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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Engineering Services Committee
Meeting Date: 27 October 2011
Report Author: Dugald Ley, Development Engineer
Subject: **Tasman's Great Taste Trail – Update**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on progress with Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Tasman's Great Taste Trail Update Report, RESC11-10-13.

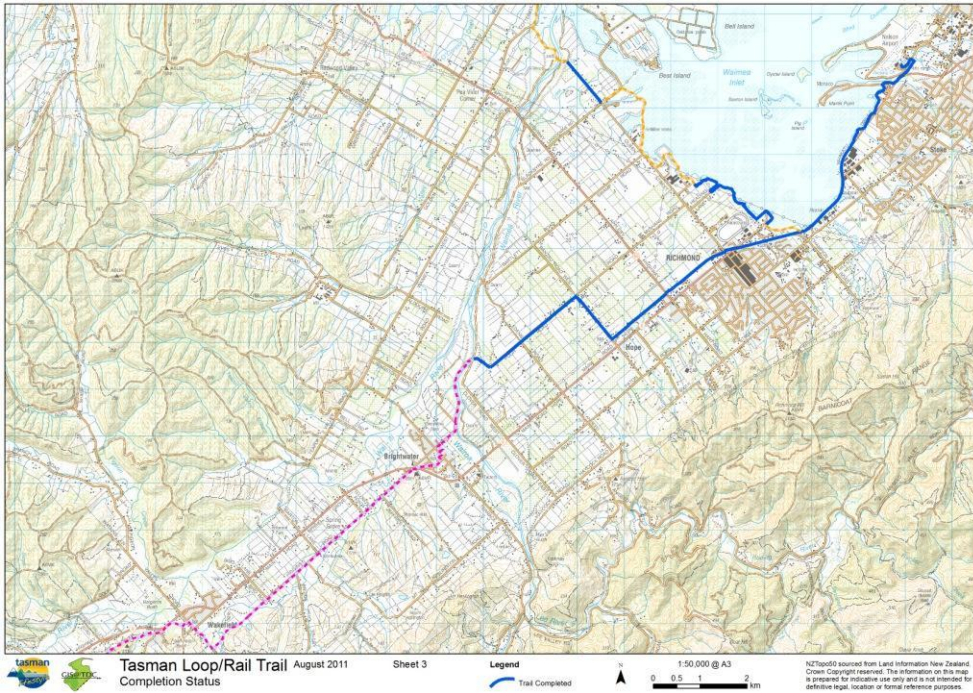
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1. Update

1.1 Construction works have been completed in a number of areas and the following two maps show construction progress for stage 1.





- 1.2 A successful open day and blessing for the launch of the “Flat Bottom Fairy” was held on 2 October. Sarah Ulmer (New Zealand Cycle Trail Ambassador) carried out the official launch and travelled on the ferry with Mayor Kempthorne other dignitaries across to Rabbit Island.



A full complement of cyclists cross the Mapua Channel in the “Fairy”

- 1.3 The timetable for ferry sailings is being fine-tuned.
- 1.4 Resource and building consent has been granted for the suspension bridge over the Wairoa River. The design and location of the bridge is being peer reviewed and should be completed by 21 October 2-11.
- 1.5 Former Railway Reserve – State Highway 60 to Ranzau Road – This 1.5 km section is now completed and opens up the trail through to Hope and beyond.

2. Resource Consent

- 2.1 A resource consent (RM110394) for the coastal shared path closed on 12 August 2011. It is likely that this consent will be heard on 7/8 November. It is not envisaged that the bridge consent will be applied for until after the hearing as the consent may dictate a different route for the trail.

3. Bridge Location – Proposed Lower Queen Street/Waimea Road

- 3.1 The location of the proposed bridge across the Waimea River has been questioned by local interest groups and residents. The Nelson-Tasman Cycle Trails Trust (the party charged with building the trail) and Council staff have met with landowners who lease the river berm and have visited the area after the recent flood event on 3 October 2011.
- 3.2 The Trust is revising alignments and designs for this proposed suspension bridge before they commit to a preferred alignment. An independent peer review of the design assumptions will be mandatory.
- 3.3 Staff approach the New Zealand Transport Agency again to see if they would reassess a “clip on” on the downstream side of the Appleby Bridge. Their response is attached as Appendix 1 and notes that the “clip on” would not rank high on the national priority list.

4. Tasman’s Great Taste Trail Bylaw

- 4.1 The proposed bylaw was tabled at a recent Tiakina te Taiao meeting with no major concerns raised. We are continuing with the consultation process in the next few weeks.

5. Marketing and Trail Maintenance

- 5.1 Agreements for the marketing and ongoing maintenance of the trail are being reviewed by Council's solicitors and will be forwarded to the preferred provider in the next few weeks.

6. Summary

- 6.1 Construction of the coastal trail section will now have to wait until the resource consent is heard and any subsequent appeals are settled.
- 6.2 Work over the summer period will concentrate on construction of the Wairoa bridge and extension of the trail to Wakefield.
- 6.3 Future stages, ie past Wakefield and Mapua have been included in the Long Term Plan and until the Plan is approved there is no mandate to proceed with the next stages.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That the report is received.

8. DRAFT RESOLUTION

- 8.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Tasman's Great Taste Trail Update Report, RESC11-09-13.**

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Letter from Andrew Smith, New Zealand Transport Agency – 13 September 2011