



Media Release

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## **Roading Resealing programme underway**

Road resealing is now underway in Selwyn for this season. Resealing work is undertaken during the spring, summer and early autumn during warmer weather.

Resealing work will be undertaken on 60 roads in Selwyn over the next six months with a total of 76 kilometres to be resealed. Of this, 11 kilometres of resealing work is extra work which was funded by a \$60 targeted roading rate introduced in July. This extra funding will enable the resealing of sections of these roads:

- Selwyn Road (from Shands Road to Lincoln Rolleston Road)
- Lincoln Rolleston Road (from Selwyn Road to Lowes Road)
- Springston Rolleston Road (from Rattletrack Road to Dynes Road)
- Weedons Road (from Ellesmere Junction Road to Shands Road)

The extra roads to have resealing work completed are all roads with high traffic volumes which need regular resealing to prevent their condition deteriorating. A complete list of roads which will have resealing work completed is available on the Council's website, [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz).

The roading targeted rate introduced in July has also allowed the Council to increase road rehabilitation work from 1 kilometre to 4 kilometres.

"Road rehabilitation work is needed on roads which have a significant number of failures which require more than a repair and a reseat to maintain," says Selwyn District Council Roading Engineer Mark Chamberlain.

"The rehabilitation work involves digout repairs to the failed areas, a basecourse placed to an average depth of 150 mm over the entire road carriageway and a first coat seal being applied to the newly formed basecourse. This type of construction uses the strength of the existing road pavement as a base for the new carriageway."

The roads where rehabilitation work will be done are sections of Selwyn Lake Road, Southbridge Leeston Road, Leeston Dunsandel Road, Old Tai Tapu Road and Feredays Road. Construction is currently near completion on Selwyn Lake Road and is underway on Southbridge Leeston Road.

In July, the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) announced it would provide the Council with \$530,000 in extra funding for road maintenance. The funding was allocated to recognise the increasing amount of traffic on Selwyn roads, and to support the extra reseat and road maintenance work the Council was carrying out funded from the targeted roading rate.

The NZTA funding will allow the Council to improve drainage along 350 kilometres of local roads. Contractors will be removing high grass shoulders from roadsides to allow water to drain away without ponding on the road surface. This work has started and will be done throughout the year. Where pre-sealing work is already planned on roads, drainage work will be timed to coincide with this. If maintenance metalling work on unsealed roads is planned, drainage work will be done prior to this work.

“When the basecourse of roads become wet the strength is reduced and they become more prone to failure (such as potholes or edge damage), particularly on heavy vehicle routes,” says Mr Chamberlain.

“In areas where drainage work is completed, this should help to reduce the problems with potholes and edge damage.”

*Photos attached: road resealing work taking place on Main Rakaia Road. The road receives a layer of bitumen and then chip is placed and rolled to provide a new seal.*

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