

# Engagement Summary – Maitahi Village Bridges

**September – November 2024**

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## **Mandated representatives:**

- Jen Skilton – Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō
- Sally Neale – Rangitāne
- George Stafford – Ngāti Rārua
- Ruihana Smith – Ngāti Kuia
- Billy Wilson – Ngāti Kuia
- Tehau Kaonohi – Ngāti Koata
- Kristie Pakipaki – Te Ātiawa o te Waka ā Māui
- Renee Love – Te Ātiawa o te Waka ā Māui
- Matt Hippolite – Ngāti Toa Rangatira
- Dayveen Stephens – Ngāti Tama ki te Waipounamu

## **Iwi Partners Engaged:**

- Ngāti Koata
- Ngāti Rārua
- Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō
- Ngāti Toa
- Rangitāne o Wairau
- Ngāti Tama
- Te Ātiawa
- Ngāti Kuia

## SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT & DISCUSSION

Date	Communication	Context	Feedback
30 September 2024	<p>Email to all Pou Taiao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jen Skilton – Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō</li> <li>Sally Neale – Rangitāne</li> <li>George Stafford – Ngāti Rārua</li> <li>Ruihana Smith – Ngāti Kuia</li> <li>Tehau Kaonohi – Ngāti Koata</li> <li>Kristie Pakipaki – Te Ātiawa o te Waka ā Māui</li> <li>Matt Hippolite – Ngāti Toa Rangatira</li> <li>Dayveen Stephens – Ngāti Tama ki te Waipounamu</li> </ul>	<p><b>Background:</b> The Maitahi Village development under Plan Change 28 includes a shared walking and cycling pathway connecting the village to the city, with plans to link to existing trails on the river's south side. Due to the narrowness of Jickells Bridge and Gibbs Bridge, additional structures are needed to ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety.</p> <p><b>Engagement:</b> Recognising the cultural and environmental significance of the awa, taonga species, and surrounding habitats to Te Tauihu iwi, input is sought to develop solutions that support positive outcomes for the river ecosystem.</p> <p><b>Project Scope:</b> The project will facilitate active transport and accommodate essential services, including water, wastewater, and telecommunication lines within the bridge structures.</p> <p><b>Design Challenges:</b> While options without permanent piers were considered, temporary supports will be needed during construction, leading to some unavoidable disturbance in the riverbed.</p>	<p><b>Invitations to hui accepted:</b> Ngāti Toa Rangatira (MH) Te Ātiawa (RL) Ngāti Tama (DS) Ngāti Kuia (RS) Ngāti Apa (JS)</p> <p>Ngāti Rārua (GS) – keep a watching brief, notify of anything of concern.</p>
04/10/24 – 07/10/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Levi Ngawaka – Pou Ahurea Ngāti Koata (ā-tinana)</li> <li>Tehau Kaonohi – Pou Taiao Ngāti Koata (phone discussion and ā-tinana)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hui/phone discussions to review brief and purpose of consent application</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared pathways for active transport is supported</li> <li>Ensuring the best level of protection of wai from any risks of wastewater is paramount</li> <li>Identify strategies to minimise disturbance if inevitable</li> <li>Ensure riparian planting is re-established and/or enhanced – to consider reciprocity measures to enhance</li> </ul>	<p>LN to engage with Pou Ahurea contemporaries to further collaborative cultural expression opportunities that will support a shared narrative.</p> <p>Feedback to planning team – infrastructure for wastewater as priority, consideration of reciprocity measures eg, replenishment of riparian areas, minimising effects on disturbance</p>

14 October 2024	<p>Hui online</p> <p>Neil Donaldson (CCKV)</p> <p>Jen Bennett (Iwi Facilitation)</p> <p>Matt Hippolite (Ngati Toa)</p> <p>Renee Love (Te Ātiawa)</p>	<p><b>Update:</b></p> <p>The Environment Court proceedings are ongoing, and the Fast Track process is still being clarified. Regardless of the process, engaging with iwi to inform decision-making remains a priority.</p> <p><b>Collaboration:</b></p> <p>Opportunities for cultural expression on the bridges are being explored in partnership with iwi, focusing on collaborative design.</p> <p><b>Project Overview:</b></p> <p>New shared path bridges are planned to service Maitahi Village, located alongside Jickells Bridge and Gibbs Bridge. These bridges will support utilities such as water, wastewater, and communications, connecting services from Nile Street to the village.</p> <p><b>Design Challenges:</b></p> <p>Although options without permanent piers were considered, investigations have shown that temporary piers will be needed during construction, resulting in some unavoidable disturbance to the riverbed and riparian zones.</p>	<p><b>Pier Concerns:</b> There was a preference to avoid placing a pier in the river, as it could obstruct flood flow and accumulate debris, affecting the natural flow of the awa.</p> <p><b>Wastewater Pipe Robustness:</b> Ensuring the wastewater pipes are securely supported is a higher priority than avoiding a pier altogether.</p> <p><b>Future Infrastructure Needs:</b> The bridge design should consider future needs, such as serving as an alternative route if the Coastal Highway is compromised, and allowing for the transport of large loads.</p> <p><b>Cultural Design Elements:</b> There should be cultural design elements included that reflect the significance to all eight iwi of Te Tau Ihu.</p> <p><b>Water Quality Monitoring:</b> There was interest in incorporating water quality monitoring capabilities into the bridge infrastructure to assess the health of the river.</p> <p><b>Matrix of Design Options:</b> A matrix table showing different bridge options was suggested to help iwi better understand the choices and implications.</p> <p><b>Heavy Machinery Safety:</b> Concerns were raised about the safety of transporting heavy machinery up the valley near Gibbs Bridge, as it could pose a hazard to walkers and bikers.</p>
22 October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jen Skilton – Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō</li> </ul>	<p>Email update and invitation to hui</p> <p>Kia ora koutou katoa,</p> <p>Attached are notes from the CCKV Maitahi Village hui held last week 14 October.</p>	<p>Invite sent for hui 29 October 2024</p> <p>11am</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sally Neale – Rangitāne</li> <li>George Stafford – Ngāti Rārua</li> <li>Ruihana Smith – Ngāti Kuia</li> <li>Tehau Kaonohi – Ngāti Koata</li> <li>Kristie Pakipaki – Te Ātiawa o te Waka ā Māui</li> <li>Matt Hippolite – Ngāti Toa Rangatira</li> <li>Dayveen Stephens – Ngāti Tama ki te Waipounamu</li> </ul>	<p>Further to Matt's suggestion, "<i>present a matrix of bridge options to assist iwi in understanding the choices and their implications</i>", a document is being prepared that will support further discussion on bridge options and decision making in alignment with respective Iwi values.</p> <p>We invite Pou Taiao to a hui on Tuesday 29 October 2024 at 11am to review options and discuss/input, and we will follow up with additional hui as required. Neil Donaldson (CCKV) and Bruno (Fulton Hogan) will attend.</p>	<p>Planning team preparation of a matrix</p> <p>Thirdspace Aotearoa + ND to engage with BB (FH) and determine effects of construction, seek advice on methodologies for evaluation/review.</p>
29 October 2024 11am	<p>Neil Donaldson (CCKV)</p> <p>Jen Bennett (Iwi Facilitation)</p> <p>Matt Hippolite (Ngāti Toa)</p> <p>Jen Skilton (Ngāti Apa)</p> <p>Bruno Brosnan (Fulton Hogan)</p> <p>Andrew Spittal (CCKV)</p>	<p>Wastewater Infrastructure and Cultural Values</p> <p><b>Discussion on Cultural Values</b></p> <p>Emphasised the need to balance cultural and environmental values to protect the taiao with wastewater passage.</p> <p>Inquiry about the existence of cultural effects assessments across iwi, confirmed to be absent for this specific kaupapa in Maitahi but there are reports held by respective iwi for the affected area.</p> <p>Acknowledged CEA/CVS welcomed as potential future undertaking for Maitahi Village.</p> <p>Design Aspects and Cultural Expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Incorporating Cultural Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked about opportunities for cultural design aspects on the bridge.</li> <li>Positive response, mentioning discussions with Levi Ngawaka and the potential for collaborative cultural expression on the bridge.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Interpretation Boards and Storytelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Interpretation Boards</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Next Steps and Collaboration:</b></p> <p><b>Sharing Information</b></p> <p>Proposed sharing existing cultural values statements and assessments to inform the project.</p> <p>Agreed on next step to hold an iwi-only discussions to align on next steps and ensure inclusive decision-making.</p> <p><b>Broader Development Vision</b></p> <p><b>Integration with Broader Development</b></p> <p>Highlighted the importance of integrating the bridge project with the broader development vision, including cultural and environmental considerations.</p> <p>Suggested sharing the overall vision and design parameters to avoid siloed thinking and ensure cohesive development</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Suggested drawing upon iwi aspirations through cultural impact assessments for interpretation boards at other projects along Maitahi to align with the current project for congruency.</li> <li>o Supported the idea, emphasising the importance of storytelling and understanding the history and cultural significance of the area.</li> </ul> <p>Project Implementation and Environmental Concerns</p> <p>Erosion and Sediment Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environmental Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Discussed the importance of erosion and sediment control during construction to minimise impacts on the waterway.</li> <li>o Raised concerns about the impact of bridge piles on flooding and the need for navigability for waka.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Bridge Design and Flooding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bridge Design Considerations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Assured that the new bridge design would be higher than the existing one to accommodate flooding and navigability.</li> <li>o The cultural significance of navigable waterways for traditional rites of passage was emphasised and supported.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4 November 2024	<p>Email correspondence to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jen Skilton – Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō</li> </ul>	<p>Tēnā koutou e ngā Pou Taiao,</p> <p>I am reaching out to provide an overview of our recent discussion regarding the Maitahi Village project, with a focus on the upcoming decisions around the Maitahi Bridges and the broader</p>	<p>MH – Ngāti Toa – unavailable  DS – Ngāti Tama – affirmed availability  GS – Ngāti Rārua – pls keep updated on email/minutes</p>

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27 November 2024	<p>Email correspondence to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jen Skilton – Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō</li> <li>• Sally Neale – Rangitāne</li> <li>• George Stafford – Ngāti Rārua</li> <li>• Ruihana Smith – Ngāti Kuia</li> <li>• Tehau Kaonohi – Ngāti Koata</li> <li>Kristie Pakipaki</li> </ul>	<p>Kia ora e koutou mā,</p> <p>Given the time of year and the immense kaupapa on the go, seeking your preference on how we can progress input and collaboration for the Maitahi development. Please feel free to respond with your preference(s), or give me a call if easier.</p> <p>My goal is to make this streamlined and appropriate to support your involvement at any given point/aspect of the development, so happy to work in with what is best for you, respectively.</p> <p>1. Maitahi Bridges – Fulton Hogan have, at our request, completed an analysis of disturbances to the wetted areas for the proposed bridge additions. The consent will be lodged before</p>	<p>Response from DS – Ngāti Tama did not respond directly to Maitahi bridges, but did respond affirming interest in a CVS statement for the wider project, hui early 2025 with Iwi Pou Taiao, and a site visit.</p> <p>Response from GS – Ngāti Rārua – keep in the loop via email</p>

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## APPENDIX A

### Timeline of Iwi engagement and discussion (Wider Project – Maitahi Village)

#### Timeline of Iwi Engagement: Maitahi Village

##### **November 2019**

Initial Engagement: CCKV Maitahi Development Co LP and Bayview Nelson Ltd engage Te Aranga Environmental Consultancy to assist with iwi engagement.

Feedback/Position: Early recognition of the importance of iwi involvement. Koata Ltd (Ngāti Koata commercial entity) provides foundational support for engagement

##### **February 2020**

Emails Sent to Iwi: First information emails sent to Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Rārua, Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, and Rangitāne

Feedback/Position: Project notification, initial interest expressed but no formal feedback.

##### **May 2020**

Zoom Hui (Initial Consultation): Project team holds first virtual hui with iwi.

Feedback/Position: Ngāti Rārua and Ngāti Koata support the consultation process; Ngāti Tama and Ngāti Kuia provide cautious support, with an expectation for further engagement

##### **June 2020**

Follow up Zoom Hui: Discussions on collaborative Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) and zoning plan.

Feedback/Position: Iwi express general support but note specific cultural and environmental effects and values. Discussion about collaborative approaches on CIA. Site visits also recommended.

##### **July 2020**

Site Visits: With Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Koata, and Te Ātiawa representatives

Feedback/Position: Iwi gain better understanding of the development; issues raised

include environmental effects, water quality, and preserving cultural sites

**September 2020**

Te Ātiawa Hui: Focus on cultural concerns and project specifics.

Feedback/Position: Te Ātiawa expresses the importance of protecting ecological values and ensuring cultural narratives are respected throughout the process.

**December 2022–February 2023**

European Archaeological and Heritage Sites

**May–June 2023**

Hui Series: Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Rārua, Te Ātiawa hui to review and respond to preliminary design concepts with developers and consultants.

Feedback/Position: Key recommendations include integrating cultural narratives, enhancing iwi capability through training, and ensuring ongoing iwi involvement in water quality monitoring and site design

**June 2023**

Preliminary Design Concept Review: Ngāti Koata highlighted the importance of embedding cultural narrative into the project design.

Feedback/Position: Ngāti Koata emphasis on cultural recognition in design (e.g., through Pou, planting native species) and waterway health, supporting biodiversity and cultural identity

**December 2023 – May 2024**

Cultural design framework and narrative development with Ngāti Koata

Initial review and evaluation of preliminary reports using NK IEMP