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Report to: Engineering Services Committee
Meeting Date: 30 August 2012
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 report, Tasman's Great Taste Trail Update RESC12-08-06.

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Engineering Services Committee on Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

2. Update

- 2.1 Tenders have been awarded for a number of works on Stage One of the trail.

Contract	No. of tenders	Successful tenderer	Amount	Highest amount	Council estimate
Waimea suspension bridge	5	Kidson Construction	\$252,953	\$336,347	\$280,000
Ravensdown path	5	Tasman Civil	\$29,849	\$70,770	\$36,145
Higgins Road path	3	Fulton Hogan	\$49,177	\$69,890	\$63,536
Higgins Road bridge	3	Infield Engineering	\$37,700	\$66,383	\$37,935

3. Construction Progress

- 3.1 Rail Route, Richmond-Wakefield – The first section of trail at Higgins Road/Lord Rutherford Road is approximately 50% complete with the second of three sections recently approved for construction.
- 3.2 The section from Higgins Road to Edward Street via the unformed paper road has received resource and building consent for the bridge over the Pitfure Stream and the work will be advertised for tender next month.
- 3.3 Coastal Route, Richmond-Mapua – As per the tender update above the 80 metre Waimea Suspension Bridge is being constructed by Kidson Construction and is likely to be available for use by 1 November 2012. Various parts of the structure are being prefabricated off site. The contractor has also moved equipment on to the site to start the foundations and pile driving.
- 3.4 Construction works around the Waimea Estuary edge are at various stages. Restricted access to some sites, along with the weather conditions has delayed work on the board walks and stream crossings. The resource consent now restricts any work in the location of Nieman Creek until 15 April 2013. Alternative temporary access is being investigated to bypass this area during the summer months.



End deadmain 14 tonne concrete block



Foundation upstand



Board walk piles, Nieman Creek



Estuary path, NPI to Ravensdown

4. Wairoa Suspension Bridge

- 4.1 A number of enquiries/comments about the Wairoa Suspension Bridge have been received; most congratulate the Council on this wonderful asset as part of Tasman's Great Taste Trail and also as a link for the communities.
- 4.2 However some feedback has centred on the steepness of the ramps, the cleats on the ramps and the ability to traverse the bridge without getting off one's bike.
- 4.3 Council staff are aware of only two incidents on the bridge; one where a young boy tripped over during the official opening event. The boy's mother acknowledged that her son was at fault – as boys can be when they are having a good time. The second incident was an elderly gentleman who admitted an attempt to go beyond his ability of riding down the ramp – he fell off!
- 4.4 Signs have been installed on the bridge advising users to walk down the ramps.
- 4.5 The bridge was constructed with limited funding from the Ministry of Economic Development and was designed to the standard approved by them.

- 4.6 The bridge design was also based on the recently erected suspension/cycle bridge located on the Hawea River which is accessed via steps only (photo available).
- 4.7 It is acknowledged that the bridge will most likely be used equally by local riders as well as visitors to our region and some improvements should be implemented. Council staff are presently investigating the option of making the ramp grades flatter, removing the cleats and realigning the western ramp so that there is no 90 degree change in direction. It is hoped that these improvements can be carried out before Christmas.

5. Riwaka Bridge

- 5.1 Councillors may be aware that the Council was successful at gaining an additional \$150,000 to assist with funding the link from Riwaka to the Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road via Goodall Road including a new suspension bridge. It is planned to have this work completed by Christmas. Resource consent was lodged last week and the preferred design is a 50 metre (approximately) long suspension bridge from stopbank to stopbank.
- 5.2 The bridge will be located entirely on existing Council-owned paper road and suitable signage will be erected advising users of the horticultural activities adjacent to the trail.

6. Agreement with Nelson-Tasman Cycle Trails Trust

- 6.1 It is pleasing to advise that Council has signed a contract for services with the Nelson-Tasman Cycle Trails Trust for future stages of the trail as well as for the maintenance of the trail.
- 6.2 The agreement for marketing of the trail is still in discussion with the Trust.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 That the report is received.

8. Draft Resolution

- 8.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the report, Tasman's Great Taste Trail Update RESC12-08-06.**