, 316 were programmed works, 10 renewals/capital projects, 7 cyclic and 41 were callouts or emergency response works.

October 2025 forward works programme has been submitted in AWM.

3. ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT

A total of 468 Inspections (patrolled roads) have been completed routinely for September.

Sealed – Maintenance Patrol:

There was 1 sealed inspection completed outside of target frequency. 231 were completed

Unsealed Inspections:

There were 0 un-sealed inspections completed outside of target frequency. 219 were completed

Drainage – Annual Inspections

There are currently 0 drainage inspections running overdue. 18 were completed

Network Area Inspection	
South Area – September 25	
Week 1	221.7km
Week 2	278.1km
Week 3	306.2km
Week 4	288.2km
Total KM	1,094,17km

4. ROUTINE WORKS COMPLETED

Routine maintenance activities completed in September:

- 232 sealed potholes repaired
- 3,816 unsealed potholes repaired
- 2,469m³ of running course applied
- 153.2km of unsealed roads graded equating to 20% of the total unsealed network
- 361 Catchpit entrances cleared
- 0.16km of (hand) roadside vegetation cut back
- 40.8km of tractor vegetation control

5. EMERGENCY WORKS

Most of the emergency works carried out in September were in response to earlier weather events. However, some smaller-scale issues did arise following rainfall later in the month. The team addressed these through targeted activities including scour repairs, tree removals, and minor slip clearance. These interventions helped maintain road safety and accessibility across the network.



McIntyres Road Scour Repair

6. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE & RENEWALS

Drainage maintenance activities completed in September:

- 7.53km of water tabling
- 130.5m of Culvert pipes replaced/new (14 new lines)
- 121 Culvert inlet/outlets cleared
- 26 Culverts flushed
- 30 Headwalls constructed

Ray's crew has successfully completed the replacement of 14 culverts across 12 different roads, significantly improving stormwater management and resilience across the network. Along with the planned works, they also carried out essential maintenance activities, including culvert clearing and water tabling, to ensure optimal drainage and reduce the risk of future disruptions and increase network resilience.



Newton Road / Mahina Road / Cabbage Tree

7. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE/RENEWALS

No footpath renewals were undertaken in September. Instead, Mike's crew focused their efforts on supporting concrete and drainage works along the Wiroa/Waimate North Rehabilitation. They also installed flood markers on the frequently inundated bridge along Pukepoto Road, helping improve safety and visibility during high water events. The team also completed multiple bridge repairs across the network, including sites on Pipiwai, Lovatt, Tipene, and Hupura Roads.



Pukepoto Road / Pipiwai Road

8. ROAD FURNITURE ACTIVITY

- 29 new signs installed or replaced (damaged or missing)
- 14 signposts replaced/new
- 43 signs re-erected or straightened
- 12 signs/posts cleaned
- 5 posts re-painted
- 45 Edge marker/delineators replaced or straightened
- 10m of railing renewal/replacement

9. ORDERED WORKS

Ordered works carried out:

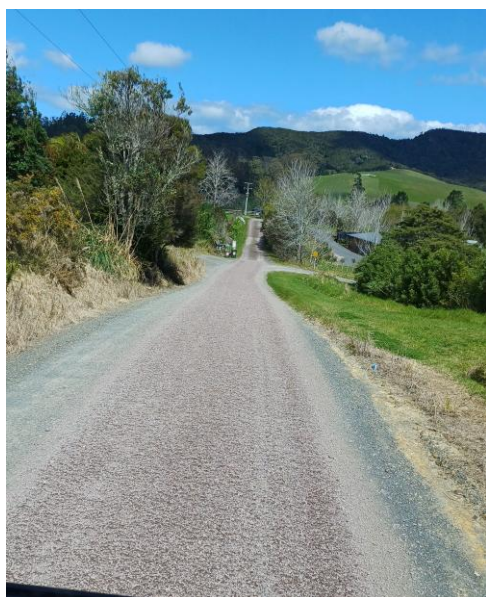
- 0.36km of channel hand clearing

- 2.8m2 temp pavement failure repairs
- 4m2 Footpath renewal
- 1,356.5m2 of Stabilised patches
- 361m of edgebreak repairs (>1m)
- 2.73km of high & low shoulder treatments

10. UNSEALED NETWORK

Maintenance metal was applied to 45 roads across the network in September. This treatment aims to improve traction and extend the lifespan of the pavement throughout the winter season. Roads included:

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| ➤ Barnes Road | ➤ Bentzen Drive | ➤ Bledisloe Road |
| ➤ Brindle Road | ➤ Browns Road | ➤ Callaghans Road |
| ➤ Fords Road | ➤ Forest Road | ➤ Gammons Road |
| ➤ Haruru Falls Road | ➤ Henare Road | ➤ Hikuwai Road |
| ➤ Hillcrest Road | ➤ Inkster Road | ➤ Jacks Bay Road |
| ➤ James Street | ➤ Lanes Road | ➤ McIntyres Road |
| ➤ Monument Road | ➤ Ninihi Road | ➤ Omapere Road |
| ➤ Opara Road | ➤ Paiaka Road | ➤ Picadilly Road |
| ➤ Pipiroa Road | ➤ Pokas Road | ➤ Quarry Road |
| ➤ Rahiri Settlement Road | ➤ Rakautao Road | ➤ Remuera Settlement Road |
| ➤ Renwick Road | ➤ Retreat Road | ➤ Rodger Road |
| ➤ Saies Road | ➤ Saward Road | ➤ Takou Bay Road |
| ➤ Te Iringa Road | ➤ Uruti Road | ➤ Waiare Road |
| ➤ Waikare Road | ➤ Waione Road | ➤ Wakelin Road |
| ➤ Waoku Road | ➤ Whangae Road | ➤ Wharekawa Road |



Retreat Road / Henarae Road

11. VEGETATION

In September, a total of 40.8 kilometres 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 September and will be for October also. Roads Completed include:

- Browns Road
- Marlow Road
- Maromaku-Towai Road
- Masons Road
- Masons Road
- Oetzman Road



Before / After Maromaku Towai Road

Before / After Oetzman Road

12. REHABILITATIONS

Waimate North/Wiroa Intersection

The rehabilitation works are now well underway, with completion targeted for mid-October. Installation of new drainage infrastructure, including kerb and channel systems, has been successfully completed. Site stabilisation was achieved in late September, and the area is scheduled for sealing and asphalt application in early October.



Kempthorne Road

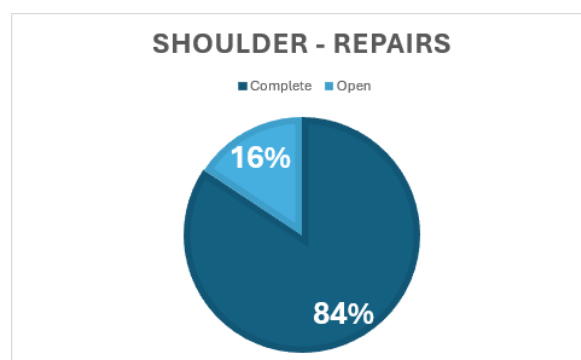
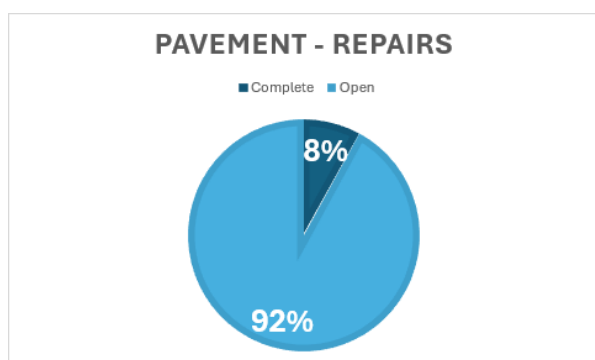
Significant vegetation removal, including large macrocarpa and poplar trees, has been completed to facilitate improved drainage and the planned widening of the carriageway. Construction activities for both drainage and widening are currently in progress. Stabilisation works are scheduled for completion in November.



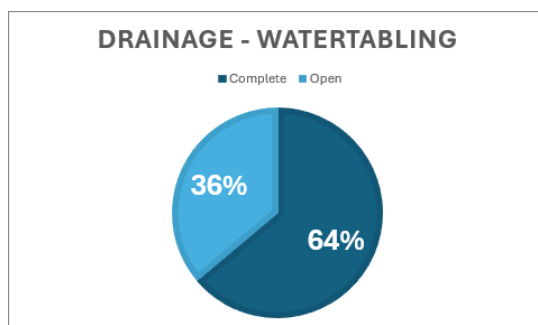
13. PRE-RESEAL REPAIRS

Pre-sealing repairs for the 2025/2026 season are now underway, with steady progress made throughout September. Key activities included water tabling, stabilised patching, and shoulder repairs—most of which are nearing completion. Brian's crew initiated the patching run in Russell, then moved through Opuia before focusing efforts in the Waimate North area. This early start has positioned us well for the upcoming reseal programme.

Looking ahead, the team will shift to Kerikeri and Waipapa Roads in early October, where night shift operations are planned to minimise disruption. These works are part of a broader strategy to ensure the network is well-prepared for the sealing season, with drainage and surface integrity



addressed ahead of time.



Waimate North Road

14. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORT

No accidents to report in September.

15. AWM ISSUES



No issues in September 25 – Any operational events of note are being recorded to provide feedback to Thinkproject.

16. CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES / COMPLAINTS

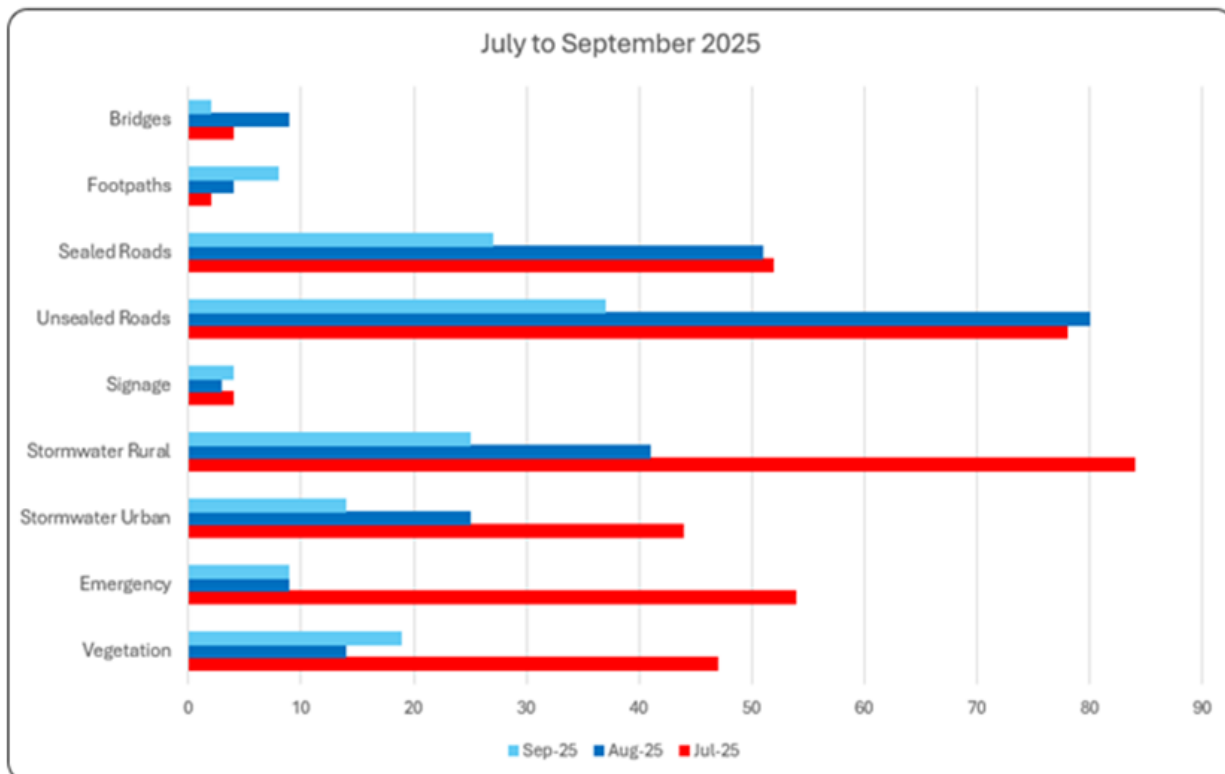
Ventia Customer Service Request Comparison, July to September 2025

Number of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Total	
Jul-25	47	54	44	84	4	78	52	2	4	369	
Aug-25	14	9	25	41	3	80	51	4	9	236	
Sep-25	19	9	14	25	4	37	27	8	2	145	TBC

Percentage of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Total	
Jul-25	12.7%	14.6%	11.9%	22.8%	1.1%	21.1%	14.1%	0.5%	1.1%	100%	
Aug-25	5.9%	3.8%	10.6%	17.4%	1.3%	33.9%	21.6%	1.7%	3.8%	100%	
Sep-25	13.1%	6.2%	9.7%	17.2%	2.8%	25.5%	18.6%	5.5%	1.4%	100%	TBC



17. COMPLIMENTS

We received three compliments for the month of September:

Gail Polwart wrote – *“I wish to thank FNDC for acknowledging my request and removing the problem trees and clearing the drain. This should now make it safe for trucks to negotiate the road as well as helping the water to drain away.”* – Greenacres Drive.

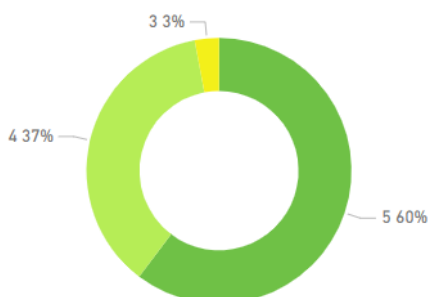
Shaun Walker wrote – *“Your team did an amazing job on the road – it hasn’t looked this good in ages.”* – Pakehua Road.

Vanessa Reti wrote – *“Around a month ago road maintenance was carried out in our area. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the work that was done. The improvements have made a significant difference to our daily travel and safety. We would especially like to acknowledge Ventia and the team involved for the excellent quality of the work. It has not gone unnoticed, and our community is truly grateful.”* – Waikare Road.

18. HEALTH & SAFETY & WELLBEING

Star Rating Distribution

Star Rating ● 5 ● 4 ● 3



As of 29 September, the Branch has observed a 9% increase in 5-star driver ratings, alongside a 7% decrease in 4-star ratings and a 2% reduction in 3-star ratings. These figures indicate a positive trend in driver performance and overall service quality. Throughout the reporting period, the Branch consistently maintained high standards, with the majority of drivers rated between 4 and 5 stars, and an overall monthly average of 5 stars. To provide further context, this report includes supporting data on total distance travelled, hours logged, and average driver ratings for the month.

19. TRAINING

September saw a strong focus on staff development and upskilling. Three team members successfully obtained their Wheels, Tracks & Rollers (WTR) licenses, increasing their versatility and strengthening operational capacity within their crews. This added flexibility supports smoother site operations and contributes to overall project efficiency.

In addition, several staff completed Forklift Training and Licensing, enabling more efficient material handling in the yard and streamlines the loading and unloading processes for job preparation.

Reu Kopa also completed Stage 1 Health & Safety Representative training, stepping into a key role focused on promoting a safer and more informed work environment. The training provided valuable insight into health and safety systems, their purpose, and their importance in maintaining a proactive and well-protected workforce.

20. ENVIRONMENT

In September we had no notifiable incidents to report.

21. ANNUAL ROUTINE ACTIVITY ACHIEVEMENT

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

Biennial Painting of All Rails	11%	complete
Biennial Parapet Painting of Bridges	5%	complete
Annual Cleaning of EMP's	16%	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

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