

SUMMER ROADWORKS AHEAD

\$2.8 million facelift for drought damaged Plains roads

If you've been thinking local Hauraki Plains roads look a bit like a split sausage left too long on the barbie, you'd be right.

That's because the recent summer drought dried out the soil the roads are built on causing widespread cracking and slumping.

Other roads in the district weren't affected as much because they're built on different soils.

It'll take more than 'moisturiser' to iron out the wrinkles

It's going to cost about \$2.8 million to repair all the drought related damage. This is on top of our usual repairs. Luckily, we have a co-funding agreement with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, who will pay for most of the work through their emergency works fund. The work will take place over two construction seasons (i.e. over a two-year period) starting this summer, with a second seal coat to be applied in year two to help ensure the repairs stay sound.

We've fixed the worst bits for safety's sake

We fixed the worst bits straight away because they presented a safety risk. We've waited to repair the rest of the roads until now to allow ground moisture levels to 'normalise' as much as possible.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we complete this work.



Please take extra care on Plains' roads this summer

Some surfaces will feel uneven, so remember to keep both hands on your steering wheel in case of any unexpected movement from the wheels of your car or bike.

We'll have crews out and about fixing the roads right across the Plains this summer, so please remember to allow extra time for your journey and be prepared to slow down or stop.

For more information, check out our FAQ's at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/summer-drought-roads/

Did you know?

There's about 75000 square metres, or up to 10km by length, of repairs needed on the local Plains roads. That's 3.5 times our usual maintenance programme. Some of the damage is across the full width and some is only on half of the road.

We look after local roads and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency manages the state highways.

