

## Questions and Answers

1. Below is a summary of all trails under the New Zealand Cycle Trail project which have had funding confirmed:

Name of Trail	Description	Total Length of trail (km) including existing trail and future plans of applicant
<b>Funding Confirmed</b>		
Bay of Islands to Hokianga Cycle Trail* <i>(Formerly known as Far North Cycle Trail)</i>	The trail will run from Opuia to Horeke. The trail is steeped in historical significance dating from before the New Zealand land wars.	72
Hauraki Plains Trail Cycleway	The trail is divided in two stages, Stage 1 goes from Thames to Waihi (about 50km) and Stage 2 goes from Kaiaua to Thames (about 50km).	108
Waikato River Trail*	The Waikato River Trail will follow the Waikato River and five hydro-lakes from Atiamuri to Horahora.	100
Central North Island Rail Trail*	The trail runs from Pureora (off State Highway 30), southwards toward Ongarue and Taumarunui.	60
Te Ara Ahi – Pathway of Fire <i>(Formerly known as Thermal by Bike)</i>	The trail takes riders from Rotorua to Orakei Karako.	74
Ruapehu- Whanganui Trails Ngā Ara Tū Hono from the Mountains to the Sea *	Once completed, the total Mountain to Sea ride would traverse two iconic national parks with outstanding scenery and a rich cultural, historic and natural heritage.	281
St James Cycle Trail*	The trail traverses the St James Mountain Range. It offers mountain scenery and a mix of trails through beech forest and grassland valleys.	50
Around the Mountains	Stage One – Cyclists would cross Lake Wakatipu on the Earnslaw and head through Walter Peak Station to Mossburn. Stages Two and Three - from Mossburn, through the Oreti Gorge and along the old railway line to Lumsden.	175

Motu Trails	The journey follows an old coach road and an early 1900s stock track from Matawai to Opotiki. It finishes with a trail along the coast east of Opotiki.	120
Lake Track (Taupo)	Starting 15 minutes from Taupo, an all-weather multi-day cycle trail on the edge of Lake Taupo through native forest with views of the lake and Tongariro National Park.	93
Dun Mountain Trail (Nelson) and Tasman Loop (Stage 1)	The Dun Mountain Trail is an extension to the existing Dun Mountain cycling trail. The Tasman Loop Trial is a 3-day trail from Nelson to Tapawera, to Motueke and Kaiteriteri then returning via a coastal route.	212
Heretaunga Trails – Landscapes Trail	The Landscape Trail will visit the Tukituki River Valley with views of Te Mata Peak.	126
The Old Ghost Road	The trail will take riders from Lyell through the Mokihinui Gorge to Seddonville.	80
Westland Wilderness Trail	A cycling adventure from Greymouth to Ross, travelling through wild beaches, rainforests, lush wetlands and lakes, on a route explored by pioneering gold rush miners.	120
Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail	Cycle trail from Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park, descending 780m through the Mackenzie basin down the Waitaki Valley to Oamaru, with multiple access points to begin or end the ride.	312
The Queenstown Trail	A series of trails encompassing picturesque and historic Arrowtown and Queenstown within the Wakatipu Basin.	90
Clutha Gold Trail – (Roxburgh to Beaumont section)	A trail from Roxburgh Dam to the Beaumont township.	52.5
Roxburgh Gorge Trail	The trail will take riders from Alexandra to Roxburgh. The trail will link with the Clutha Gold Trail and the Otago Central Rail Trail.	34

Trails marked \* means construction has started

## **2. What is the vision of the Nga Haerenga, The New Zealand Cycle Trail?**

The New Zealand Cycle Trail project has been created to generate lasting economic, social and environmental benefits for New Zealand communities through a network of world-class cycling experiences.

Trips along the Great Rides will enable people to take their time, get off the beaten track, meet local people and enjoy New Zealand's iconic scenery. The brand Nga Haerenga means "the journey's", both in a physical and spiritual sense, and this is exactly the sort of experience we want visitors to New Zealand to enjoy.

## **3. How many trails have had their funding approved so far?**

All of the Great Rides under Nga Haerenga, The New Zealand Cycle Trail have now had either full or part funding approved. The initial focus of the project is to develop this series of 18 Great Rides. The creation of the Great Rides will help build New Zealand's already strong reputation as a premium tourism destination – and bring important export dollars into the New Zealand economy. In the longer term, it is envisaged that the Great Rides will be progressively linked with other cycling routes and facilities that will cater for a range of cycling abilities, types and purposes.

## **4. Why have you chosen these 18 trails?**

These 18 Great Rides have gone through an extensive assessment exercise and it's believed that these trails will showcase the best New Zealand has to offer, including showcasing iconic landscapes, connecting communities, providing cultural experiences and providing sustainable jobs. These trails have proven they are feasible now and meet The New Zealand Cycle Trail criteria.

## **5. Why have you only part-funded three of the 18 trails at this stage?**

Sections of three trails have not been approved for funding at this stage. These are The Heretaunga Trails (Water Trail) in the Hawke's Bay, the Clutha Gold Trail (Beaumont to Lawrence section), and the Ruapehu- Whanganui Trails (Stage 2). Further work is still required on the feasibility for these sections before funding can be confirmed.

## **6. When will all of the 18 trails be completed?**

The momentum of the project is building quickly. Sections of the Ruapehu-Whanganui Trails and the Waikato River Trail have already been opened and are in use. Construction on most of the Great Rides is expected to be underway this summer. Five trails are already under construction including the St James Trail, Waikato River Trail, the Central North Island Rail Trail, the Bay of Islands to Hokianga Cycle Trail, and parts of the Ruapehu- Whanganui Trails Ngā Ara Tū Hono from the Mountains to the Sea.

We're aiming to have all eighteen trails complete by the summer of 2012-2013, and to have about 2000 kilometres of trail ready for use in time for the Rugby World Cup in 2011.

## **7. Have any full trails been completed?**

The first of the Great Rides to be completed will be the St James Trail (50km) near Hamner Springs. This trail is due to be opened on 20 November 2010. Sections of the Ruapehu-Whanganui Trails and Waikato River Trail have already been opened and are in use.

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