



What you **need** to **know** about... Utilities' Access to the Corridor

Background

Southland District Council has about 5000 km of roads and of that, 2000 km is sealed and 3000 km is unsealed. The network also includes more than 960 bridges, and services 27 townships and a growing population (28,440 as per 2006 Census).

The development of a new National Code of Practice for Utilities' Access to the Transport Corridor means the way the roading corridor is managed will be changing.

The purpose of the Code is "to provide a consistent process, formalizing current industry best practice, and minimising third party damage" for managed access to the road corridor.

Who is affected and how?

For the public, utility operators and contractors the Code means that **ALL** works within Council's **urban** and **rural** roading network; including works to be vested to Council at a future date, and utilities being run between paddocks traversed by the roading corridor, will be subject to the provisions of the Code.

Anyone looking to carry out work within the corridor is required to comply with the Code of Practice and this starts with the completion of a Corridor Access Request (CAR).

Terminology

COP	Code of Practice
Utilities	Utilities and services supplied via the roading corridor, such as stormwater, water, waste water, gas, telecommunications, power, traffic signs, streetlights, footpaths and the road.
Corridor	Includes the road, the berm and the carriageway.
CM	Corridor Manager
UO	Utility Operators



CAR	Corridor Access Request
WAN	Works Approval Notice
WCN	Works Completion Notice

Further information is available on our website www.southlanddc.govt.nz including links to the Code of Practice and printable versions of the necessary application forms.

Contact our Customer Services on 0800 732 732 if you have a concern about the state of any of our roads, sealed or unsealed, or if you have any queries.

top tips

Three simple tips when it comes to the Code:

1. If you are going to be installing a utility within the roading corridor you must complete a CAR.
2. When working in the roading corridor and you locate something previously unidentified you are obligated to record it and inform the Corridor Manager.
3. If in doubt - ask.



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