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Hello,
Please find response from Jamie McPherson.
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Subject: RE: Ruby Bay bluffs, single lane road

Hi Mike

Yes until the risk profile changes (eg a big slip dislodges the unstable material) the single lane will be in place. One does not know if that will happen this weekend or in 3 years time

The approved Traffic Management Plan that NZTA's contractor holds for diverting SH60 traffic onto Stafford Drive requires them to have traffic lights or other active control during those periods. That is all at their cost. I would have expected them to use traffic lights as they are a lot cheaper than paying staff to stand there, but that's really up to them.

cheers

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 May 2025 3:21 pm
To: Jamie McPherson <Jamie.McPherson@tasman.govt.nz>
Subject: Ruby Bay bluffs, single lane road

Hello Jamie,

I had a person after last night's Mapua Community Assn meeting asking for an update of this section of road. They also indicated the, what seemed ludicrous, the need to two people stationed at either end, during road closure of SH6, that communicated via two way radio, controlling the movement of traffic through this section of road.

I understand the need for night time traffic control, but should the road be open to two way traffic, this would eliminate that need for additional traffic control.

I'm also fielding questions over when this section of road will return to two way traffic.

My response is that;

- An independent Geotech report identified unstable soils on the cliff face above the road, that could become dislodged at any time and fall onto vehicles using the road below
- Having a single lane optimises that risk of damage of falling debris
- To ensure cliff face stability, would require major works and costs, for example battering, retaining structures.

As time marches on, it seems more likely that the single lane option is here to stay. If this is your intention, please let me know and I can forward this information onto our road users/residents?

If it's your intention to review the need for a single lane roadway, please also let me know when you intend to review its status?

Either way, please let me know what, if anything is going to happen to this site and let me know, so I can pass onto interested parties?

Rgds
Mike K

Mike Kininmonth | Councillor
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