



MINUTES

FRASER COAST MARY TO BAY RAIL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 77 TAVISTOCK STREET
9 NOVEMBER, 2023 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

PRESENT:

- Cr David Lewis (Chair)
- Cr Phil Truscott
- Tracey Genrich, Manager Community Development & Engagement FCRC
- Davendra Naidu – Director Infrastructure Services FCRC
- Mike Allsop (as proxy for Max Voigt) – Fraser Coast Bugs Representative
- John Williams – Fraser Coast Wildlife Preservation Society Representative
- Steve Case – Fraser Coast Cycling representative
- David Gleadow – Senior Advisory – Rail Corridor Management – Department of Transport & Main Roads

APOLOGIES

- Max Voigt – Fraser Coast Bugs Representative
- Martin Simons – General Manager FCTE
- Alan Whyborn – community representative
- Andy Riley – community representative
- Craig England – Manager - Rail Corridor Management - Department of Transport & Main Roads
- Ken Diehm – Chief Executive Officer FCRC (Guest apology)
- Keith Parsons – Director Organisational Services FCRC (Guest apology)

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Gerard Carlyon – Director Strategy, Community & Development FCRC
Kieren Stoneley – FCRC Sport & Recreation Coordinator

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country

David welcomed all attendees and delivered an Acknowledgement to Country on behalf of the Advisory Committee.

2. Apologies

A full list of apologies is listed above.

3. Previous Meeting – Action List

The Committee reviewed the Action List of items from previous meetings. The action list has been updated to reflect comments and updates provided at the meeting and is attached in its updated version.

4. Agenda Items

1. **Review of Progress – November 2022 Workshop Actions/Priorities**

The Committee reviewed the documentation from the November, 2022, workshop and identified areas of progress, generally as follows:-

Plan 2 – Maryborough West – Quarry Road section

- Construction works completed by Council through Queensland Government Works for Queensland program funding;
- Site Visit conducted with representatives of Fraser Coast Bicycle Users Group to review signage for this section. Signage has been ordered and is awaiting installation.

Plan 4 – Colton Siding – Churchill Mine Road

- Fraser Coast Bicycle User Group has completed and opened section of trail from Takura to (just past) Churchill Mine Road;
- Council has been in contact with Colton Coal Mine in relation to their intentions for the section of trail under the mining lease. An update on conversations to date provided by Tracey Genrich under Agenda Item 3 of these minutes.

Plan 5 – Churchill Mine Road – Walligan Trailhead

- Fraser Coast Bicycle User Group has completed clearing and opening of this section;
- Council has provided \$20,000 operational funds to be utilised for maintaining this section;
- Department of Transport and Main Roads has provided \$16,000 to be utilised for 6 bridges within the section.
- Fraser Coast Bicycle User Group has also applied for Gambling Community Benefit funds for additional works with announcement of funding outcome expected by the end of November.
- Some signage installed with other signage currently the subject of discussions with the Signage subgroup.
- A subgroup has also been formed to discuss appropriate crossing options for Stockyard Creek and Black Swamp Creek – these works are ongoing.

2. **Drone Footage (Cr Phil Truscott)**

Cr Truscott suggested that the Committee could consider recommending to Council that some drone footage be filmed to be utilised for future promotion and also could be utilised on the new website.

Steve Case advised that there was a good example of drone footage for a large event recently, that being the Brisbane Cycling Festival.

Action – Tracey Genrich to speak to Council’s Communications and Marketing team to enquire if this could be done inhouse.

Action – FCRC Communications team to liaise with Fraser Coast Tourism & Events to determine what drone and trail footage has already been undertaken.

3. **Update Colton Coal Mine Discussions (Tracey Genrich)**

Tracey Genrich confirmed that she had recently been able to meet with Michael Gray, Director New Colton Pty Ltd, to discuss the mining lease, how it impacts the Rail Trail and to obtain an update on progress of the coal mine.

During the discussion Michael advised that, at this point, it was suggested of New Colton Pty Ltd that a potential alternative route for the rail trail could be Churchill Mines Road to Perridge Road and then back to Aldershot. Michael also offered to meet with the members of the Rail Trail Advisory Committee to discuss in more detail at a date to be confirmed in late November, 2023.

The Rail Trail Advisory Committee members agreed that they would like the opportunity to meet with Michael as soon as practical.

Action – Tracey Genrich to coordinate a date and time for a meeting of the Rail Trail Advisory Committee and Michael Gray of New Colton Pty Ltd.

4. **Update on Walker Street Section Signage Inspection (Davendra Naidu)**

Davendra Naidu confirmed that an onsite inspection of signage had been undertaken by Council staff and representatives of Fraser Coast Bicycle User Group.

5. **Notes – Stockyard Creek & Black Swamp Creek Crossing Sub-Group Meeting**

The Committee noted the notes of the Stockyard Creek & Black Swamp Creek Crossing sub group held on 4 October, 2023.

Davendra Naidu confirmed that his Design team were in the process of having a concept layout drawn up for Black Swamp Creek.

David Gleadow confirmed that an environmental assessment of the area had now been undertaken with a copy of the assessment sent to Council on the day of the Advisory Committee meeting.

Tracey Genrich confirmed that the assessment had been received by email and would be sent onto Davendra Naidu and Robert Hazard for review and comment. A further meeting of the Advisory Committee sub group will be organised as soon as practical to review the information and to discuss further what the implications of the environmental assessment are on crossing options.

Action – Davendra Naidu & Robert Hazard of Council to review contents of the environmental assessment provided by the Department.

Action – Tracey Genrich to organise a further meeting of the Advisory Committee sub group as soon as practical after internal review.

Action – Davendra Naidu to followup completion of the Concept Design for Black Swamp Creek crossing.

Action – Tracey Genrich to circulate a copy of the assessment documents following the internal Council review by Davendra Naidu & Robert Hazard.

5. **General Business**

Potential Park Run or Additional Event Usage of Rail Trail

The Committee generally discussed ideas for additional event uses of the Rail Trail, including but not limited to, a park run.

The surface of the trail was raised and Steve Case confirmed that it was likely that, should the surface be able to upgraded in the future, Queensland State Cycling events could be a potential. These events have a potential to be held 4 times a year and attract between 200/400 entrants per event. Steve advised that for these cycling events to occur an injection of funds to upgrade the surface would be imperative.

The Committee agreed that additional uses and events would be beneficial in the future.

6. **Next Meeting**

8 February, 2024 – 4pm

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

ATTACHMENTS

- Item 4.1 Attachment - December, 2022 Workshop Documentation;
- Item 4.4 Attachment – Signage Spreadsheet – Walker Street Section M2BRT

PLAN 1 – Maryborough to Maryborough West

Short Term Objectives/Priorities		Long Term Objectives/Priorities		Halliburton Map from Trail Development Plan
Theme	Objective/Priority	Theme	Objective/Priority	
Corridor/Route	Investigate and plan for resolution of “Pinch Points”	Budget/Funding	Seek funding	
	Identify appropriate route	Infrastructure/Trail Design Elements	Lighting	
Tenure	Identify and resolve tenure issues		Drinking Water	
Infrastructure/Trail Design Elements	Assessment of drainage constraints		Consider road crossings	
	Access constraints		Signage (incl wayfinding, historical and safety etc)	
	Separation Fencing	Amenities		
	Safety consideration of shared corridor with QR	Surface – Seal as with other urban based areas of the trail		
	Development of signage of historical points/information	Corridor/Route	Implement appropriate route strategy	
General (Other)	Co partnerships with local business		Develop Plans	
		General (Other)	Community Information/Marketing	

Halliburton Trail Development Plan (extracts only) reference should be made to the entire Trail Development Plan for clarity

Plan Ref Point	Works Item	Plan Ref Point	Works Item
1	Maryborough trailhead (Alan and June Brown Carpark)	2	Trail to use existing concrete footpath across railway line on Kent street. Trail turns west to run on northern side of existing railway line (place trail directional marker as per Trailhead drawing)
3	Construct new sealed trail between Kent Street and Maryborough West Trailhead.	4	Clearing between Kent Street and Maryborough West Trailhead.
5	Install 1.5m chain mesh fencing along corridor between Kent Street and Maryborough West Trailhead	6	Trail to cross from northern side of railway line to southern side (at existing points beyond the separation of railway line.
7	Normanby Street – existing pedestrian overpass	8	Trail goes under Pallas Street and to say within corridor
9	Rocky Street – the recommended option is a 20m pre-fabricated bridge alongside the existing railway bridge	10	Reconfigure at-grade crossings at Morning Street
11	Trail at Russell Street to use existing railway corridor.	12	Install maze crossing on Palmer Street road reserve.

13	Trail to run along edge of existing bush land next to railway corridor	14	Underpass at Walker Street
15	Construct new trail to connect Walker Street underpass to Maryborough West Trailhead	16	Maryborough West Trailhead

PLAN 2 – Maryborough West – Quarry Road

Short Term Objectives/Priorities		Long Term Objectives/Priorities		Halliburton Map from Trail Development Plan
Theme	Objective/Priority	Theme	Objective/Priority	
Infrastructure/Trail Design Elements	Parking	Infrastructure/Trail Design Elements	This section should be sealed as with other urban based areas of the trail	
	Signage (incl wayfinding, historical and safety etc)		Consider Flood Immunity	
	Drinking Water		Drainage Issues	
	Shade Shelter			
	Off alignment – use road alignment			
	Consider environmental constraints			
Construction	Complete construction of this stage			

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Plan Ref Point	Works Item	Plan Ref Point	Works Item
1	Construct new trail between Maryborough West Trailhead and WI3.	2	Clearing between Maryborough West Trailhead and Quarry Road
3	Remove bunding to create trail; Install Trail directional markers; and allow for vehicle exit on northern side of QR Depot	4	Construct new trail on railway formation between WI3 and Quarry Road
5	Slashing of parallel bridle trail if required	6	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system
7	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system	8	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system
9	Intersection of Quarry Road and railway corridor; install trail directional marker		

PLAN 3 – Quarry Road – Colton Siding

Short Term Objectives/Priorities		Long Term Objectives/Priorities		Halliburton Map from Trail Development Plan
Theme	Objective/Priority	Theme	Objective/Priority	
Tenure	Resolve Tenure issues (general)	Corridor/Route	Access connection from Aldershot	<p>Note: Plans prepared at A3 and in colour. Clarity and legibility will be lost if not printed in colour and at A3.</p> <p>Note: Numbers indicate approximate locations of works required along the proposed trail route. Refer to accompanying trail development plan report for a complete list of works required along the proposed rail trail alignment and an accurate indication of their location.</p>
	Negotiate tenure of QR tenure sections	Infrastructure/Trail Design Elements	Parking	
	Negotiate with leaseholders on Council land		Drinking Water	
	Secure corridor through property resumptions on private property parcels		Construct Bridges/causeways	
Corridor/Route	Select appropriate route		Shade Shelter	
	Investigate corridor – Aldershot Section		Signage (incl wayfinding, historical and safety signage etc)	
Infrastructure/Trail Design Elements	Investigate/Planning for Bridge or flood crossings		Surface – establishment of a quality surface	
General (Other)	Lobby Qld Government to stop Colton Mine Project			

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Plan Ref Point	Works Item	Plan Ref Point	Works Item
1	Construct new trail between Quarry Road and WI 2	2	Intersection of Quarry Road and new trail; Install Trail directional marker.
3	Newly constructed trail will run along boundary fence between old railway corridor and land owned by FCRC on the eastern side; Surveying required	4	Construct gravel trail between end of Quarry Road and Saltwater Creek.
5	Allow for slashing for parallel bridle trail if required	6	Slash/side clearing between Quarry Road and Saltwater Creek
7	Install spring-loaded user gate and management access gate and 3m fencing perpendicular to direction of travel; Install warning signage regarding agricultural activity	8	Trail runs through farming land and cane fields; Install post & wire fencing and signage on eastern side; Install 2.4m high chain mesh barrier fencing and signage
9	Construct new bridge over Dead Man's Gully (to carry light vehicles)	10	Install spring-loaded user gate and management access gate and 3m fencing perpendicular to direction of travel; Install warning signage regarding agricultural activity
11	Construct new 60m steel truss or cable suspension bridge over Saltwater Creek. (bridge need not carry vehicles)	12	Trail to proceed to Bronze Street; Develop link between landing point and new trail on land owned by DTMR adjacent to active railway line; Construct trail on land owned by DTMR; Acquire or negotiate easement over 130m of land for trail to connect to Bronze Street.
13	Construct gravel trail 2.5m wide between Saltwater Creek and southern end of Bronze Street	14	Allow for slashing for parallel bridle trail if required

15	Allow heavy clearing of trees between Saltwater Creek and southern end of Bronze Street	16	Erect post and wire fencing on eastern side of new trail between Saltwater Creek and southern end of Bronze Street; Install 1.8m chain mesh fencing
17	Trail reaches Bronze Street; Install pipe culvert; Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 2.5m fencing either side of gating system and appropriate signage; Install trail directional marker	18	Install trail directional marker at corner of Bronze Street and unnamed street crossing active railway line.
19	Install trail directional marker at corner of Shiplick Street and unnamed street crossing active railway line	20	Install trail directional marker at corner of Shiplick Street and Vaughan Street
21	Install trail directional marker at corner of Vaughan Street and Lenthall Street	22	Install trail directional marker at corner of Lenthall Street and Murry Street
23	Aldershot Trailhead including signage and trailhead map panel	24	Construct small boardwalk to connect from Bronze Street across drainage ditch to Road 21; Install trail directional marker on north side of boardwalk
25	Construct gravel trail 2.5m wide between end of Bronze Street and Colton siding on Road 21	26	Allow for slashing on parallel bridle trail if required
27	Clearing for trail construction.	28	Erect post and wire fencing on eastern side of new trail between northern end of Bronze Street and Colton siding
29	Boundary fence changes from 2.4m chain mesh barrier fencing to 4 strand barbed wire fencing; Install 1.8m chain mesh fencing along corridor	30	Allow for 4 drainage measures between start of trail and reference point on map
31	Remove locked gate	32	Original Colton Siding; Reinstate siding nameboard; Interpretive signage, trail directional markers, trailside furniture, tree clearing etc

PLAN 4 – Colton Siding – Churchill Mine Road

Short Term Objectives/Priorities		Long Term Objectives/Priorities		Halliburton Map from Trail Development Plan
Theme	Objective/Priority	Theme	Objective/Priority	
Tenure	Resolve tenure for mining lease area	Infrastructure/Trail Design Elements	Signage (incl wayfinding, historical and safety etc)	
Infrastructure/Trail Design Elements	Weed control and maintenance		Drinking Water	
	Planning for bridges/causeways			
	Parking			
	Surface – Rideable gravel standard			
Budget/Funding	Provide funds to FCBUG to develop 3.8km section that they now have access licence over			

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Plan Ref Point	Works Item	Plan Ref Point	Works Item
1	Construct gravel trail 2.5m wide between Colton Siding and WI 5	2	Light clearing between Colton siding and WI 5
3	Allow for slashing of parallel bridle trail if required	4	Erect post and wire fencing on eastern side of new trail between Colton siding and WI 5; Install 1.8m chain mesh fencing along corridor on western side between Colton siding and WI 4
5	New trail to turn easter towards Churchill Mine Road Trailhead	6	Construct gravel trail 2.5m wide between WI 5 and Churchill Mine Road Trailhead
7	Allow moderate clearing between WI 5 and Churchill Mine Road Trailhead	8	Allow for slashing of parallel bridle trail if required
9	Erect post and wire fencing on southern side of new trail between WI 5 and Churchill Mine Road Trailhead	10	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system
11	Churchill Mine Road Trailhead		

PLAN 5 – Churchill Mine Road – Walligan Trailhead

Short Term Objectives/Priorities		Long Term Objectives/Priorities		Questions and/or comments relating to this stage
Theme	Objective/Priority	Theme	Objective/Priority	
Construction/Maintenance	Complete FCBUG work on DTMR access licence sections for creek crossings	Infrastructure/Trail Design Elements	Bollards	<p>Note: Plans presented at A3 and in colour. Clarity and accuracy will be lost if not printed in colour and at A3.</p> <p>Note: Numbers indicate approximate locations of works required along the proposed trail route. Refer to accompanying trail development plan report for a complete list of works required along the proposed trail alignment and an accurate indication of their location.</p>
	Develop a Maintenance Plan		Sustainable crossing option	
	Maintain quality surface			
Infrastructure/Trail Design Elements	Track security			
	Road crossing (consider safety improvements)			
	Culvert crossings for Stockyard Creek and Black Swamp Creek			
	Parking			
	Surface – Rideable Gravel			
	Signage (incl wayfinding, historical and safety etc)			
	Shade shelter/rest area			
Budget/Funding	Seek funding for additional elements and improvements			

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Plan Ref Point	Works Item	Plan Ref Point	Works Item
1	Construct new trail between Churchill Mine Road Trailhead and road crossing WI 2	2	Road crossing – Churchill Mine Road; install trail crossing signs; install give way signs; install trail directional marker
3	Construct new trail between road crossing WI 2 and original railway formation	4	Install barrier on original rail formation to re-direct users; Install trail directional marker; Install trail directional marker to send horse riders along management track south of proposed rail trail
5	Construct trail between Churchill Mine Road and Walligan Trailhead	6	Clearing between Churchill Mine Road and Walligan Trailhead; Allow for slashing of parallel bridle trail if required

7	Retain timber bridge; install decking and handrail	8	Install pre-fabricated bridge (12.1m)
9	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system	10	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system
11	Retain timber bridge; install decking and handrails	12	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system
13	Install management access gates in fencing parallel to trail on both sides	14	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system
15	Retain timber bridge (24.4m); install decking and handrails	16	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system
17	Install management access gates in fencing parallel to trail on both sides	18	Install pre-fabricated bridge (42.7m)
19	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system	20	Install management access gates in fencing parallel to trail on both sides
21	Install management access gates in fencing parallel to trail on both sides	22	Install management access gates in fencing parallel to trail on both sides
23	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system	24	Install management access gates in fencing parallel to trail on both sides
25	Formation is indistinguishable from road in both direction	26	6 box culvert; clean out and maintain
27	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system	28	Takura Trailhead
29	Road crossing – Torbanlea Pialba Road; install “trail crossing” signs; install “road ahead” signs; install “stop” signs; install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system; remove cross fence; install trail directional marker to send horse riders along management track norther of proposed rail trail	30	Install bridge (61m)
31	Install trail user chicane and management gate system and 5m fencing either side of gating system	32	Slash parallel bridle trail to Walligan Trailhead
33	Install bridge (61m)	34	Walligan Trailhead
35	Dundowran Road crossing; install double-sided trailhead sign		

FURTHER CONSULTATION REQUIRED



1 START OF TRAIL (Walker Street)	2 END OF BITUMEN	3 NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	4 END OF TRAIL (Quarry Road)
Carparking to be opposite the start of Rail Trail – eastern side of the road, nose in from the existing road.			
What is the plan for the park area between the rail trail and the cemetery? Possible Shelters and bench seats.			

WORKS REQUIRED



1 START OF TRAIL (Walker Street)	2 END OF BITUMEN	3 NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	4 END OF TRAIL (Quarry Road)
		Right side requires large rocks (x 10) to be installed to reduce access between surrounding trees.	Left side requires bollards (x 2) between surrounding trees to reduce vehicle access.
		Left side requires a pedestrian ramp from estate with a bollard (x 1) and large rocks (x 6) to ensure access is limited to walkers and bicycles.	

SIGNAGE ON MARY TO BAY RAIL TRAIL – WALKER ST TO QUARRY RD MARYBOROUGH

PROPOSED



1 START OF TRAIL (Walker Street)			2 END OF BITUMEN		3 NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE		4 END OF TRAIL (Quarry Road)		
Sign Post			Post	Bollards	Post		Sign Post		
North Side	South Side	Additions to one Post	Left		Right - Additions	Left	Right	North Side	South Side
		<p>M2BRT Mary to Bay Rail Trail - <u>TO BE APPROVED</u></p>		Across Whole Road Reserve		<p>Addition</p>			