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Bridge and culvert to be replaced

The Southland District Council has accepted tenders for the replacement of a bridge in the Balfour area and an Armco Culvert in the Wyndham area.

Council Group Manager Services and Assets Cameron McIntosh said the bridge on Murphy Road is in poor condition and has a weight restriction. Council decided last year to replace the bridge using a single-lane precast concrete bridge.

Two tenders were received and Fulton Hogan Ltd was successful. Work is scheduled to start on site in early May, Mr McIntosh said.

The Armco culvert in Owen Road is also being replaced due to significant rusting being found during routine bridge inspections. A concrete box culvert will be installed by South Roads which was the successful tenderer for the work.

The two tenders received were more expensive than budgeted on but a lower cost alternative has been negotiated to satisfy the required outcomes, he said.

Replacement proved the best long term solution as it would prevent the need for a weight restriction which would be inconvenient on the local community, he said.

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