

Farm Road slip

July 2022 update

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In April a large, existing slip began moving again on Farm Road as result of heavy rain in March 2022. This has meant disruptions for our community and those that travel on this route.

We would like to give you an update on the slip, what we've been doing to manage this important route, and our plans to address the instability of this area moving forward.

What has been happening?

This section of land has been moving for 50+ years, and due to the size of the area, there is no easy fix. Our teams did some work in 2019 that has held for the past 3 years. Recently, there has been land movement (likely caused by the March 2022 heavy rain event) that has meant the slip has moved again.

What are we doing?

We know this road is an important lifeline for our community and we've been working hard to keep the road open by clearing soil from the bottom of the slip. The teams are just keeping up with the movement of the slip and soil removal is likely not a long-term solution.

For your safety, we have put in place single-lane access while our team removes soil. We recognise there is a disruption for your journey and travel time has increased and we are working diligently to find a more durable solution.

Where to from here?

The slip is still moving significantly, and we anticipate that to continue for the next few months. We will continue to clear the soil in the short term. While this is happening, single-lane access and traffic management will remain in place.

For our long-term approach, we are now finalising what work can be completed through the rest of the winter months to keep the road open. While managing the situation on the ground, we are also exploring more significant works that can be undertaken during the summer months when conditions are more ideal.

The road is also very slippery from mud, so please take care while driving in this area. Thank you for your patience while our teams complete this work.

We will continue to provide regular updates through our website and flyers as this work progresses.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to pass on feedback, please get in touch with us on 06 876 8060 or visit our website chbdc.govt.nz.

