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Kia ora koutou,

Please see below for updates on the State Highway network and recovery work. Good progress is being made on the Hikuwai Bailey bridge this week, even with trying weather conditions. We will confirm the official opening date as soon as possible.

**Updates on the State Highway network as at 31/5/23 include:**

**State Highway 35:**

- The Hikuwai Bailey bridge is progressing well with the (largely) good weather we've had this week and the first bridge span was launched today. Demolition of the old bridge started yesterday.
- Due to heavy rain on Monday night, SH35 was closed due to flooding until Tuesday morning. No major damage was reported however there was a slip in the Tolaga Gorge that had to be cleared.
- At Tikitiki, works continue to repair multiple dropouts.

**State Highway 2 North of Gisborne:**

- We have completed five of 13 foam bitumen sites on SH2.
- Asphaltting work on SH2 Gisborne to Waioeka Gorge is due to get underway in mid-late June. This work will operate under night closures from June to September. Communications roll-out is underway

with press release issued yesterday: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/media-releases/sh2-work-north-of-gisborne-to-future-proof-key-lifeline/> and the same information going out shortly via our eNewsletter Connecting Tairāwhiti.

#### **State Highway 2 Gisborne to Napier:**

- On Wednesday 31 May at 5am, State Highway 2 Napier to Wairoa opened 24/7. Over recent weeks contractor teams have installed guardrail, reflective cat eyes, safety poles and additional cones to make the section through Devil's Elbow safe for 24/7 travel. [We posted about the opening on Facebook.](#)
- On Tuesday night, crews resealed the road at Waikoau Hill where a major underslip site had been repaired just before the cyclone.
- Under-scour repair work at the Karearea Stream Bridge between Tangoio and White Pine Bush is anticipated to be complete in six weeks' time.
- Work at Sandy Creek Bridge is expected to be completed this week (weather dependent) and the road will then be reopened to two lanes.
- Strengthening works on the Esk River Bridge have been completed. There is still work to be completed under the bridge which may require stop/go traffic management at times. The 30km/h temporary speed limit will remain in place until work has been completed (expected completion date: 16 June).

#### **State Highway 38**

- Repair works at the underslip next to the Waikaretaheke river (where the road is down to one lane) are underway.
- Design for repair of the large underslip near the intersection of SH38 and Titirangi Road (pre-cyclone damage) is almost complete; construction is expected to start in six weeks' time (weather dependent).

#### **State Highway 5:**

- Our thoughts go out to the whānau and friends of those involved in a serious crash between Motukino Road and High Level Road on Sunday night.
- Last week, SH5 was closed overnight from 9pm on Wednesday 24 May to 3am on Thursday 25 May and crews have successfully resealed the temporary bypass at the Esk underslip between Glengarry and Te Pōhue.
- Temporary repair works at the three Mangakōpikopiko sites are underway with one expected to be completed this week.
- Repair works at the large underslip at Elands will get underway this week.

#### **Update on recovery work**

##### **Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Hawke's Bay**

- The Hawke's Bay Strategic Resilience Recovery work is in its fifth week, and on track to be completed mid-July.
- Iwi Partner Briefing packs have been supplied to iwi and hapū, and conversations on how they would prefer to be engaged with during this project are underway.
- A project update is being provided to stakeholders at the SH5 Programme Business Case workshop today (31 May).
- The project has a second workshop on 2 June to discuss options development. At workshop 3 (13 June) Waka Kotahi will share the emerging preferred programmes with the governance group.
- On 22 May the Waka Kotahi team offered to travel to Hawke's Bay and hui with the governance group in person; this offer is still open.
- We are planning for the preferred programme options to go to Ministry of Transport on 29 June to support a cabinet paper in mid-July.

##### **Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Tairāwhiti Wairoa**

- Following the final workshop with the governance group, the programme business case for the Tairāwhiti Wairoa work is now drafted and going through internal Waka Kotahi reviews this week.
- We have two additional governance group meetings this month to round out conversations.
- The project team will follow up with iwi to communicate the study findings and a way forward.

### Collaborative delivery model

- We are meeting with Council Infrastructure GM's next week. Meetings will be fortnightly moving forward to ensure that the latest information is available, and any questions can be answered
- Management Team roles are being recruited from across the participating organisations over the next fortnight

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Kia ora koutou,

Please see below for updates on the State Highway network and recovery work. There have been a few delays in works due to wet weather since the last update. Winter weather poses an additional challenge and highlights that all repair works are weather dependent, but positive progress is still being made.

### Updates on the State Highway network as at 7/6/23 include:

#### State Highway 35:

- Good progress has been made on the Hikuwai Bailey Bridge this week, even with trying weather conditions. The Bailey Bridge is now in place. Stabilisation of pavement is scheduled for Friday this week, weather permitting. Sealing is scheduled for next week, weather permitting.
- *Invitations will be sent soon for a ceremony to mark the completion of the bridge. The event will be on 14 June in the afternoon. Please note: We are planning for the Bridge to open to traffic on Thursday 15 June at 8am. This news is not yet public.*
- Demolition of the old Hikuwai bridge is progressing well, with the first span out of the water. The second span is currently under water as the river levels are high. The team will begin removal of the second span next week. The last remaining standing span will be demolished and removed once the second span is out of the river.
- Works continue to repair multiple dropouts north of Tikitiki.

#### State Highway 2 North of Gisborne:

- The SH2 Gisborne to Waioeka Gorge asphaltting programme is scheduled to start Monday 19 June. Work will begin at the northern section at Matawai and take approximately 3 – 4 weeks. Work will take place seven nights a week between 7pm–5am when the weather is fine, with some full road closures required. Communications to let people know are underway. More information can be found here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/connecting-tairāwhiti/tairāwhiti-recovery/frequently-asked-questions/>
- The foam bitumen work underway on SH2 north is 33% complete.

#### State Highway 2 Gisborne to Napier:

- Reseal works at Waikoau Hill have been delayed due to wet weather and are now starting this week (weather-dependent).
- Under-scour repair work at the Karearea Stream Bridge between Tangoio and White Pine Bush is now anticipated to be complete at the end of July.
- Work at Sandy Creek Bridge has also been delayed and is now expected to be completed at the end of next week. The road will then be reopened to two lanes.
- Crack filling under the Esk River bridge is on track to be completed by 16 June. Stop/go traffic management and the 30km/h temporary speed limit will remain in place until work has been completed.

#### State Highway 38

- Repair works at the underslip next to the Waikaretaheke river (where the road is down to one lane) have been delayed and are now starting this week.
- Design for repair of the large underslip near the intersection of SH38 and Titirangi Road (pre-cyclone damage) is almost complete; construction is expected to start mid-July (weather dependent).

### State Highway 5:

- Repair works at the Esk underslip between Glengarry and Te Pōhue are progressing well and expected to be completed at the end July.
- Temporary repair works at Mangakōpikopiko sites are progressing well: One site has been completed last week, two more are underway.
- Repair works at the large underslip at Elands have been delayed for a week and are now getting underway this week.

### Update on recovery work

#### Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Hawke's Bay

- The Hawke's Bay Strategic Resilience Recovery work is in its sixth week, and on track to be completed mid-July.
- The second workshop to discuss options development was complete on 2 June. There will be catch ups with each Council individually ahead of the third workshop on 13 June. To achieve Cabinet timeframes the team must develop emerging preferred programme options and costs by 13 June.
- We will submit the programme options including recommended programme and associated budget ranges for the Ministry of Transport on 23 June for inputting into a cabinet paper in July. We will present an update to the Waka Kotahi Board on 6 July. Further advice will be provided to the Ministry following this. Endorsement of the business case will be then sought from the Board in September.

#### Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Tairāwhiti Wairoa

- The Tairāwhiti Wairoa Strategic Resilience Recovery work is now in week 12 of 12. Feedback on the final options prioritisation has been positive and the focus this week is updating the business case to reflect feedback gathered over the last week. We are aiming to have the final draft completed by this Friday.
- Internal quality assurance will be completed by Friday 19 June. We will submit the programme options including recommended programme and associated budget ranges for the Ministry of Transport on 23 June for inputting into a cabinet paper in July. We will present to the Waka Kotahi Board on 6 July for endorsement of the business case including recommended programme. Further advice will be provided to the Ministry following this.

#### Collaborative delivery model

- The first fortnightly engagement with Council Infrastructure GM's (or their delegate) went ahead this week, where an update on the alliance progress and indicative timeframes moving forward was provided.
- We plan to continue meeting each fortnight to keep everyone up to date with progress, and to hear any concerns or queries.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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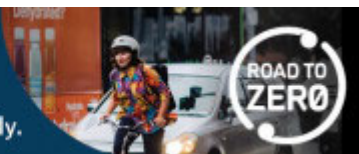
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Kia ora koutou,

The Hikuwai No.1 Bailey bridge was blessed yesterday and will open to traffic this morning. This is a huge milestone for the community, and it was very special to be able to recognise and celebrate this.

Please see below for updates on the State Highway network and recovery work.

### Updates on the State Highway network as at 14/6/23 include:

#### State Highway 35:

- The Hikuwai No.1 Bailey bridge will today to traffic at 8am tomorrow morning. There will be traffic management on site with a speed restriction in place. The bridge is suitable for vehicles up to 50 MAX which means stock trucks, school buses, freight trucks and some forestry trucks can use the bridge.
- Due to the wet weather we've experienced, some closures of the Hikuwai No.1 Bailey bridge may be needed while the approaches on both the north and south side are completed as well as to remove the old bridge from the river. These closures will be communicated in advance and road users can travel on Parau Road as the alternative route.

#### State Highway 2 North of Gisborne:

- Preparatory works for the SH2 asphalt programme have begun this week, meaning stop/go traffic management is now in place between Gisborne and the Waioeka Gorge entrance. On Monday the asphaltting work will begin. The work can only be completed during dry weather, so the road will remain open when it's wet. People should plan travel carefully and check Journey Planner for live updates.

#### State Highway 2 Gisborne to Napier:

- Reseal/asphaltting works at Waikoau Hill, White Pine Bush and several other sites has now started or are starting this week and are expected to be completed by the end of the week (weather-dependent).
- Under-scour repair work at the Karearea Stream Bridge between Tangoio and White Pine Bush is still expected to be complete at the end of July.
- Work at Sandy Creek Bridge is expected to be completed at the end of this week. The road will then be reopened to two lanes.
- Crack filling under the Esk River bridge is still on track to be completed by 16 June. Stop/go traffic management and the 30km/h temporary speed limit will remain in place until work has been completed.

#### State Highway 38

- Repair works at the underslip next to the Waikaretaheke river (where the road is down to one lane) have been delayed again and are expected to start this week.
- Design for repair of the large underslip near the intersection of SH38 and Titirangi Road (pre-cyclone damage) is now complete, and contractors are preparing to start in the next few weeks (weather dependent).

#### State Highway 5:

- Temporary repair works at the two remaining Mangakōpikopiko sites are progressing well.
- Repair works at the large underslip at Elands started last week and are expected to be complete mid-August.



- Repair works at the Esk underslip between Glengarry and Te Pōhue are progressing well and expected to be completed at the end July.

## Update on recovery work

### Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Hawke's Bay

- The Hawke's Bay Strategic Resilience Recovery work is in week 7, and on track to be completed mid-July.
- The project team reached out to representatives of each of the four councils last week to discuss options development ahead of workshop 3 (Emerging Preferred Options) which was held on 13 June.
- Following our submission of the programme options to MoT on 23 June, our update to the Waka Kotahi Board on 6 July will include the recommended broad programme. We will then seek endorsement of the business case from the Waka Kotahi Board in September (along with the SH5 Napier to Taupō Programme Business Case).
- The final governance group workshop is on 27 June.

### Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Tairāwhiti Wairoa

- The draft business case is now complete and there is a draft recommended programme of works.
- Following completion of internal quality assurance, the draft business case and recommended programme will be submitted to MoT and the Waka Kotahi Board.
- There is another governance group meeting on 23 June.

### Collaborative delivery model

- We have set up a time to update you on the recovery delivery model, including progress made to date, and how we anticipate the recovery and rebuild taking shape over the coming months.
- We are working through the RFP process for the professional services sub-alliance, now that the Advanced Notice of Interest (ANOI) has closed
- We continue to build the Management Team for the delivery model as we move towards the full alliance signing.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Kia ora koutou,

As you will be aware, the large volumes of rain in the weekend resulted in some flooding, slips and fallen trees on the state highway network. Crews are out filling potholes, and some of our work has had to be postponed, including the asphaltting programme due to start on SH2. Still, there are positive milestones that have been achieved.

Please see below for more detail including updates on the State Highway network and recovery work.

### Updates on the State Highway network as at 21/6/23 include:

#### State Highway 35:

- SH35 between Okitu, north of Gisborne and Ruatoria has been closed today following surface flooding along the highway and a heavy rain warning is in place. Dangerous amounts of surface flooding have led to the decision. The situation will be reassessed from first light tomorrow (Thursday).
- The beams from the old Hikuwai No. 1 Bridge have been removed from the river and transported to Gisborne. We are now making plans to remove the final bridge span still standing on the old bridge; this will require a crane on the northern abutment.
- The 300-tonne crane at the Hikuwai bridge site will be demobilised this week; there is the potential for it to be used on the northern side for further works. The crane pad will also be removed.
- Some works are required on the Hikuwai Bailey bridge approach prior to asphaltting. We are waiting for a good weather window for the asphalt crew.
- Some road closures are still expected at the Hikuwai Bridge site for completion of some of the remaining works.

#### State Highway 2 North of Gisborne:

- Slips and fallen trees resulted from the weekend's rain. There is a priority give way and 30km/h temporary speed limit in place just south of Otoko.
- The foam bitumen stabilisation work has been delayed due to the wet weather.
- Due to further wet weather forecast this week, the asphaltting programme has been postponed to the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June. We will provide further detail around the start date as soon as possible.

#### State Highway 2 Gisborne to Napier:

- We are acutely aware of the critical nature of this corridor, and concerns regarding potholing and roadside debris. Our contractors have been out, weather permitting, to address these issues and ensure that we proactively manage it through the wet, winter period.
- Pavement repairs of four subsidence sites near Mōrere (towards Tairāwhiti boundary) are expected to be completed by the end of June (weather dependent).
- Reseal/asphaltting works at Waikoau Hill, White Pine Bush and several other sites have now been completed.
- Pavement repairs south of Tūtira store are scheduled to occur this week (weather dependent).
- Under-scour repair work at the Karearea Stream Bridge between Tangoio and White Pine Bush is still expected to be complete at the end of July but works have been slowed down by the recent wet weather.
- Work at Sandy Creek Bridge has been impacted by the recent rain and is delayed again. Works are expected to be completed at the end of this week.

- The completion date for the crack filling under the Esk River bridge has been delayed by two weeks due to additional testing required to start these works. Stop/go traffic management and the 30km/h temporary speed limit will remain in place until work has been completed, most likely by the end of June.

#### **State Highway 38:**

- Repair works at the underslip next to the Waikaretaheke river started yesterday, following a delay due to wet weather.
- The start date for the repair of the large underslip near the intersection of SH38 and Titirangi Road (pre-cyclone damage) will be confirmed by the end of next week.

#### **State Highway 5:**

- By the beginning of July, the drop out at the Esk underslip between Glengarry and Te Pōhue will be at road level, and next steps will include pavement work and drainage improvements.
- Temporary repair works at one of the two remaining Mangakōpikopiko sites is expected to be repaired this week (weather dependent).
- The Captain's culvert scour repairs between Te Pōhue and Te Hāroto (where the road is down to one lane) is still in the design stage; construction is expected to begin at the end of July.
- Repair works at the large underslip at Elands are progressing well with completion expected mid-August.

#### **Update on recovery work**

##### **Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Hawke's Bay**

- The Hawke's Bay Strategic Resilience Recovery work is in week 8, and still on track to be completed mid-July.
- The project team presented an update to the SH5 Programme Business Case (PBC) Steering Group at their meeting yesterday.
- The final governance group workshop is on 27 June.
- Conversations with partners and stakeholders are ongoing while the Strategic Response, including the recommended programme, is being refined.
- Following the submission of information to Ministry of Transport and the Waka Kotahi Board in June and July, we are aiming to seek endorsement of the business case, including the recommended programme, from the Board on 28 September.

##### **Strategic Resilience Recovery work: Tairāwhiti Wairoa**

- The business case has now undergone Waka Kotahi internal quality assurance review and minor updates are being made.
- At the final governance meeting on Friday, a summary of where the project has arrived at will be presented.
- The draft business case and recommended programme are going to Ministry of Transport on Friday and we are aiming to seek endorsement of the business case and recommended programme from the Waka Kotahi Board on 6 July.

##### **Collaborative delivery model**

- We look forward to meeting with Mayors and Chief Executives of our Local Government partners on Friday and Monday to provide updates on the recovery delivery model. This will be a good opportunity for them to ask questions and clarify any information about the alliance.

Much of the current work across the network is now part of our ongoing response and maintenance work, so I will now move to sending these updates fortnightly. If there is a significant change or event, I will provide an update in between these regular communications.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Kia ora Prisca

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Kia ora koutou

Ref Linda Stewart's regular updates to you on what's happening with the State Highway network, please see important information below regarding a temporary closure of SH35 Hikuwai Bridge and the re-opening of SH2 Gisborne to Opōtiki following last weekend's wet weather.

#### State Highway 35 North

- Plans are underway to protect the new Hikuwai Bailey bridge on SH35 from potential damage from the old bridge stands upstream.
- To do this safely, the road will be closed 24/7 from 7am Monday 17 July until 5am Thursday 27 July, 10 days.**
- The detour is via Pourau Road.
- We are very mindful of the impact this closure will have and want to thank everyone who uses the bridge for their understanding and support as we do this important work.
- Work includes demobilising the 300T crane and moving it to the northern side of the bridge in order to remove the old bridge beams.
- The old beams are 31m long and will be transported to Gisborne in two sections.
- The approaches to the Bailey bridge will also be surfaced during this time.
- This work cannot be completed from the southern side due to the weight of the beams and the distance from the crane in its current position.
- Please plan for travel times accordingly.

#### State Highway 2 – Gisborne and Opōtiki

- State Highway 2 between Gisborne and Ōpōtiki will re-open for day-time travel under stop/go traffic management from next Tuesday, 4 July.
- The stretch of highway between Matawai and Ormond sustained significant damage as a result of the weekend's heavy rainfall with slips, debris and movement in the road.
- Since the weekend, sections of the road have dropped up to one metre, and movement in the area has been the biggest concern with geotech engineers on site regularly to inspect damage and further movement in the road at Otoko Hill.
- Crews have installed more drainage to divert water away from the road and relieve pressure, before using rocks and geotech stabilising material to backfill the drops and build the road up again.
- When the road reopens on Tuesday, it will look very different to the way it has done, even in the months since Cyclone Gabrielle. The stop/go traffic controls will be crucial to help keep everyone safe and road users driving through the area will be piloted through by our contractor, at a lower temporary speed of 30km/h.
- Contractors will still be working in a number of places along SH2 clearing debris and stabilising slips, road users will need to continue to be careful when driving the road, drive to the conditions and expect delays.

Traffic bulletins are being prepared for the media and public this afternoon.

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**Subject:** Cyclone Gabrielle; Waka Kotahi East Coast network and recovery update

Kia ora koutou,

Please see below for updates on the State Highway network and recovery work.

**Updates on the State Highway network as at 4/5/23 include:**

**State Highway 35:**

- Bailey Bridge work is underway with piling and remains on track for opening 26 May, weather dependant.

**State Highway 2 North of Gisborne:**

- We are improving the resilience of State Highway 2 Gisborne to Ōpōtiki as part of the Government's initial \$250m fund for cyclone-related emergency repairs and road works.
- Pavement work got underway on the Waerengaahika Straights between Bruce Road and College Road in Ormond on Tuesday under stop/go traffic management. A media release has been issued and communication with stakeholders is in progress.
- Asphalt resurfacing will follow from June – August along SH2 from Gisborne to Waioeka Gorge and between Gisborne and Manutuke. This work will be undertaken at night and key stakeholders are being engaged.

**State Highway 2 Gisborne to Napier:**

- We are pleased to let you know that State Highway 2 Wairoa to Napier will reopen next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7am to all road users. The road will initially only be open during daylight hours, 7am to 6pm.
- You should already have received a separate email from me with additional details for the blessing. If you have any questions about this please let me know.
- The work to strengthen the Esk River Bridge started on Sunday 30 April.

**State Highway 38**

- Clean up work on SH38 continues, such as slip clearing, slash clean up and pavement works.
- Our consultants are currently progressing the design work for the permanent fixes to the damaged sites, and following that the physical works will be able to commence.

**State Highway 51:**

- The Waitangi River Bridge was closed overnight from last Wednesday evening (26/4) to Thursday morning (27/4) for debris clearing and replacement of damaged barrier.

**State Highway 5:**

- SH5 Eland large underslip: road is currently down to one lane. Design is underway with construction anticipated to start in the second week of May to reconstruct the road as it was.
- SH5 Te Haroto large scour where road is reduced to one lane. Design is underway with construction anticipated to start mid-June to reconstruct the road as it was. Large box culvert inlet improvements will also be completed.
- SH5 Glengarry large underslip – reconstruction of the road continues and is expected to be completed by end of July.
- SH5 Mangakōpikopiko stream scour sites – temporary work started this week (1 May) to protect the road until a permanent design / solution is completed.

**Other**

- A hui with SH5 community representatives was held on Monday 1 May to hear their concerns and insights and to update them on work happening on SH5. This meeting was well received, and a follow-up meeting will be organised.
- A meeting with community members living along SH2 will be held next Monday, 8 May, 6.30pm at the Waikare Sports Complex in Putorino. There will be managed walking access over the Waikare Bailey bridge before and after the meeting to give community members from the northern side of the gorge the opportunity to attend.
- An update email to communities living along SH2 (including the invite to the community meeting) was sent out on 3 May.



- Bailey bridges have a planned inspection a month after they are completed, and then normally have an annual inspection. We are looking at whether the two state highway Bailey bridges should have more frequent inspections.

## **Update on recovery work**

### **Strategic Resilience Recovery work:**

- The Tairāwhiti Wairoa Resilience Strategic Approach planning is currently in week seven of this 12-week project. The focus for the week ending 5 May 2023 has been completing long list assessments and developing programmes for each corridor for further assessment (State Highway 2, State Highway 35 and State Highway 38).
- A productive MCA (multi criteria assessment) session was held on Tuesday. Waka Kotahi has recently met with both Ngāi Tūhoe and Ngāti Pāhauwera to discuss the project. We are also meeting with Wairoa District Council one on one, and tomorrow will meet to discuss options for SH38 specifically.
- On Tuesday 9 May we will undertake initial programme assessment and prioritisation, and the final options prioritisation workshop is scheduled for 16 May.
- We are connected with KiwiRail and are looking to coordinate work where possible.
- We have also been provided information on the Wairoa Governance Group (WGG)
- For the Hawke's Bay strategic resilience recovery project, we are drafting terms of reference for a governance group this week and will be in touch with councils to join governance group meetings.

### **Collaborative delivery model (alliance)**

- The interim alliance phase is progressing well, with key appointments have been made, including the Alliance Director and Owner Interface Managers for both Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail.
- The alliance scope is the physical rebuild of the transport network for asset owners (currently Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail), this will include some design (e.g.: retaining walls, slope stabilisation, road rebuilding). For clarity, the alliance is not designing the resilience recovery plan, or making decisions on what is, or is not built.
- We will be engaging with all Councils over the next coming weeks regarding the alliance model, our engagements with local contractors, and discussion how we will all work together to ensure resources are shared appropriately to achieve positive outcomes for your communities.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions at all.

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