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■ 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 the New Zealand Transport Agency who provide Government subsidy for such works.



■ 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 staff 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.

Normally in attendance at a meeting are your elected Ward Councillor and a Council staff member from the Roading & Projects Team or Chairman of Council's Roading & Transport Committee.



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

If 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 a value assesed by a registered property valuer.

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

The following applies only if new kerb and channel is installed across your vehicle entrance as part of the project.

Council will provide, at no cost to you, a standard residential vehicle crossing. However this will only apply to one vehicle entrance per property. You will be required to apply for approval, and pay for the cost of upgrading any additional approved entrances.

Council reserves the right to remove and close any entrance where in Council's opinion, an entrance is located in an unsafe location or does not comply with Council vehicle entrance standards.

The length of property boundary fronting the road limits the number of entrances to a property. As a guide multiple entrances are only allowed where the length of property frontage is more than 30 metres.

■ Payment arrangements

If you have only one standard residential vehicle entrance no further action on your part is required and Council will install the residential entranceway free of charge. If you have more than one approved vehicle entrance you will be required to pay, by a set date prior to construction, for the additional cost, or the additional entranceway will be closed.

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■ Standard commercial vehicle entrances

Council makes no offer to contribute to the cost of construction for a standard commercial vehicle entrance. In this case you will need to pay the full cost of construction with payment required by a set date prior to construction.

■ I already have a standard residential vehicle entrance. Do I have to pay again?

If this is the case Council will reinstate your entrance, at no cost to you, to a similar condition that existed prior to construction. Staff Council will liaise with property owners regarding their vehicle entrances if upgrading is required.

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

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.

■ Who maintains vehicle entrances?

Council will maintain any urban vehicle crossing that fully conforms to Waikato District Council standards. Non-standard entranceways will continue to be maintained by the property owner.

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