ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

Mataikona Road Improvement Project

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On Saturday 23 July the first public engagement was held for the Mataikona Road Improvements Project. The event was hosted in one of the community members' properties and was well promoted through the Masterton District Council (MDC). The event was held immediately following the first Stakeholder Workshop.

Approximately 60 people attended, including MDC Councillor, David Holmes. The community had a very strong interest in the information provided regarding the issues being raised around the roading and area needs.



Attendees shared their experiences with the road and were asked to provide feedback on what the problems are and their thoughts on potential solutions. Questions that were posed to attendees to generate the conversation included:

- Where do you think the road is bad and needs sorting and your thoughts on how this could be achieved, and why you feel it is bad.
- How often do you use the road?
- Do you access the beach, if so where, how often, is that important to you?
- Have you had accidents on this road or lots of near misses? And at what locations?
- Is the road safe for dealing with heavy vehicles like stock trucks and logging trucks?

- Do you run a business from Mataikona? For example, firewood that you need to take out regularly for delivery to clients.
- Do you have bees and beekeepers accessing your land?
- Do you have thoughts on the best way to tackle erosion?
- Is all weather access important to you in a standard car?
- How have you been affected by road closures?
- In what way does the road affect you and your property, or work at Mataikona.
- Are you a full-time resident at Mataikona and use the road daily?

It was noted that Internet access in the community was not excellent, and many people would prefer to provide feedback either in person or on paper. This was taken into consideration and feedback options given to attendees were: to write it down in the moment, email it back to the council office, drop off at the event venue or with one of the community group leaders. All the feedback was captured and sent to Stantec for consideration.

Channels included:

- Sticky notes
- Website page
- Feedback forms
- Online feedback form
- Survey
- Meetings with hapū and iwi

Sticky notes (84 were collected)

During the public event attendees were able to jot down concerns regarding specific areas along the road route. The issues are reflected in the topics under feedback.



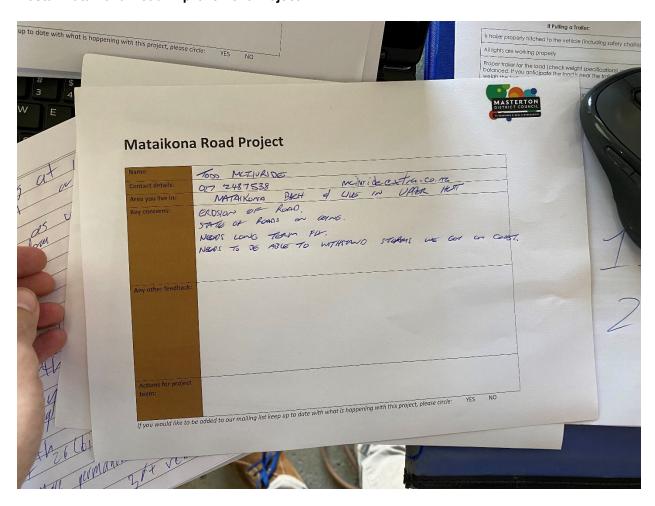
Website

A project specific web page was established to update the community on progress, opportunities to be involved and a channel for them to provide feedback.

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Feedback forms (31)

A feedback form was provided at the event and made available on the website. Images of the forms were captured from the event and the information was included for consideration in the project. Five online contributions were also made and provided to the project team for input.



Topics of concern included:

- Seal level rise
- Coastal erosion
- Weather events
- Slips and dropouts
- Road closures
- Waio Hill
- Pack Spur Road
- Emergency response access
- Maintenance costs
- Safety

Survey (65 responses)

The survey was prepared in both English and Te Reo for the project with the intention of gaining a full understanding of how and why the road is used and its role in supporting the community and local businesses. The survey was split into two components, one set of questions for residents and one set of questions for businesses. The survey was open from 23rd July to 13th August.

Of all of the survey responses 41 were from permanent residents and nine were from businesses. 17 residents resided on the Mataikona Road corridor and 24 resided elsewhere in the area, and nine did not respond to that specific question.

A pdf version of the survey was also made available for people who preferred to print it out and work with a hard copy. Hard copies were also made available at the council office.

Hapū and iwi meetings (2)

Engagement was coordinated through the MDC Māori liaison Advisor – Kaitakawaenga. Two separate meetings were held (5 July and 8 August) as per their request to gather additional information and cultural concerns. The information gathered during these meetings was input into the project. Hapū and iwi were also invited to attend and contribute to stakeholder workshops.