

# Waihi extension of the Hauraki Rail Trail

## The issue

- We're currently working on better marking and crossings for the Hauraki Rail Trail route into Waihi from the Waihi Goldfields Railway, and this is expected to be completed by mid 2021. This will mean a safer and clearer route into Waihi for cyclists.
- We are considering whether we develop a second route into Waihi with a more scenic outlook, as we think it will link nicely to the rest of the Hauraki Rail Trail along the Ōhinemuri River and provide visitors with a more picturesque ride into Waihi.
- In the future, this scenic route could link to the Waihi to Waihi Beach trail, if the Western Bay of Plenty District Council chooses to progress the trail to Waihi Beach.
- The scenic route would add length to the ride, and provide another option for riding into the town centre, with a link to upper Seddon Street (where we intend to complete some town centre revitalisation).
- This project would be funded by the Waihi Ward.
- We've allowed for \$1.47 million in our budget to do this project in 2021/22.



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Option	Project details	Impact on level of service	Impact on rates	Impact on debt
<b>Plan a scenic route along the Ōhinemuri River.</b> We would need to further develop the route details, and work with others to develop the planned route. This would take users down Victoria Street and they would follow the Ōhinemuri River, and pass under the State Highway at the Bridge.	\$1.47 million in 2021/22  \$14,000 additional annual maintenance.	A second route would be available to users, offering a more picturesque riding experience.	Waihi Ward rate \$42.15 increase (12.7%)	\$1.47 million
<b>Do nothing.</b> This would mean that there is no scenic option available for cyclists from the Goldfields Railway section of the Hauraki Rail Trail. The route into Waihi town centre would be down Wrigley Street and Parry Palm Avenue.	No budget impact – this route will be completed in 2020/21.	Cycleway users would need to use the existing option into the Waihi town centre.	No rates impact	No debt impact

## Further information / supporting information



A – Safe route into town (being further developed within existing budgets in 2020/21)

B – A scenic route option

C – Potential extension to link to Waihi/Waihi Beach Rail Trail in the future (if project progresses)