

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



To help us get to the next stage, we'd like to know what you prefer and why. Kōrero mai! You have until **Friday 21 April** to tell us what you think.

The easiest way is to jump online at www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz to fill in our feedback form. There's also an interactive map. Alternatively, fill in this form.

We'd like to learn a bit about you first to help us understanding who is telling us what. We appreciate you taking the time to give us feedback and will ensure your personal details are confidential.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Do you think we should? (tick box)

- ☐ A. Look at an option that combines the water pipes with a walking and cycling bridge.
- ☐ B. Just focus on getting the pipelines across the river.

THE OPTIONS

If you prefer **A** - we're keen to find out what you think of some of the bridge options Beca put forward. Your feedback will help us decide what to do, alongside technical findings.

Please rank these options (from one to four, with number one being your favourite) and tell us why you prefer your first choice.

- ☐ **Option A:** Multi-span Bridge at Maitland Street
- ☐ **Option B:** Multi-span bridge at Surrey Street
- ☐ **Option C:** Multi-span bridge at Halton Street
- ☐ **Option D:** Multi-span bridge at Rock Street

Please tell us why you prefer your first choice and/or any other comments you would like to make on this subject. (If you use another sheet of paper to add comments, please make sure your name and address are on it):

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HAVE YOUR SAY

You can send your hard copy feedback to us by:

Emailing it to: Info@goredc.govt.nz

Delivery by hand to: 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore

Drop it off at: At one of our drop-in sessions

Feedback closes on Friday 21 April.

NEXT STEPS

We'll consider your feedback, carry out further investigations and consult with mana whenua and any affected parties before updating everyone on our decision.

DROP-IN SESSIONS

We are keen to listen to your ideas about this project, as well as have our project team talk more in depth about the options. We are hosting four drop-in sessions. These are on:

- Sunday 19 March** – On the Fly Mataura River Festival, Walnut Grove, 11:00am – 1:00pm
- Friday 24 March** – Eccles Street Playground 11:00am – 1:00pm
- Monday 27 March** – East Gore Primary School 2:30pm - 4:00pm
- Wednesday 29 March** – Irk Street 11:00am – 1:00pm



MATAURA RIVER CROSSING PROJECT

We're working to improve the quality of drinking water supplied to our communities on the west side of the Mataura River.

Our new treatment plant in East Gore is now complete - but we need to get two water pipelines across the river to the Jacobstown Wells so we can deliver water that meets national drinking water standards. Right now, a third of Gore residents are missing out.

There are a few ways the water could be pumped across the river – but before we spend money on additional technical investigations, we'd like to know what you think.

WE'D LIKE YOUR HELP

There are different ways to get the water across the river and each comes with its own risks, benefits and costs. The original cable stay bridge design is NOT among the options.

The costs below are high-level estimates. We will need to complete further investigation and design work before we have a more accurate understanding of the costs.

It is our understanding a Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency partnership will bring 59% funding, which would reduce the overall cost to ratepayers.

Some options may not be eligible for this funding because their location wouldn't encourage as many people to walk or bike to school and work.

Building a bridge would take around two years, including consenting, design and construction.

If we choose to forget about the pedestrian and cycling options, we will just focus on getting the pipelines across the river. This would likely involve drilling under the river at Maitland Street.

Trenching directly through the river is not favoured as it's unproven under current legislation. We are not aware of any other similar projects where trenching has been used to install a pipe across a river like the Mataura.

It's a tough call and whatever we pick will involve more technical investigations.

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A BIT OF BACKGROUND

In 2019, we planned a new bridge across the river near Surrey Street that would not only carry the water pipes but would also allow for cyclists and pedestrians. We saw this as an opportunity to add a great asset to our town, providing a facility for people who love to walk and cycle to have another way of getting across the river.

However, we know now we moved too quickly with this proposal and didn't check in with you, our community, as to what you would like to see. We could have done better. So - we've gone back to the drawing board.

This time, we'll work closely with mana whenua and the wider community to come up with a way to get the water pipeline across the river.

We asked consulting firm Beca to look at our options and rank them based on four factors:

- cultural
- social
- economic
- environmental

The high-level assessment considered things like:

- The cost to ratepayers and alternative funding opportunities,
- Constructability,
- Possible impacts on people,
- Impacts on the river/floods and
- Sustainability.

Beca also worked with representatives from the Hokonui Rūnanga to consider cultural wellbeing and values.

Based on the report's findings, we are asking for feedback on:

- Drilling the water pipes under the river at Maitland Street, or
- Building a bridge at one of four locations to carry the pipelines over the river, and provide a link between east and west Gore for cyclists and pedestrians.

You can read the report on our Let's Talk website: www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz



Before we go any further, we want to know if people want a walking and cycling bridge across the river. Or do you simply want the water just to get where it needs to go?

Drilling under the river means:

- It's the shortest route from the East Gore treatment plant to the Jacobstown Wells
- Less likely to be susceptible to flood damage
- There's an unknown degree of difficulty therefore risk of significant cost increase
- It doesn't add to Gore's lifestyle values
- There would be no co-funding potential
- It wouldn't need a publicly notified resource consent
- Estimated cost to the Council: \$3.6m to \$4.1m

While each bridge option has different pros and cons (we talk about these later), there are some common factors.

These include:

- It will add to the town's amenity values
- It will provide a safer route for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the river
- It will be built to cope with a larger flood event than the existing traffic and railway bridges
- It will take longer to complete than drilling under the river
- It is estimated to cost more
- It's likely to require a notified resource consent

OPTION A: Multi-span Bridge at Maitland Street

- A 100m long multi-span bridge.
- Shortest pipe length between Jacobstown Wells to the East Gore Water Treatment Plant (1500m), which means less ongoing maintenance costs in the future.
- Requires a cycle/pedestrian pathway in the flood plain.
- Unlikely to encourage more people to bike or walk to school or work and therefore is unlikely to attract Waka Kotahi funding.
- Estimated cost to the Council: \$6.8m to \$8m.

OPTION B: Multi-span Bridge at Surrey Street

- A 90m long, three span bridge.
- Provides good walking and cycling connections for the community.
- 2950m of pipeline required. This will result in additional ongoing maintenance and pumping costs.
- Requires a cycle/pedestrian pathway in the flood plain.
- Located in a residential area and would need to be assessed for visual and other impacts.
- Has a high degree of certainty for Waka Kotahi funding. Attracted a 59% funding commitment previously.
- Estimated cost to the Council: \$4.45m - \$4.55m (assumes 59% Waka Kotahi funding).

OPTION C: Multi-span Bridge at Halton Street

- A 225m long, five span bridge.
- Provides good walking and cycling connections for the community.
- 3300m of pipeline required, more than double that of the Maitland Street option. This will likely result in additional ongoing maintenance and pumping costs.
- The bridge would span from stop bank to stop bank.
- Located in a residential area and would need to be assessed for visual and other impacts.
- Needs a business case to gain Waka Kotahi funding, which will delay the project.
- Estimated cost to the Council: \$5.4m - \$5.7m (assumes 59% Waka Kotahi funding).

OPTION D: Multi-span Bridge at Rock Street

- A 172m long, five span bridge.
- Provides a good walking and cycling connection between urban centres.
- 3900m of pipeline required. This will result in additional ongoing maintenance and pumping costs compared to other bridge options.
- The bridge will span from stop bank to stop bank.
- Located in a residential area and would need to be assessed for visual and other impacts.
- This option would need a business case to gain Waka Kotahi funding, which will delay the project.
- Estimated cost to the Council: \$5.6m to \$5.8m (assumes 59% funding from Waka Kotahi).