



ATTACHMENTS MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Monday, 15 February 2021

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Heartland Trails

Long Term Plan Submission

The Heartland Trails committee was formed to investigate the feasibility of a cycle/ walking Trail along the Waihi river stop bank interconnecting four rural towns, Temuka, Winchester, Orari and Geraldine. Giving people access to a low-cost option to move between communities in a healthier more environmentally friendly way.

Firstly, we needed to consider if the communities wanted or would use the river Trail. Approaching local bike and walking groups, schools, Lions clubs and Community boards. We found their response to be over whelmingly in favour of the Trail. This recreational trail will be built to enhance the community's health and wellbeing through fitness opportunities as it will be usable by a wide range of people from pre-schoolers to those in their retirement years. To show commitment and confidence in our project both the Temuka and Geraldine Community Boards pledged \$10,000 each to kick start our funding.

The trail will affect 35 landowners all of which have agreed to a trail in principle, allowing us access to their land as we prepare a mapped route that we are all happy with, once this is done, we will formalize the agreements by means of easements on each property.

As guardians of public land, we needed to also enter into talks with each of the following, Ecan, Doc and Linz. As a result: Ecan have provided us with a river track specialist to mentor us through the track building process. DOC have invested hours of research checking for areas of sensitivity along the trail to ensure our flora and fauna are not compromised. Linz are searching their landownership along the trail bundling each of their land titles into one, lessening the workload to apply for easements needed. Once again, we find ourselves humbled at how many people want this Trail to happen

In early 2021 our track engineer and Ecan's river engineer started mapping a 1.2 metre wide mowed / shingled trail along the Waihi river, which follow Ecan's guidelines to keep the integrity of the stop bank. As a part of the design, we have 5 entry/ exit points providing small walks for the time conscious. By keeping the Trail as simple as possible the engineers believe the trail will cost between \$700,000 to \$900,000 depending on the final track lay out. Once we have the final trail lay out, we will be asking for quotes before we start seeking funding from 3 or 4 major bike Trail funders.

From Temuka to Geraldine the trail will be around 23 kms in length offering a rideable/walking half marathon in beautiful surroundings taking about 2 hours to ride and 3 to 4 hours to run. Each community the trail passes will be given the opportunity to showcase their section of the track inviting some creative thinking to tempt visitors into their town. With Geraldine being a stop spot for tourist's we hope to push visitors into neighbouring towns helping to boost foot traffic and overnight stays around the district.

Proposed Submission

Once the Trail is built it will require a guardian to ensure our regions asset remains cared for. Looking into the Timaru District long term plan, we see this Trail fitting into the transport strategy, making The Timaru District Council a perfect custodian as sustainable transport

choices are actively encouraged. It would also be an ideal opportunity for the council to help these smaller towns strengthen its own economy by using the trail as a tool. As the government are telling us all to travel without the use of carbon emissions and to look after our health by exercise, what better way to encourage these in our region than to maintain an already make trail fit for purpose.

This submission is recommended by the Temuka Community Board.

Stage 1

The Waihi River Trail Story

The Trail will follow the contours and life of the river as she weaves her way from the Temuka township into Winchester where public toilets and a picnic area are available to have a stop, re-charge and enjoy a locally brewed coffee. Then it is back on the trail as the best is yet to come, under bridges and along the water's edge the river takes you on a ride you will not forget, with filtered sunlight through the willows and the sound of the water cascading over rocks, the trail is always fighting for your attention. As you pop up onto the stop bank the views of the countryside and snow-capped mountains will take your breath away. It is not far to Geraldine as she eagerly awaits you with eateries and rest areas a plenty.

Vision for Stage 2

Waihi River Trail Continuation

Following the Waihi river our vision is to extend the trail through Geraldine to the lovely township of Woodbury. There you will be welcomed by bird song and children's laughter as they play happily

on the flying fox in the local play area or at the BMX track. You will find a camp van park over available at the domain

Vision for Stage 3, 4

With outer towns connected we would look at a track from Temuka to Timaru or Temuka to Pleasant Point whichever the council prefers as we work together for the end goal which is all our regions towns connected by pathways



The Heartland Trail committee

Jennine Maguire ...Chairperson

Bike Geraldine Secretary and Community Board member

Innes McMillan... Secretary

Temuka/Geraldine Rotary Club member

Cheryl Woods... Treasurer/ Charities Administrator

Accounting business owner

Mark Talbot ... Track engineer and Trail works supervisor
Bike Geraldine committee member/ ex owner of Aoraki earthworks

Paul Eddy ... River advisor and trail planner
Retired Ecan river engineer

Bruce/ Judy Wallace.... Committee members
Keen Temuka bike riders

Malcolm Woods ... Committee member
Bike Geraldine Chairperson and keen cyclist

Ian Hughes ... Committee member
Temuka/Geraldine Rotary and E bike rider

**Timaru District Council
2021-2031 Budgeted Additional FTE**

Activity	Description	FTE %	Amount
Airport	Airport Safety Officer	50%	
Climate Change	Climate Change Analyst	100%	
Climate Change	Sustainability & Climate Change Manager	100%	
Financial Services	Finance Business Partner	100%	
Information Technology	Developer	100%	
Property Management	Property Advisor	100%	
Property Management	Property Officer	100%	
Urban Water	Water Treatment Technician	100%	
District Planning	Biodiversity Officer	50%	
District Plan Review	Planner (inhouse rather than consultant)	100%	fixed for Yr1 - 4
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Civil Defence	Emergency Management Officer	100%	
Corporate Planning	Additional Staff Member	100%	
Parks Administration	Project Manager	100%	
Water and Drainage	Stormwater Operations	100%	
Water and Drainage	Community Advisor	100%	
Water and Drainage	Stormwater Monitoring	100%	
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Land Transport Unit	Road Safety Engineer	100%	
Land Transport Unit	Project Co-ordination & Delivery	100%	1,742,500