

EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS: KAIHU VALLEY TRAIL

Project Name	Kaihu Valley Trail	Date of Report	02/02/2021
Current Phase	Planning and Design	Project Manager	Jody Kelly

COMPONENT	Schedule	Amber	Budget	Amber	Risks/Issues	Amber
PREV. MONTH	Schedule	Amber	Budget	Amber	Risks/Issues	Amber

Comment (mandatory if status indicator red or amber)

Schedule and Budget are currently Amber due to the requirement to source the training component of this project separately to the MBIE allocated funding. Negotiations between the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) and Wilsons Earthmoving (Head Contractor/Training Provider) to establish a Training Package agreement are still underway. The duration of these negotiations has resulted in a delay to appointing a Head Contractor (as this contract cannot be executed until the training package has been confirmed) putting the current schedule at risk.

The open risk regarding achieving landowner agreements to route also bring Budget and Schedule to Amber status.

OVERALL BUDGET (\$)	CURRENT FY BUDGET (\$)	SPEND TO DATE (\$)	BUDGET SPENT TO DATE (%)
4,000,000	628,000	106,166	2.6%
PROJECT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS			
Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG)			\$4,000,000
Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)			\$ -
Kaipara District Council			\$ -
Other (e.g. Waka Kotahi)			\$ -
PROJECT BUDGET BY PHASE			
INVESTIGATION (\$)	DESIGN (\$)	CONSTRUCTION (\$)	
540,840	275,000	3,184,160	
COMMENT			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current FY budget is reflective of the delay in procuring Head Contractor • Additional funding is being sourced to enable the training package between Wilsons Earthmoving (to be Head Contractor) and Ministry of Social Development (MSD) • Waka Kotahi have been approached to understand what funding may be available to enhance safety on the trail, focusing on the four possible state highway crossings 			

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In Oct 2020, MBIE allocated \$4m of funding from the Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG) fund to construct sections of the Kaihu Valley Trail.

The \$4m funding allocation is less than the \$9m+ estimate of the original Business Case and it has been noted that it will not be possible to create a fully segregated facility at this stage. The allocated funding will deliver a 36km walking and cycle trail, providing a higher quality journey between Dargaville and Donnelly's Crossing. The track will form part of a longer planned 'Ancient Kauri Trail', eventually progressing from Maungaturoto to the southern headland of the Hokianga Harbour.

UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH – LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

- Training package negotiations initiated and progressing between Ministry of Social Development (MSD) and Wilsons Earthmoving (Head Contractor & Training Provider)
- Trainee selection process underway
- Continuation of landowner site visits and community engagement
- Preferred route options analysis underway
- Draft route map created (*Attached for reference*) and presented to Kaihu Valley Trail advisory group
- Waka Kotahi engaged to identify possible funding opportunities within the trail and initial application submitted
- Submitted a report to the Mana Whenua Quarterly Hui to be held on the 9th Feb

ACTIVITIES GOING FORWARD – THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

- Response from Waka Kotahi (NZTA) re. funding application
- Training package solution finalised and contract in place between relevant parties
- Continuation of landowner site visits and community engagement
- Draft route map reviewed by Kaihu Valley Trail advisory group and feedback sought
- Procure Head Contractor
- Preferred route shared with community
- Procurement methodology review for the Bridges component of the project
- Kaihu Valley Trail information site (website) live
- Marae/Iwi hui to commence

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / MEDIA ACTIVITY PLANNED – NEXT TWO MONTHS

- Preferred route shared with community (once confirmed) via the Kaihu Valley Trail information website, the KDC website, Kaipara Lifestyler, KDC Facebook page etc.
- Community presentation/ drop-in session to be scheduled for within the next 2/ 3 month period

DECISION PAPERS SUBMITTED: PENDING DECISION

- None

PROJECT MILESTONES	STATUS (R, A G)	BASELINE (PLANNED) COMPLETION DATE)	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	COMMENTS (MANDATORY IF STATUS INDICATOR RED OR AMBER)
Contract executed	Complete	Complete	Complete	
Award professional service contracts	Complete	Complete	Complete	
Obtain all consents	Amber	Dec 2020	May 2021	The extent of resource consent requirements require refinement. Planner & Surveyor have been engaged to commence investigations and confirm consent milestone timeline
Award physical works contract	Amber	Dec 2020	March 2021	Dependant on confirmation of Training Package
Construction commencement	Amber	Jan 2021	May 2021	Delay forecast to allow time for training of resource
Construction complete	Green	Oct 2022	Oct 2022	Completion not anticipated to slip as result of delayed construction start
Opening Event	Green	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	

OPEN PROJECT RISKS	PREV MONTH (R,A,G)	STATUS (R,A,G)	OWNER	COMMENTS
There is a risk regarding achieving landowner agreements for proposed route	Amber	Amber	Jody Kelly	Site visits commenced and individual engagements with impacted landowners underway
There is a risk the scope of works for the preferred route may impact schedule or exceed budget	Amber	Amber	Jody Kelly	Implications of route will be closely monitored to ensure achievable within budget and schedule
There is a risk of negative community response to a preferred route	Amber	Amber	Jody Kelly	A Community and Engagement advisor has been resourced by the project to support ongoing communications and collating of feedback/ insights
There is a risk of insufficient trainees to meet the required programme of works	Amber	Amber	Jody Kelly	Potential solutions (such as supported travel to site) are being investigated as part of the training package discussion between KDC, MSD and Wilsons Earthmoving

There is a risk the budget will be insufficient	Green	Amber	Jody Kelly	Funding to support high risk sections has applied for through NZTA Waka Kotahi and discussions with MSD regarding training funding support are still underway
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OPEN PROJECT ISSUES	PREV MONTH (R,A,G)	STATUS (R,A,G)	OWNER	COMMENTS
The training programme and funding continues to be under negotiation	Amber	Amber	Jody Kelly	This issue is being mitigated through supporting negotiations between with MSD and Wilsons Earthmoving
A landowner objection to a section of the route has been received, alongside a request that no KDC staff (or related) access to property	New Issue	Red	Jody Kelly	The project team are working in respect to the landowner request and will progress with a view of identifying a mutual solution