

STOCK UNDERPASSES

POLICY for STOCK UNDERPASSES

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1. The Council wishes to encourage the installation of stock underpasses on Council roads where traffic volumes exceed 200 vehicles per day.
2. The Council as Roding Authority will contribute to the cost of the stock underpass under the Councils roads in circumstances where there is a public benefit to be derived from doing so. The Council will contribute the 25% of the projects cost in terms of the Transfund NZ's Programme and Funding manual but in addition may contribute any greater portion of the project cost as may properly reflect the public benefit likely to be derived from an underpass. Cases that may get a contribution from the Council in excess of 25% will be considered on a case by case basis.

The project cost shall include the cost of constructing the underpass and its associated ramps with all fencing and drainage, plus professional fees associated with the design and construction of the underpass and all consent fees.

For stock underpasses under State Highways the property owner will have to contact Transit New Zealand regarding a contribution from the Roding Authority in terms of Transfund NZ policy.

Once constructed the underpass will become the property of the landowner.

3. The Council will, if requested, assist with the provision of stock underpasses by advancing the balance of the cost after the Roding Authority's contribution to the landowner.
4. The Council will recover the money advanced, plus interest determined on the basis of the actual cost of the advance to the Council, from the landowner over a ten year period.
5. The Council will secure its interest utilising the provisions of the Ratings Powers Act or by a normal mortgage document or by such other means as are mutually agreed.
6. A landowners rights to have a stock underpass under the road will be protected by a lease of the subsoil issued in terms of Section 341 of the Local Government Act 1974.
7. A landowner wishing to have an underpass constructed should apply for approval in principle for the project at least fifteen months before the planned construction date so both the Roding Authority contribution and the Council advance can be budgeted for in the Council's annual plan process.
8. The landowner shall engage a Consultant to prepare plans and specifications for the underpass project and shall obtain all necessary consents for the work. If the landowner wishes the Council will utilise its Consultants to design and implement all works.

9. The landowner and/or his consultant shall prepare a traffic management plan for the construction project and submit this to the Council for approval at least two weeks before it is planned to commence construction.
10. The landowner shall be bound to properly maintain the structure and may be required to either remove it or infill it in the event of it no longer being used for an underpass or in the event of the underpass not being adequately maintained. This is to ensure the roads integrity is not compromised.
11. The Council will consider applications to install stock underpasses on roads carrying less than 200 vehicles per day on a case by case basis.