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# Akatarawa Road Bridge Replacement Programme

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At the last full Council meeting Council agreed to fund the additional costs to construct the three bridges but asked that retaining vehicle access throughout the contract be investigated.

We have approached this in two ways:

1. we have investigated the cost of providing a bailey bridge:
  - a. to install and maintain a bailey bridge on the downstream (shorter span) side of the new bridge through out the life of the contract is estimated to cost \$115,000. However there would be at least a one week closure of the road whilst the existing bridge was removed to make room for the bailey bridge
  - b. to install and maintain a bailey bridge on the upstream (longer span) side of the new bridge through out the life of the contract is estimated to cost about \$170,000. There would be no road closure with this option.
2. most experienced bridging contractors will have had experience at maintaining access throughout a contract and probably have suitable materials in their yard from which to competitively fabricate a temporary access. We have therefore instructed the design consultant to include in the tender documents items requiring companies tendering to submit prices for:
  - a. maintaining pedestrian access throughout the contract
  - b. maintaining vehicular access throughout the contract.

The second approach is likely to give us the most cost-effective result so we will wait till the tender closes and then report back on the options for maintaining and funding access.

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