

22 July 2024

Andrew Green
Via email: Andrew Green <fyi-request-26453-8b6df615@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Dear Andrew

Official information request relating to fixing the Spinnaker Drive slip.

I refer to your official information request dated 8 July 2024.

The information you have requested is enclosed. The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

1. I request an update on the progress since my last request towards fixing the road at Spinnaker Drive, Whitby.

Since your previous LGOIMA (reply sent 30 April 2024), we have continued to work through the approval processes required to carry out a competitive public tender to engage a supplier to deliver the final geotechnical design work needed for a permanent repair. We are aiming to have this out to market ASAP but no later than the end of September 2024.

2. I request under what Act the council is required to fix the road under, along with any legislation on what is a reasonable timeframe for this to happen.

Fix the road: The [Local Government Act 1974](#), section 319, covers the general powers of councils regarding roads as below:

319 General powers of councils in respect of roads

- (1) The council shall have power in respect of roads to do the following things:
- a. to construct, upgrade, and repair all roads with such materials and in such manner as the council thinks fit.

As per our previous response to you on this issue, as the Road Controlling Authority, Porirua City Council's road maintenance priority is safety then whole-of-life value-for-money interventions, and that guides the approach to all competing road maintenance issues across the city.

Timeframes: We are not aware of any legislation that sets out what "reasonable timeframes" are for repairs to be carried out. Multiple alternative routes are available to users of Spinnaker Drive whilst it is closed so this site - while inconvenient – does not cause safety issues while it is closed.

3. I also request the average timeframes for fixing roads in the council's catchment.

It is not possible to quantify "average timeframes for fixing roads", as fixing a road could range from a few hours / days to a few years depending on its safety issues, risk factors and complexity. For example, a serious pothole is responded to within a matter of hours, while an area of minor road surface cracking, or kerb & channel repairs, that do not pose a serious safety risk will be addressed as work programmes and budgets allow. We are also conscious of ensuring our approach to road maintenance achieves the best whole-of-life costs for our assets.

NB: We note your questions refer to the road. The slip-on Spinnaker Drive is not an issue with a road requiring repair. The issue is a slip originating on private land that has deposited a substantial amount of debris on the road. It is the debris that needs to be cleared, and the bank retained, so that we can safely reopen the road. If any minor road repairs are required because of the slip, these will be carried out before the road is reopened.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Moana Wyatt at official.information@porirua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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