



AGENDA

RĀRANGI TAKE

NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE

Cycling and Walking Subcommittee

to be held on **Wednesday 21 August 2024** commencing at **3.00 pm**
in the Council Chambers, 36 Weld Street, Hokitika and via Zoom

Chairperson:	Cr Davidson
Members:	
Her Worship the Mayor	Cr Baird
Cr Neale	Cr Gillett
Kw Tumahai	Kw Madgwick
T. Brownlee, Manawa Energy	Cr J. O'Connor, Grey District Council
J. Gurden, West Coast Wilderness Trail	J. Wood, West Coast Wilderness Trail
L. Anderson, Westland Mountain Bike Club	T. Shaw, Department of Conservation
I. Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa; The Outdoor Access Commission	



In accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, members may attend the meeting by audio or audio-visual link.

Council Vision

By investing in our people, caring for the environment, respecting the Mana Whenua Cultural heritage, and enabling investment, growth, and development we will enrich our district and the people that reside here.

Purpose

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is:

- (a) To enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- (b) To promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

1. **NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES**

J. Wood

2. **WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to review the matters on the agenda and assess and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be a perception of a conflict of interest.

If a member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the meeting or of the relevant item of business and refrain from participating in the discussion or voting on that item. If a member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive or the Group Manager Corporate Services Risk and Assurance (preferably before the meeting). It is noted that while members can seek advice the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

3. **NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 states:

- (7) An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if –
 - (a) the local authority by resolution so decides, and
 - (b) the presiding member explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public, -
 - (i) the reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) the reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.
- (7A) Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting, -
 - (a) that item may be discussed at the meeting if –
 - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but

(b) No resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.

4. NGĀ MENETI O TE HUI KAUNIHERA MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

- **Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – 15 February 2024** (Pages 4 – 7)

5. ACTION LIST

Erle Bencich, Acting Group Manager District Assets (Page 8)

6. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI WRITTEN REPORTS

- **West Coast Wilderness Trail Update** (Pages 9 – 11)
Melanie Anderson, Chief Executive, Destination Westland
- **West Coast Wilderness Trail** (Pages 12 – 13)
Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail
- **Grey District Council** (Page 14)
Cr Jack O'Connor, Grey District Council
- **Department of Conservation** (Pages 15 – 20)
Tim Shaw, Operations Manager, Department of Conservation
- **Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa – The Outdoor Access Commission** (Page 21)
Inger Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa – The Outdoor Access Commission
- **Verbal Update on the Totara Bridge**
Erle Bencich, Acting Group Manager District Assets

**DATE OF NEXT CYCLING AND WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – TBC
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

CYCLING & WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE CYCLING AND WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 3PM

The Subcommittee Meeting was live-streamed to the Westland District Council Youtube Channel and presentations are made available on the Council Website.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Chairperson	Cr Davidson	
Members	Her Worship the Mayor	
	Cr Baird	Cr Neale
	Kw Madgwick	Kw Tumahai
	Cr J. O'Connor, Grey District Council	O. Kilgour, Department of Conservation
	L. Anderson, Westland Mountain Bike Club (via Zoom)	I. Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa; The Outdoor Access Commission

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

J. Wood, West Coast Wilderness Trail; T. Brownlee, Manawa Energy; J. Gurden, West Coast Wilderness Trail; Cr Gillett.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the apologies from J. Wood, T. Brownlee and J. Gurden be received and accepted.

STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; S. Baxendale, Group Manager District Assets; T. Cook, Group Manager: Regulatory and Community Services; L. Crichton, Group Manager Corporate Services, Risk and Assurance; D. Maitland, Executive Assistant; E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor (via Zoom); P Coleman, Governance Administrator.

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated to the Committee.
There were no changes to the Interest Register noted.

3. NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no urgent items of business not on the Agenda.

4. NGĀ MENETI O TE HUI KAUNIHERA MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The Minutes of the previous meeting were included in the Subcommittee Agenda.

- **Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – 16th November 2023**

It was noted that the Minutes of the 16 November 2023 needed an amendment made to the attendees of the meeting. The minutes stated that Cr Burden was in attendance which was incorrect, this should have stated that Cr Baird was in attendance. The minutes have been amended accordingly.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded, O. Kilgour and **Resolved** that the Amended Minutes of the Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting held on the 16th November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

The Chair **Approved** that their digital signature be added to the confirmed Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of 16th November 2023.

5. ACTION LIST

Scott Baxendale, Group Manager District Assets, spoke to the Action List and provided the following updates:

- Mahinapua Historic Bridge – Highway Crossing.
 - No further progress.
- West Coast Wilderness Trail exiting onto stated highway 6.
 - No further progress.
- Pine Tree Road Connection
 - No funding for this project.
 - Inger Perkins has spoken to many local businesses and has initial support, will work further on this in regard to finding funding to get this project done. Will keep the committee updated on any progress.
- Track Realignment behind the Hokitika Racecourse.
 - Funding for this was denied.
 - Recommend this item be removed from the Action List.

Moved Her Worship the Mayor, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that the updated Action List be received and the item relating to the track realignment behind the Hokitika Racecourse be removed.

6. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7. WRITTEN REPORTS

- **Economic and Performance Report, West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust Update**

Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail, was unable to attend the meeting. Simon Bastion, Chief Executive spoke to this item.

- A family event is being planned for the very near future on part of the West Coast Wilderness Trail.

- Charging stations are not required to be added to the Trail.
- West Coast Wilderness Trail is performing above the average for trails in New Zealand.
- The trail has a direct return of \$15 million per year.
- Kumara and Ross townships have benefited from the trail as visitor numbers have increased with great accessibility.

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that Jackie Gurden be invited to a Council meeting to report on the economic impacts of the West Coast Wilderness Trail.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the Economic and Performance report, West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust update from Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail be received.

- **Grey District Council**

Cr Jack O'Connor, Grey District Council, provided the following update:

- Congratulated Department of Conservation on opening their Pike 29 Memorial Trail on 16 February 2024.
- The new trail will potentially enable visitors to make return visits to the Coast.
- Lake Brunner Scenic Trail from Moana is pushing forward to Bain Bay. There are potential future plans to carry this track towards Kumara. The scenic trail is currently a shared biking and walking track, has great visuals, and is very flat. This is a local asset, not a council asset.
- Blackball school flow track, a great community effort in building the cycling network.
- Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa funding is open for applications from February 12th – March 1st for – Play, Active Recreation and Sports projects. This funding is available to Councils.
- Cobden Aromahana Sanctuary and Recreation Area. This extension will link to the flood wall. This will not extend the official route of the cycle trail, but it will link in. Funding for this will be under the Grey District Council.
- Vandalism of trails is an ongoing issue.

Moved I. Perkins, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the Grey District Council report from Cr Jack O'Connor, Grey District Council be received.

- **Manawa Energy**

Tim Brownlee, Generation Site Leader West Coast, Manawa Energy Limited, was unable to attend the meeting. 'Scott Baxendale read out Mr Brownlee's report for the subcommittee.

Moved Cr O'Connor, seconded I Perkins and **Resolved** that the Manawa Energy report from Tim Brownlee, Generation Site Leader West Coast, Manawa Energy Ltd be received.

- **Department of Conservation**

Owen Kilgour, Operations Manager, Department of Conservation, spoke to this item as follows:

- The Department of Conservation has been working closely with NZ Police regarding the vandalism that has been happening around the West Coast.
- Westland has seen a very busy summer season for visitors to the District.
- Hans Bay at Lake Kaniere has been at full capacity and beyond most of the summer period.
- Hokitika Gorge has been very busy, in discussions with Council on managing the traffic and parking. The engineering survey has been completed for the swing bridge. The project is running as scheduled, next is the design phase.
- Wadeson Island Stage Two work is finished. Working with Development West Coast looking for commercial sponsors to help maintain Wadeson Island in the future.
- Mahinapua bridge work will be mainly around the piles if there is any work to be done.

- Estimate Hokitika Gorge project will be finished for Summer 2025.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded I. Perkins and **Resolved** that the Department of Conservation Report from Owen Kilgour, Operations Manager, Department Of Conservation be received.

- **Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa – The Outdoor Access Commission**

Inger Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa; The Outdoor Access Commission, provided the following verbal update:

- Pine Tree Road Connection. There is value in that connection but as noted in the Action list there is no funding. Many local businesses have pledged their initial support, will work further on this in regard to finding funding to get this project done. Will keep the committee updated on any progress.
- Work has begun on the two new gates that will allow access over the unformed legal road at Ruatapu.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the Verbal Report from the Inger Perkins, Herenga Ā Nuku Aotearoa, The Outdoor Access Commission be received.

- **Westland Mountain Bike Club**

Liam Anderson, Club President, Westland Mountain Bike Club, joined the meeting via Zoom. Items discussed included:

- The Westland Mountain Bike Club have started the biggest track project to date at Blue Spur Forest linking Reg Cox Drive with the main track area of the forest. Currently halfway through digging the track, this will be almost 1.5km when it is finished.
- A track will be formed over the unformed legal road which will need to be fenced as it is currently land that is being grazed.
- Bikers will be encouraged to park their vehicles on the main road, and this may have to be made more usable if numbers increase.

Moved I. Perkins, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the Westland Mountain Bike Club from Liam Anderson, Club President, Westland Mountain Bike Club be received.

**DATE OF NEXT CYCLING AND WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.43PM

Confirmed by:

Cr Paul Davidson
Chair

Date:

15.02.24 – Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Action List

Date of Meeting	COMPLETED IN PROGRESS OVERDUE	Item	Action	Completion Date/Target Date	Officer	Status	
West Coast Wilderness Trail							
1.	13.10.20		Mahinapua Historic Bridge – Highway Crossing	The CE to provide an update to the Subcommittee about progress made on a safer crossing at the Mahinapua Historic Bridge, across the highway from the golf course.	December 2020	E. Bencich	Site visit in March and Stantec commissioned to complete a new design incorporating hazard management. Stantec provided a draft review at the July 2021 meeting. Need to be considered for additional funding via the annual plan process. To be reviewed as part of the next MGR funding round. Discussions with NZTA are ongoing. Update from Acting Group Manager.
2.	13.04.21		WCWT Trail exiting onto state highway 6.	Assess zones down the trail that exit onto the state highway.	July 2021	E. Bencich	Further hazard assessments to be completed as part of a larger safety audit for the trail. To be included as part of a wider safety review in conjunction with Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, Destination Westland and Council staff. Focus on the trail area on the south side of the Taramakau. Progress has been made with a full hazard analysis program for the trail and create a WCWT Hazard Register. Expect this to be workshopped with council staff initially prior to including wider stakeholders. Workshop date yet to be set.
3.	19.05.22		Pine Tree Road Connection	formal report comes back to the next Cycling and Walking Subcommittee with scope of project, design, and costings	18/8/22	E. Bencich	The CE meet with Inger Perkins and confirmed that council is not in a position to provide funding for this project but supports it in principal. Inger Perkins has spoken to many local businesses and has initial support, Inger will keep the committee updated on any progress.

Report to Westland District Council Cycling & Walking Subcommittee



Subject: Quarterly Report

August 2024

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Committee on the West Coast Wilderness Trail Maintenance being undertaken by Destination Westland Limited. The communication between Westland District Council's district assets team and the Destination Westland maintenance team is continuing as a strong bond with assigned tasks and reporting of maintenance issues being actioned within a timely manner. Destination Westland continues to collaborate with council staff to deliver the best possible services within the available budget. Additionally, Destination Westland seeks extra funding through grants, storm events, and safety improvements to enhance profitability.

Maintenance Update

Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Large directional 'Hokitika/Ross' signage erected at the Hokitika township section. ▪ Temporary signage was generated for the corner widening project at Mananui to pre-warn cyclists. ▪ Km markers are replaced throughout the track as required.
Culverts/Drains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drains and culverts leaf blown and cleared routinely. ▪ Drain at Kaniere tram have been deepened and the cutting widened.
Trail Surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extensive patching of track surface was undertaken in Kumara. ▪ Broom has been leaf blown and dragged at the Mahinapua, Hokitika, Milltown and Kawhaka sections. ▪ Multiple scouring repairs have been undertaken at Milltown and Kapitea. ▪ Corners widened and resurfaced at Mahinapua and Kaniere tram. ▪ There have been recurring sinkholes in Kumara over a 2km area. These have been filled, levelled out and rolled extensively. ▪ Trail surface to boardwalk approach has been topped up at the Kapitea reservoir. ▪ Various potholing has been completed across all sections. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div>
Vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vegetation has been trimmed back in Milltown and Kumara. ▪ Drains and kerbs have been cleared and gorse trimmed under the Taramakau Bridge.
Windfall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minor windfall has occurred, calling for debris to be cleared. ▪ A full track check was conducted following a recent period of high winds.

	
Structural Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bridge decks at Hurunui Jacks were cleared.
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The gates at Milltown have been widened to accommodate accessibility needs. ▪ Day works have recently been conducted at the Taramakau section which entailed regular inspections by our maintenance team. ▪ All toilets have recently been serviced. ▪ The counter battery at Ruatapu has been replaced. 
Upcoming Maintenance & Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potholing the Milltown access road. ▪ Trimming vegetation across various sections. ▪ Surfacing Milltown – topping up trail surface. ▪ Improving the Kumara track by installing a new culvert. ▪ Widening the corner at Old Christchurch Road for ease of maintenance vehicle access.
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The hairpin bend at Mananui was widened in late May - early June This project necessitated a digger to be flown in via helicopter. A site-specific safety plan was generated for this and the work that ensued. ▪ Site rails were erected at Mahinapua and Hokitika township. ▪ Track diversion signage was put up following a period of heavy rain. 

Challenges and Expectations

Maintaining a cycle trail involves a variety of challenges and expectations, as it requires balancing user satisfaction, safety, environmental impact, and operational efficiency. Here are some key considerations:

Challenges

- **Cost Management:** Fixed maintenance fee set by Westland District Council.
- **Infrastructure Maintenance:**
 - **Wear and Tear:** Signs, barriers, and other infrastructure requiring frequent repairs or replacement.
 - **Project Uncertainty:** Uncertainty regarding the future of the Totara Bridge due to structural concerns. While this is pending a decision, it has halted other maintenance tasks within the Ross section.
- **Community and User Expectations:** Balancing different user preferences, such as those of casual cyclists versus competitive riders. Currently, there is an increased number of e-cyclists, which poses a risk to both our workers and other cyclists.
- **Adequate Signage:** The existing directional signage is often too small, positioned too high, and sometimes missing. In turn it creates confusion for cyclists on the trail.
- **Regulatory and Compliance Issues:** Ensuring maintenance activities do not negatively impact local wildlife or ecosystems.

Expectations

- **Regular Maintenance:**
 - **Routine Inspections:** Conducting frequent inspections to identify and address issues before they become major problems.
 - **Timely Repairs:** Responding promptly to repair needs to keep the trail in good condition.
- **High Safety Standards:**
 - **Safe Conditions:** Ensuring the trail is free from hazards and has adequate signage for user safety.
 - **Emergency Readiness:** Providing clear emergency contact information and maintaining access points.
- **Environmental Stewardship:**
 - **Sustainable Practices:** Using environmentally friendly materials and techniques in maintenance work.
 - **Habitat Protection:** Minimising the impact on local wildlife and natural habitats.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - **Communication:** Keeping users informed about maintenance schedules, diversions, closures, or improvements.
 - **Feedback Mechanism:** Providing channels for users to report issues or provide suggestions.
- **User Experience:**
 - **Quality Surface:** Maintaining a smooth and well-drained trail surface to enhance the riding experience.
 - **Amenities:** Providing amenities like rest areas, waste bins, and information boards.
- **Compliance and Documentation:**
 - **Record-Keeping:** Maintaining detailed records of maintenance activities, inspections, and repairs.
 - **Regulatory Compliance:** Ensuring all activities comply with local laws and regulations.

Effectively managing a cycle trail involves a proactive approach to maintenance, clear communication with Westland District Council and stakeholders, and a commitment to safety and environmental stewardship. Balancing these factors can help create a well-loved and sustainable trail experience.



Date: Wednesday 21st August 2024

To: Cycling and Walking Sub-committee Meeting Paper

From: West Coast Wilderness Trail Manager

Subject: West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust Update

Below are some of the key happenings relating to the trail in the last few months in addition to the regular trail happenings.

Economic Assessment and Performance Report – This was prepared and presented to both Councils in March/April.

Annual Forum – A well-attended Annual Forum was held on Wednesday 19th June. Our guest speaker was New Zealand Cycle Trails Board Chair Alan Vane. The Board members also attended. Erle and I also presented on the Trail over the last year.

In his address, Alan outlined four workstreams being implemented to achieve their “Refresh” programme for the Great Rides network.

These include working on policy with the national government, local government, private enterprise, the tourism industry, New Zealand Cycle Trails Inc and the Great Rides. One of the foundations to this work is a national project underway looking into effective operating models.

Sustainable funding for trails is the second stream. Focus here is alternative revenue options for trails, providing ongoing funding from the government and relaxing the barriers presented by co-share requirements. All are under discussion, as is achieving a sustainable level of funding for trails. Alan commended the Wilderness Trail for the work being undertaken in looking to alternative funding from companies and riders.

Data collection and the need for information and evidence is the third stream. The counter data and monthly survey work undertaken by all trails is seen as critical, and the Wilderness Trail strong work in this area, was noted.

Rounding out the programme is the need for improving trail quality, resilience and maintenance. This is supported by trail audits that were undertaken earlier in the year to determine a range of things including Health and Safety of the trail infrastructure, along with a focus on adopting new

trail design guidelines. The Government's recent announcement of funding for maintenance was a part of making the trails the best of the best nationally and internationally. Overall, this aims to ensure a quality rider experience.

The Refresh recognises that the original intent by the Government in 2009 of the Great Rides network becoming self-sufficient is unable to be realised especially as trails are not allowed to charge a rider fee and there are insufficient revenue streams to cover the operational, maintenance and capital costs. The need to look for alternative sources of funding and achieve sustainable funding was critical.

Contactless Donation Devices – The Trust is trying to generate as much income from riders as possible. In addition to the Voluntary Activity Fees being paid by many tour companies and the signage on the trail, we have also just purchased two donation devices that are going into two of the accommodation outlets as a trial. If successful we will be looking to install more.

Marketing – The Trust has just supported an Australian Social Media Influencer riding and filming the trail. This was jointly funded by New Zealand Cycle Trails Inc and Development West Coast Tourism. While going to a generic audience, a specific focus was the Accessible Ride Guide.

New Guide Book – This is almost ready for publication and will be ready for the new season.

New Brochure – A new brochure has been designed and will also be out for the new season.

NZCT Projects – The Survey collection continued through autumn. The focus on this is taken off in the winter time as there are less people on the trail. We also contributed to the Operating Models research being undertaken.

Jackie Gurden

Trail Manager

Cycling and Walking – Grey District Council: August 2024

It's been quiet time across the winter for cycling and walking.

Trail maintenance has been carried out on the Greymouth of tracks including the Omotumotu Bush Walk entrance way upgrade for the 45min loop walk off Marsden Road

The Lake Brunner Scenic trail has reached the 12km mark to Bain Bay from Moana. That links into a DOC trail that requires upgrading and a significant suspension bridge for one of the last river crossing reaches Mitchells. Our mayor and several councillors were hosted by the LBST group to show where the Better-off Waters investment had been well spent. Another excellent trail and full credit to the volunteers who driven the project.

Grey Council is currently installing public toilets at the Mitchells boat ramp at the start of the trail to cater for the predicted increase in cyclist and walkers this summer. There are toilets along the installed along the trail as well.at the start of the start of the trail and

Major issues with vandalism at the Smokeho Car park at the Blackball end of the Papanoa Great Walk. A working group including Council, DOC, Blackball Community, Cycle company providers looking prevention options to address this concern prior to the summer season.

Footpath renewals received a boost towards the end of our financial year with areas identified as high risk of falls prioritised including outside pensioner housing areas.

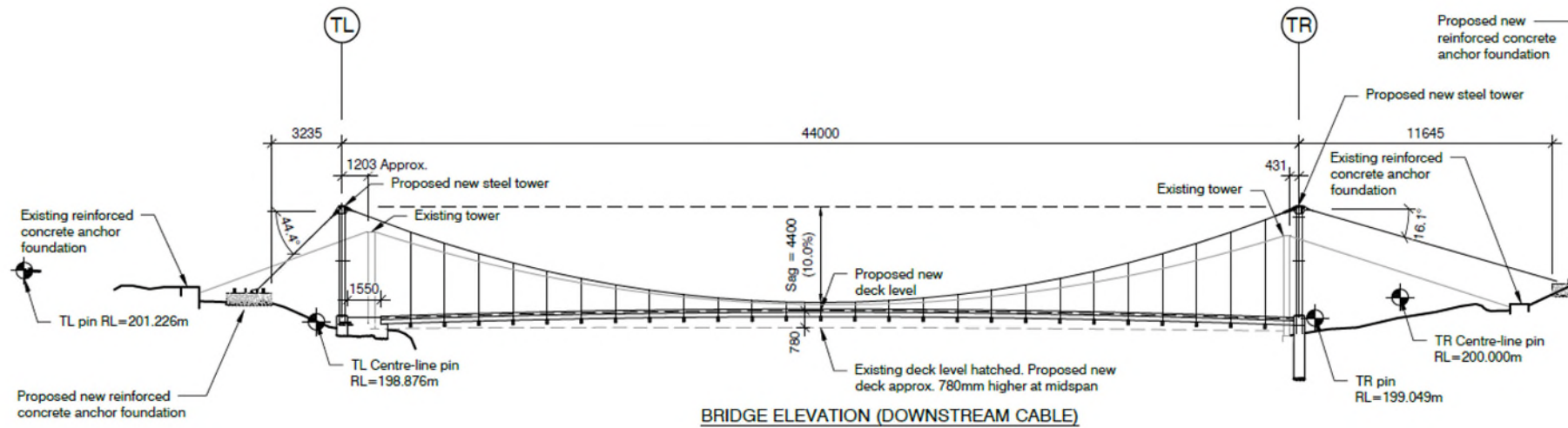
The potential increase of heavy traffic to the port area with the pending mineral sands industry kicking off could have impact on the wharf section of the Wilderness Trail.

West Coast Regional Council has commenced work on the Grey River Floodwall with the height being increased. This asset is also a key off-road commuting and recreation space for locals and forms part of the Wilderness Trail. The upgrade work has limited access, however as flood protection the primary function of the wall we we're hoping for a speedy completion to the works program.

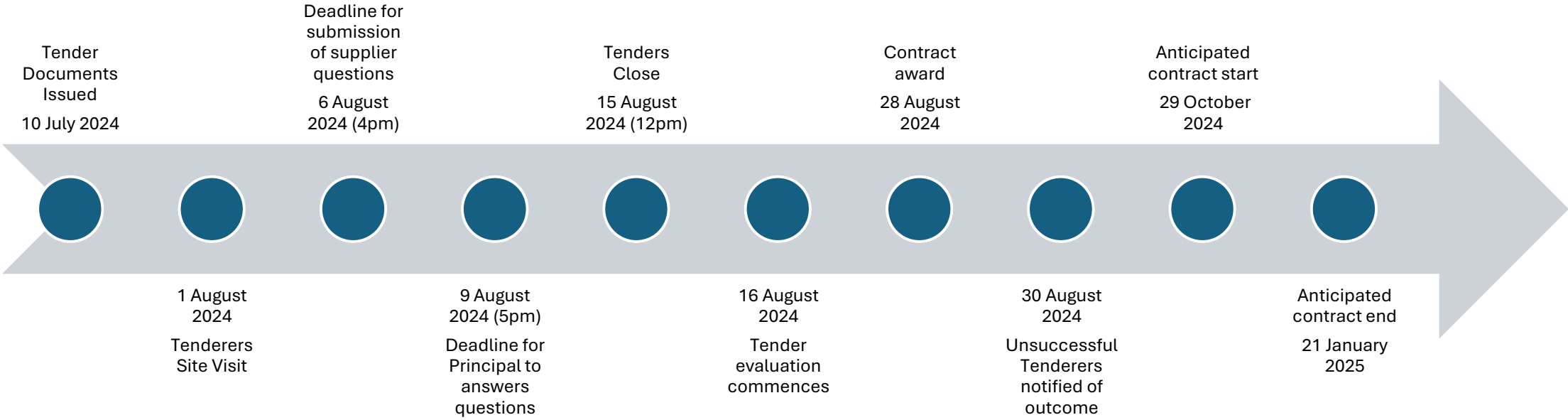
Cr Jack O'Connor

Grey District Council

HOKITIKA GORGE SUSPENSION BRIDGE (2024)

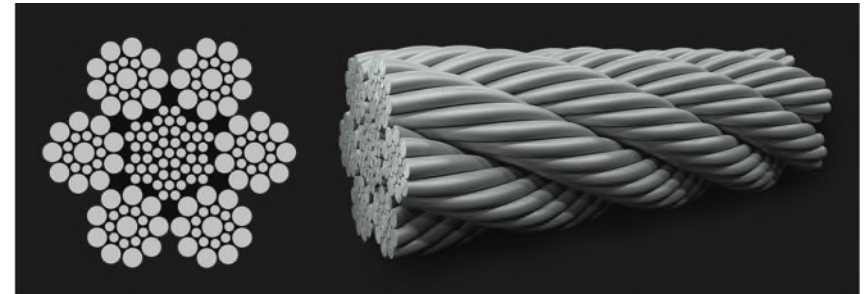


Anticipated Project Timeline



Key Design Features

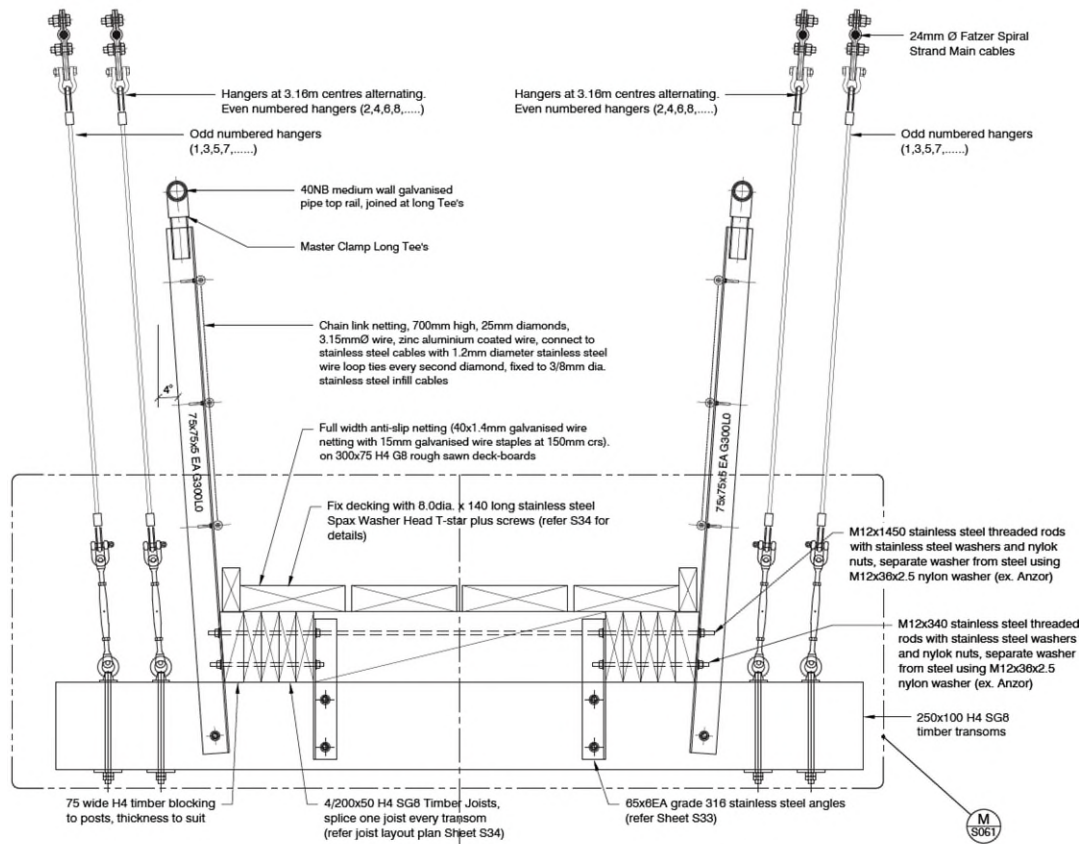
- *Design loading = 4.5kPa (~450kg/m²)*
- *Access (deck) width = 1.2m.*
- *Stiffened timber deck.*
- *100% structural redundancy.*
- *Fatzer Spiral Strand Cables.*
- *Type A barrier.*
- *Deep rock anchors both sides.*



Key differences between the existing and new bridges

	Existing Bridge (c1930's)	Proposed new bridge (2024)
Span (tower to tower)	42.1m	44.0m
Deck width	900mm	1200mm
Barrier height	1.0m	1.1m
Capacity / Design Loading	6 persons / 1000kg	<i>Unrestricted</i> 4.5kPa (~ 450kg/m ²)
Redundancy	None	100% redundancy through primary structure

Bridge Superstructure



Anchors



Update from Inger Perkins, August 2024

Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission

1. Access over Unformed Legal Road at Ruatapu

Gates have been installed for horse rider and foot access. Posts preventing vehicle access were ripped out soon after installation. That vandalism has been repaired and the footings of the posts reinforced. Appreciation from horse riding community has been received.

2. October 2023 Workshop

Workshop summary included areas the committee could consider and support through long term plans etc. Safer school access was suggested as a place to start, and then extend to supporting a culture shift that gives priority to pedestrians at crossings and gives equality of access opportunities for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists generally rather than putting vehicles first. An excellent concept that was raised in the workshop is to consider safety for those aged 8 and aged 80. If they are safe, it's likely that all users will be safe.

What does the change of rules for speed limits around schools mean for Westland? Can the council do better than new rules for communities where there is local support?

What do we do next?

- Review and apply International Charter for Walking?
- Use Waka Kotahi's Walking Action Planning guidance?
- Assess streets using Healthy Streets template and find and address the 'low hanging fruit'?

What process is appropriate to progress the kinds of improvements discussed so that this committee can agree and put proposals forward for the next LTP, 10-year plan, transport budget, etc?

3. Pine Tree Road

Waiting to hear from Graeme Kelly at Westroads, who has promised a route and price so community support and grants can be sought. In the meantime, there has been further community interest in making this route safe to use, shared with John Strange by Rachel Evans, Business Support Officer, District Assets. John shared that with me and will be raising with the Westland Mountain Bike Club. I provided background information to Rachel, noting that this has been sought since at least August 2020. There are many who will benefit from making this access safe for walking and cycling and I would like to see action from all those with influence and capability to make it happen sooner rather than later.

4. Other

At the previous sub-committee meeting, it was noted that a funding application for track realignment behind racecourse was not successful. Are there any options to progress that improvement?