



Mataikona Road project – Workshop and community meeting – 23 July 2022

The first workshop for the Mataikona Road Improvement Project was held on Saturday the 23 July 2022 with key stakeholders. A community meeting followed the workshop and more than 60 people attended.

Masterton District Council is working with roading engineering company Stantec to develop long-term options for the Mataikona Road.

A key element in the project is preparation of a business case on which to base a funding application to Waka Kotahi. The business case must be based on data, including information from users and the community about the importance of the road and impacts of access issues.

No options have yet been finalised but a range of potential mitigation measures are included in the presentation available on the Council [website](#). For that reason, it is important you provide information on your experiences through the Mataikona Road feedback form on the website. Please also complete the user survey [here](#).

Workshop topics that were discussed included:

- Land use
- Transportation
- Social and economic impacts
- Culture
- Geology
- Road closures
- Maintenance costs
- Safety

Workshop attendees identified issues and made some suggestions that covered key problem areas for:

- Front Hill (CH 0 – 2,000, hill section)
- Sandy Bay (CH 2,200 – 4,000, settlement section)
- Sandy Bay to Un-named Creek (CH 4,000 – 5,600, hill section)
- Un-named Creek to Suicide Rock (CH 5,600 – 7,800, coastal section)
- Suicide Rock (CH 7,800 – 8,500, hill section)
- Middle settlement (CH 8,500 – 9,000, settlement section)
- Mataikona River (CH 11,500 – 13,000, coastal/ river section)
- Pack Spur Road

The Project Team will assess the outcomes from the workshop using an agreed upon criteria that covers:

- **Investment Objectives**
 - Addressing a known climate change adaptation issue
 - Reduction in duration of unplanned road closures
- **Four Wellbeings**
 - Effects on Te Ao Māori
 - Environmental effects
 - Social and community
 - Economic development and growth
- **Critical Success Factors**
 - Property impacts
 - Consentability
 - Climate change mitigation
 - Technical difficulty
 - Safety and design
 - Value for money

The project team will take this info and assess options over the next 4-6 week and report back to the community at that point.