

MINUTES

Cycling Sub-Committee

Meeting #7

Tuesday 31 July 2012

Present:

Crs L. Bridson, R. Jamieson, R. Styles

Officers: Ron Muir, Bryan Sparey, Craig Cottrill, Jan Simmons

Apology:

Mayor Ray Wallace

1. Cycle Network Development Programme 2011/12

Update on works completed 2011/12. Refer to meeting notes for list.

Any on-road cycle lane markings will be automatically reinstated after re-sealing works, as part of the re-sealing programme, with no cost to cycling budget.

2. Hutt River Trail

Robin Maud met recently with Mayor, Ron and Craig, presented concept plans for new section of Hutt River trail for 3.85km along the east edge of Manor Park residential area and Golf Course to link through to Silverstream Bridge. This project would close the last major gap in the trail to create a new loop ride route Kennedy-Good Bridge to Silverstream Bridge and back.

GWRC has funded drawing of concept plans for the route, all on GWRC-owned riverbank land. Cost estimate \$600,000 for a winding path up to 2m wide with crushed limestone surface. It will be suitable for mountainbikes but not road bikes. Ron is discussing with NZTA, low probability that it will qualify for a subsidy as it is unsealed so doesn't provide an alternative to SH2 for commuters.

Next step is discussion with GW / River Trail Committee to decide on funding. HCC could offer to contribute bridges for 2 stream crossings, using bridge sections from the old pedestrian bridge across SH2 at Petone Station. GW may be able to fund the rest. If HCC is contributing to path construction from the cycleway budget, maximum contribution in any one year would be \$250,000

Avalon-Pomare – Two options to improve this section. One is to widen existing path along top of stopbank, users complain it is too narrow. Other is to construct new low-level asphalt path between Pomare Rail Bridge and Kennedy-Good Bridge.

Majority agreed that the new low-level path should have higher priority, so users can avoid hazardous road crossings at intersection of Harcourt Werry/Taita Drive, Percy Cameron St, and Harcourt Werry Drive at Kennedy-Good Bridge.

The low-level route will be added into list of projects, overall objective of completing 'spine' that extends the length of the Valley means it will have a relatively high priority rating.

3. SH2 Dowse to Petone Cycle Route

See meeting notes for results of consultants' report.

Kiwirail have agreed to proposal for use of land in rail corridor, next step is to ask NZTA to give this priority for funding and completion asap. Action: Ron

4. Port Road

The \$80,000 budgeted will complete the path as far as the beach and marina.

Faster cyclists have the option of moving onto the road at this point, and re-joining the trail 500m further on at the intersection of Port Road / Marine Drive.

There is pedestrian access through the marina (but currently not through the boat maintenance area) and slow cyclists, including groups with children, would probably choose to use this.

Creation of a shared path through the Marina is a condition of their resource consent, but work is not yet completed.

5. Waiwhetu Stream Shared Path

See meeting notes for details. The proposed underpass under Seaview Rd Bridge will allow safe access to the bus stop for Hutt Holiday Park patrons.

6. Use of Rail Corridor Whites Line East to Parkside Road

Cost estimate \$350,000-\$400,000 includes fencing between pathway and rail track. Would provide off-road link to IRL / GNS campus, and to new mountainbike / walking route from top of Wainui Hill down to Gracefield Rd, near Bell Rd South roundabout. HCC will consult with cycle groups, workplaces and community to determine likely number of users. If user numbers show the path warrants further consideration, the project will be added into the list of works. Action: Bryan

7. Budget and proposed programme of works 2012/13

Cycle network improvement budget allocation this year is \$351,000. It was agreed to complete the Port Road shared path as far as the beach and Marina (\$80,000), and construct a pathway alongside the Waiwhetu Stream Port Rd to Seaview Rd & under bridge (\$250-270,000)

Also work will commence on the Wainuiomata Hill Road summit bridge project, \$800,000 allocated 2012/13.

Consultants will be engaged to look at options to improve cycle safety on Randwick Road and Whites Line East rail overbridges. This will be funded from a different budget.

8. Other matters

Eastern Bays – Ross advised that other GHW partners have expressed concern at rate of progress towards completing shared path.

Funding is allocated in Community Plan for next stage in 2013/14. Will finish seawall to middle of York Bay. NZTA have indicated that subsidy will be approved, formal notification expected soon.

Craig said Parks and Gardens are currently working on improvements to shared path network;

³⁵₁₇ Widen trail from Waione St past Hautonga St to boatsheds

³⁵₁₇ Hikoikoi Reserve – Recently completed a raised crossing to improve safety of trail users crossing road at entrance to sand quarry.

- ³⁵₁₇ McEwen Park (east end of Petone Foreshore) – install barrier to separate carpark from trail, remove roundabout, smooth transition onto trail from sealed area.
- ³⁵₁₇ New mountainbike / walking route from top of Wainui Hill down to Gracefield Rd, near Bell Rd South roundabout under construction.

Cr Styles mentioned ponding issues on trail in Ewen Park near Croquet Club. This will be referred to Colin Lunn for action.