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Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said Council is expected to start urgent repairs very soon on three bridges damaged by storms last month.

“The Council last night agreed to proceed with urgent repairs on the bridges on Lapoinya Road, Ingleford Road and Smarts Road,” Mayor Walsh said.

The total cost of replacing the three bridges is about \$1.9 million, including contingencies. Council expects to receive 75% of this sum to be refunded through the Tasmanian Disaster Relief and Recovery arrangements, leaving an own source funding requirement of \$478,000.

Works on all three roads are expected to be complete by September 2016.

“With the complete loss of the Lapoinya Road bridge and significant damage at both Ingleford Road and Smarts Road, it was essential to get on with the job of repairs,” Mayor Walsh said.

“Council has already completed landslip repair works on Lowries Road, which demonstrates the speed at which we have been able to react to these issues.”

Mayor Walsh thanked Waratah-Wynyard residents for their patience during this time and said he hoped all repairs could be completed over the next six months.

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