

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Dugald Ley, Development Engineer

REFERENCE: R858-1

SUBJECT: **Tasman Cycle Trail Loop Update – RESC-10-11-14** - Report prepared for meeting of 11 November 2010

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Engineering Services Committee on progress with Stage 1 construction of the Tasman Cycle Trail Loop.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The final aspects of the Stage 3 implementation plan were submitted to the Ministry of Economic Development before 30 September 2010. The response, after peer review, was an “excellent” mark for the work submitted by the Trust on behalf of Council.
- 2.2 Funding has been secured and with resolutions passed by Council on 30 September 2010, the Engineering Manager has delegated authority to enter into a contract for consulting services for the construction of the Stage 1 Tasman Cycle Trail Loop. The group tasked with managing construction of the trail will include key Council staff from the Engineering and Community Services departments together with a Project Manager from the Cycle Trust and other Trust members.
- 2.3 The Project Manager attended a one-day seminar in Wellington with other “Trail” builders and the Ministry of Tourism who are charged with promoting the “New Zealand Cycle Trail”. The seminar agreed to set a benchmark construction standard for all of the trails around New Zealand so that they can obtain the trademark branding as shown at the end of this report.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The New Zealand Transport Agency has committed to 100% fund the cycle/walkway link between the two existing tracks on the northern side and at each end of the Richmond Deviation.
- 3.2 OPUS International, on behalf of the Agency, has advised that the contract will be awarded in mid-December with a construction start date of 17 January 2011. It is hoped that an official “turning of the first sod” will attract some notable dignitaries (ie Prime Minister John Key) to do the honours.

3.3 The second step will be the link along the railway reserve from State Highway 60 to, and including Ranzau Road. These two links will signal the beginning of a great asset for Tasman residents and our visitors to enjoy.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Tasman Cycle Trail Loop Report, RESC-10-11-14 be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

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