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WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mandeville Bridge repairs to start next week

The second attempt to repair Mandeville Bridge in Kaiapoi, which was badly damaged in the September 4 earthquake, is due to start next week.

Fulton Hogan Civil, a specialist in cable bridge construction and maintenance, has been contracted for the repair work expected to be completed by early June.

Due to more significant and unforeseen damages, the first attempt to repair the Mandeville Bridge in January was only partially successful. To secure the bridge and prevent further deterioration of its structure, additional cable re-tensioning works will now be undertaken by Fulton Hogan.

Waimakariri District Council's Special Projects Manager Dan McNally says finding the right solution to repairing the bridge was difficult, but after assessing a number of approaches the design team is now confident a successful method has been developed.

"We are aware this bridge is an important link for children walking to school as well as for many others and we are delighted we are now able to get work started. Although this is a small project compared to the work to be done on our homes and roads, we believe it is a symbol things are happening in our town and we are on the road to recovery."

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