



**Meeting:** Regional Council

**Meeting Date:** 16 March 2023

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## **Tabled Documents**

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### **Agenda Item 9.11 Cycleways on BOPRC Managed Stopbanks in the Eastern Bay of Plenty**

**Presentation - Cycleways on BOPRC Stopbanks in EBoP - Council 16 March 2023**

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# Cycleway Development

Whakatāne town and Rangitāiki Plains

Item 9.11, Presentation - Cycleways on BOPRC St  
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# Project background

## Active Whakatāne Strategy – District-Wide Transport and Recreation Strategy 2020

- Rangitāiki Cycleways – a long term vision of a connected network
- Stopbanks around Whakatāne – Safe Ways to School and commuter access
  - Awatapu Trail
  - SH30 Shaw Road Trail

## Tourism Recovery Programme

- 3 year programme funded by MBIE
- Identify and develop the best and most achievable projects which have community support and visitor appeal

## Funding

- Better Off Funding (DIA)
- Transport Choices Funding





# Project Timing

## Consultation

- Considerable consultation completed for Edgecumbe – Thornton trail
- Re-connect with Iwi, hapū, community stakeholder – May – July 2023

Final Design completed – July 2023

Trial Build – Spring 2023



# Trail Benefits – Waka Kotahi





- More livable towns and cities
- Improved conditions for travelling within towns and cities
- Stronger local economies
- Less impact on the environment
- Healthier and more productive people

# Trail Benefits – Bay of Connections

- Improving domestic tourism and enhancing existing tourism assets and operations
- Opportunities for job creation through new tourism products and supporting businesses
- Improvement of the zero-carbon transport network, by providing an alternative to carbon fuelled travel
- Improving health outcomes through greater mobility
- Separation of cyclists and vehicles to improve safety and increase use
- Ensuring land use planning makes active transport available to all
- Partnering with iwi, hapū, and other landowners to understand the implications and unlock the benefits of a regional cycle trail / network



2021  
Evaluation  
of Ngā  
taerenga  
Great Rides  
of NZ

Natural Capital 	Financial Capital 	Human Capital 	Social Capital 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 51% of users say they appreciate the natural environment more</li> <li>• 29% appreciate the local culture and heritage more</li> <li>• 24,780 native trees/shrubs have been planted</li> <li>• 128 km of waterways have been fenced by trail managers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitation to a region increased by visitors (+15%), nights (+18%), spend (31%)</li> <li>• 1591 businesses providing services for Great Ride Users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 56% of users say their sense of wellbeing or mental health has improved</li> <li>• 47% say their physical fitness has improved</li> <li>• 44% say they developed a closer relationship with the people they were with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 88% of stakeholders agree the Great Ride is valued by the community</li> <li>• Strong use by local residents and domestic visitors</li> </ul>