

Date: Monday 15 September 2025
Time: 1.00pm
Meeting Room: Collingwood Fire Station, Elizabeth Street, Collingwood
Venue:

Golden Bay Community Board

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

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Project STRAWS

**strengthening transport resilience
at Waitapu Splash**

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Objective

Make SH60 resilient at
Tākaka

- Waitapu Splash
- Bridgers Hollow



Problem 1: Waitapu Splash (ws)

- During floods, all road access from north of Waitapu Bridge is cut off
- **Solution:** install a series of low culvert; put the highway over the top



SH60 flooding

Locations either side of Tākaka with different issues

— **Problem 2: Bridgers Hollow (BH)**

- During floods, when the gap between the tram embankment is filled, water flows into Tākaka
- **Solution:** install a large culvert; put the highway over the top

Expensive to fix? No

- So why is NZTA not attending to it?
- The funding rules are simplistic and don't take our situation into account



Funding rules

- Criterion 1: traffic volumes (ours are low)
- Criterion 2: affected population (once again, it's low)



Funding rule shortfalls

1. WS: there is no alternative road
2. WS: chances are that flooding also severs the comms system
3. BH: the insufficient stormwater flow capacity causes flooding of the town



Take away

The Tākaka situation is not captured by the funding rules

What to do? Lobby NZTA

- Without some gentle pushing, NZTA will never fix these two problem spots
- Let's encourage them to do so

Thank you