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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Engineering Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 8 December 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, RESC11-12-08.**

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## **1. Latest Developments**

- 1.1 The Dun Mountain trail (which was part of the co-funding agreement with the Ministry of Economic Development) was officially opened on 12 November 2011. This is a grade three trail and will be promoted by the Nelson-Tasman Cycle Trails Trust in the future.
- 1.2 Tender documents for the construction of the Wairoa River bridge are about to be advertised.

## **2. Resource Consents**

- 2.1 A panel of Commissioners spent two days hearing submissions on the application to complete the Lansdowne coastal path from the ASB Aquatic Centre. The final summary was submitted for their decision on 16 November 2011. If the Commissioners decision is positive there will be a mandatory period of time for appeals, if any.
- 2.2 Resource consent for a proposed suspension bridge over the Waimea River is currently being prepared for submission to Council.

## **3. Otago Central Rail Trail Trust (OCRTT)**

- 3.1 Daphne Hull and John Gibson, two of the original OCRTT Trustees who set up the trail 17 years ago spoke to invited guests on 11 November 2011.
- 3.2 The Otago Rail Trail (150 km long) is owned by the Department of Conservation who also spend some \$250,000 each year on maintenance. The Trust also contributes to the maintenance fund and this peaked at \$100,000 in one year.
- 3.3 Other highlights they mentioned included:

- Ranfurly started with one accommodation provider, now there are ten.
- Forty to fifty cyclists pass through each town every day during the peak season.
- Twenty major cycle tour operators and 150 support operators advertise on the Otago Rail Trail website.
- The need for consistency of services and signs.
- Need to restrict development/signage along the trail.
- Need to get cyclists off trail and into the community to spend dollars.
- No need for bike stands in towns.
- Need for a passport or similar promotional material.

#### **4. Ferry Service – the Flat Bottom Fairy**

- 4.1 The ferry has now been in service for over two months and has been very successful for both the operator and for the Mapua community. User numbers peaked at 280 on a recent Sunday but mid-week is very quiet.
- 4.2 Locals have noted an increasing number of cyclists around Mapua Village each week.

#### **5. Marketing and Maintenance of the Trail**

- 5.1 The draft legal documents for the marketing and maintenance of Tasman's Great Taste Trail Stage 2 are still being fine-tuned by Council's solicitors and staff.

#### **6. Bylaw**

- 6.1 A statement of proposal has been compiled and forms the basis of outlining the bylaw to the public. It is likely the bylaw will be advertised via Newsline in January 2012 with submissions closing at the end of February 2012 and hearings set for March 2012.

#### **7. Pearl Creek**

- 7.1 A meeting with the Waimea Inlet focus group on 28 November 2011 to further discuss traversing of the existing stopbanks with the trail. A way forward was generally agreed but required landowner agreement to relocate the shared path off the stopbank in some areas. This will require a resource consent subject to Council approval on a non-notified basis.

#### **7. Summary**

- 7.1 With delays in gaining resource consent, the effort has now been focused on pushing the trail past Brightwater to Wakefield along Higgins Road.

7.2 At a recent meeting with the Ministry of Economic Development the future development and extension of the cycleways in the Top of the South was outlined including:

- An interim grade 3/4 cycle trail from Wakefield via Pigeon Valley/Dovedale, West Bank Road to Riwaka – sign posting only required;
- Connecting trails throughout New Zealand – grade 3/4 trail via Wakefield Top House, Rainbow Road to Hanmer Springs – sign posting only required;

7.3 With the above proposal the Ministry is looking for feedback and support from Council and subsequent promotion of these new routes. New names for the trails are also invited from stakeholders.

## **8. DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**8.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Tasman's Great Taste Trial Update report, RESC11-12-07.**