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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Engineering Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 23 June 2011  
**Report Author:** Dugald Ley – Development Engineer  
**Subject:** **TASMAN CYCLE TRAIL UPDATE**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on progress with the Tasman Cycle Trail.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

**That the report be received.**

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Tasman Cycle Trail Update Report RESC11-06-09.**

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## 1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Engineering Services Committee of progress with Stage 1 construction.

## 2. Background

2.1 The formal opening of the SH6 Richmond Deviation shared path took place on 9 May 2011. This asset will double up as the first Tasman District link in the proposed Tasman loop trail. Although a great asset, the contractors have some minor works still to complete including areas of water ponding and installation of further drainage paths.



Note - The Cycle Trail Trust intends applying to the Ministry of Economic Development to rank and brand the section of trail from the Nelson Airport to SH60 as the National Cycleway – Nga Haerenga,

2.2 Works are about to commence on an approximate 2km of road path extending from the recently completed Ranzau Road path and continuing on to the South along Pugh Road to Eden Road.

2.3 This work is programmed for completion by the end of July 2011.

2.4 Tender details are:

Contract	No of Tenders	Successful Tender	Amount	Highest	Council Estimate
Ranzau Road Pugh Road path	5	Oldfields	\$68,756	\$94,371	\$76,708

2.5 In addition a 350m path is to be constructed on Rabbit Island at the northern end of Ken Beck Drive (runs off Redwood Road) where it “tees” coming into the Recreation Reserve proper. This path will lead cyclists directly to the Rabbit Island beach frontage. Estimates were requested from three suitable contractors with a labour and lay operation (materials supplied).

Successful Contractor	Amount	Highest	Council Estimate
Greg Win Contracting	\$17,531	\$26,481	\$28,480

2.6 The shared path section from SH60 (over bridge) to Ranzau Road is presently being drawn up. All stakeholders along the route have been consulted with agreement reached on the design and location of the trail.

2.7 A meeting was held with the Hope Domain Committee (Cr Edgar chair) on 5 May 2011 where the following decisions were made (for when the shared path is completed).

- (a) Toilets available but maintenance/cleaning to be taken over by Council’s contractor and monitored by the caretaker.
- (b) “No gate” in fence at this stage (will be reviewed) for potential access to the shared path from Hope Reserve ie, access via Ranzau Road.

- (c) Existing deer fence to be either replaced with standard 7 wire rural farm fence or left in place. A subsequent meeting with C Berkett (neighbour) advises that the deer fence is to remain.

2.8 The likely construction of this section is programmed for August-October 2011.

### **3. Resource Consents**

3.1 Council will be applying for three resource consents in the coming weeks:

- a) Wairoa Bridge (see example Hawera Bridge)
- b) Lower Queen Street Bridge (see example Hawera Bridge)
- c) Shared path, coastal construction works, ASB Aquatic Centre to Landsdowne Road (North end).



3.2 These are likely to be heard by an independent commissioner and construction of these sections is programmed following favourable approval of the consents.



- 3.3 The recent heavy rain on 25 May 2011 provided good information to the bridge designers on expected flood flows that the two bridges will be subject to.
- 3.4 There are no resource consents required around the Pearl Creek area as the trail will make use of the existing track located on top of the stopbanks which is owned by Tasman District Council.
- 3.5 There are however environmental stakeholders and other interested groups in this area who have concerns about the continued and increased use of the existing tracks on the existing stopbanks.
- 3.6 These issues have been canvassed in a number of meetings chaired by Cr Ensor and have all but been resolved. It is most important that Council officers and Nelson Cycleway Trails Trust members are working with stakeholders on enhancements in and around the existing stopbank tracks such that any effects are no more than minor.

#### 4. Summary

- 4.1 Councillors may wish to visit [www.nzcycletrail.com](http://www.nzcycletrail.com) which is the website recently launched for all 18 trails throughout New Zealand. This is a good site showing progress on the other trails and provides an opportunity to plan your next bike trip.
- 4.2 The Trust and Council staff have taken a slow and deliberate approach to consultation with stakeholders in areas of the trail where no consents are required. The Tasman Loop Trail has to have buy-in from all parties. There are benefits that can be achieved by enhancements to habitat and education to local and overseas tourists who cherish the natural elements that make Tasman District.

#### 5. RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

#### 6. DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Tasman District Council Cycle Trail Report RESC11-06-09.**