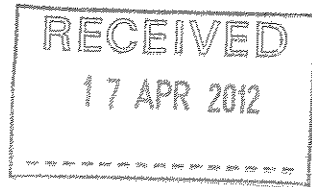


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Trails Wairarapa Trust

51 Oak St, Masterton 5810

Ph: 063771551 M: 0212319173

Adrienne Staples
Mayor
South Wairarapa District Council
PO Box 6
Martinborough 5741

Dear Adrienne

I am writing this letter on behalf of Trails Wairarapa Trust, a group set up to promote cycling and walking in the Wairarapa. We have undertaken the task of providing an application to the New Zealand Cycle Trail to establish a route from the Hawkes Bay Trails great ride to the Rimutaka Incline Trail, and from the Manawatu Trail to the Rimutaka Incline Trail. The main purpose of these routes are to allow touring cyclists a pleasant and safe conduit through our regions, from one great ride to another. The New Zealand Cycle Trail Expansion Project is explained on their web site, www.nzcycletrail.com/big-idea/network-expansion-project

This task has not been easy, and no route fills all the required criteria. I have been helped by a number of people, including Simon Kennett, Active Transport and Road Safety Coordinator, Greater Wellington Regional Council. Steve MacArthur, your Roding and Reserves Engineer, has also been helpful in providing road usage data.

Any application has to have a letter of support from the Road Controlling Authority that has jurisdiction over the roads proposed for the route. For these routes we need a letter of support from each of the following District Councils; Hastings, Central Hawkes Bay, Tararua, Masterton, Carterton, and South Wairarapa, and also the Greater Wellington Regional Council. I have enclosed a draft of our applications for your Council to consider.

As we understand it, a successful application will allow NZ Cycle Trail signage along the route and will have the route posted on the NZ Cycle Trail web site to be viewed in NZ and abroad. The Road Controlling Agencies would be responsible for erecting and maintaining the signage.

Unfortunately all applications should be entered to the NZ Cycle Trail team by the end of April, accordingly I would very much appreciate your response by Monday 23rd April.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rob Jones". The script is fluid and cursive.

Chair TWT



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CONTACT INFORMATION & SIGNED DECLARATION

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I declare on behalf of the applicant that:

- I have read the New Zealand Cycle Trail's *Route Planning & Selection Guidelines* and *Cycle Trail Design Guide* for the purpose of submitting an application for a cycle route to be recognised under the New Zealand Cycle Trail brand.
- The information provided in this application is complete and correct and there have been no misleading statements, omission of any relevant facts nor any misrepresentation made.

Name:	Robin James Irwin		
Position/Title:	Chair		
Sign:		Date:	

CYCLE ROUTE DETAILS				
Proposed name of cycle route:	Wairarapa Valley Trail			
Start / finish points:	Palmerston North Square to Rimutaka Rail Trail, (Martinborough to Big Coast Ride)			
Total length of cycle route (kms):	190km, (34Km)			
Duration of ride (hours /days):	3-4 days			
Estimated trail grade (as per the Cycle Trail Design Guide)	3			
Surface conditions:	% On-Road	100 %	% Off-Road	%
	% Sealed	% Unsealed	% Sealed	% Unsealed
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List the Road Controlling Authorities:	Manawatu District Council, Tararua District Council, Masterton District Council, Carterton District Council, South Wairarapa District Council, New Zealand Transport Agency			

ALIGNMENT WITH NZCT OBJECTIVES
Describe how the proposed cycle route aligns with the objectives of the NZCT.
<p>The Wairarapa Trail will provide cyclists with a most interesting and safe route connecting Wellington with Manawatu. It will bring New Zealand and international cycling tourists into the Wairarapa region, increasing business for providers along the way. Three nights accommodation is expected for the full trail so hostelryes, cafes, restaurants and shops will benefit from the increased tourist traffic, and the cyclists will be rewarded with spectacular scenery, interesting history, and a diversity of places of interest. The route is fully sealed and, for the most part travels through quiet rural countryside with low traffic numbers. It passes through some of the towns in the region and those it bypasses are not too distant to reach. Most importantly it provides the essential linkage between the Mountains to Sea Trail (via Manawatu) and Wellington (Big Coast Trail, presently in planning).</p> <p>This application is for the Wairarapa Valley Trail linking the Manawatu Trail to the Rimutaka Rail Trail and planned Big Coast Trail. The Route 52 Trail is to join the Wairarapa Valley Trail north of Alfredton, linking the Hawkes Bay Trails with the Rimutaka Rail Trail and Big Coast Trail.</p>

CYCLIST SAFETY

Provide details on the speed limit, the annual average daily traffic and any potential hazards (and mitigating treatments) along the route. How does the route align with the specifications outlined in the *Cycle Trail Design Guide* (Section 4)?

Most of the proposed route is along quiet sealed country roads with low AADT (daily traffic) numbers. The trail from Palmerston North follows the Pahiatua Track which is moderately busy, more so presently with the temporary closure of the Manawatu Gorge. This is due to reopen in July 2012 and traffic volumes will then return to AADTs shown. At Mangamutu there is an off road pathway into Pahiatua. The Mangahao Valley, Pa Valley and Whangaehu Valley Roads are quiet, Mangahao and Pa Valley have a few one lane bridges with good visibility. Colombo Rd has cycle lanes also shared paths on each side of the Colombo Rd bridge over the Waipoua River. The centre of Masterton can be reached via Church Rd or along a separate trail along the banks of the Waipoua. From Masterton the trail follows the Masterton Martinborough Rd through the Longbush Valley to join Hinakura Rd into Martinborough along sealed country roads with low AADT (daily traffic) numbers. SH53 is the only option from Martinborough to Featherston.

The areas of concern are :

- The T junction at Te Ore Ore Bideford Rd and Te Ore Ore Rd; there are high traffic volumes along Te Ore Ore Rd which leads into Masterton over the Te Ore Ore bridge. This segment is only 500m long including the bridge, which has a shared path along its south side.
- SH53 between Martinborough and Featherston, over 2000 AADTs and narrow shoulders
- Waihenga Bridge SH53, narrow 2 lane bridge.
- Tauherinikau Bridge SH53, narrow 2 lane bridge.

The Waihenga bridge is due to be replaced in 2016, presumably with accommodation for cyclists.

Generally the roads are all open roads with 100kph speed limits and no shoulders, and all road surfaces are sealed. There are a number of T junctions, side roads, and small narrow bridges but AADTs are low and visibility is good.

AADTS:

• Pahiatua Mangahao Rd	1190
• Mangahao Valley Rd	179
• Whangaehu Valley Rd	113
• Te Ore Ore Bideford Rd	1160
• Te Ore Ore Rd	7671
• Colombo Rd	3512
• Longbush Rd (north end)	412
• Longbush Rd (south end)	109
• Hinakura Rd	204
• SH53 (west of Princess St)	2621
• Western Lake Rd (near Featherston)	299
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LOGIC & DIRECTNESS

Describe the logic for including this cycle route in the NZCT network. Why is this route being proposed over other alternative routes in the region? Does it link with the start/finish of a Great Ride or is there the potential to link?

The Pahiatua Track is the best road to link Manawatu with Wairarapa, it is easier than the Saddle Rd option, avoids the difficulties of a Woodville to Pahiatua route also providing views of Palmerston North, and on the other side, of Pahiatua.

From Pahiatua the options are a route west of SH2 to Pukaha Mt Bruce, the Mangaone Valley Rd to Eketahuna, or the route chosen. The west route involves many turns and different roads, which may be confusing, and sets the path to Masterton through Mauriceville and Opaki along SH2. The Mangaone Valley Rd, Alfredton Rd route to Eketahuna leads to the use of SH2 to Kaiparoro Opaki Rd, Mauriceville and SH2 to Masterton at Opaki. The chosen route avoids heavy traffic and links nicely with the proposed Route 52 Trail. Scenery along the way is of pleasant rural countryside following streams and small rivers and tracks into Masterton at the pleasant Henley Lake recreational area. From the Colombo Rd bridge an off road trail leads into the centre of Masterton.

Masterton to Martinborough basically is a choice of 2 routes. The Ponatahi Rd route is quicker and easier, but is the unofficial Masterton to Martinborough highway. Although longer, the Longbush route chosen has less traffic and follows a pleasant stream valley, there is also a small detour to the Gladstone Pub and vineyards at the Gladstone corner.

Martinborough to Featherston along SH53 is the only logical way to get to the Rimutaka Railway Incline. When the Big Coast Trail is an option, cyclists may leave Martinborough on the Pirinoa Lake Ferry Rd, take the Kahutara Rd and turn onto the Western Bypass Rd to reach the Big Coast Trail on the Western Lake Rd. This route will give them an optional route to Wellington along the coast at the southern base of the Rimutaka mountains.

The Wairarapa Valley Trail links The Mountains to Sea Great Ride (via the Manawatu Trail) to The Big Coast Ride and therefore Wellington. It also links The Hawkes Bay Rides (via the Route 52 Trail) to the Big Coast Ride.

APPEAL FOR CYCLISTS

Describe how and why this cycle route will appeal to cyclists and cycle tourists in particular.

The Wairarapa Valley Trail is quintessentially rural following countryside that has changed little over decades. Most of the roads are peaceful and the scenery pleasantly pastoral. One meets expanded views with vistas of the Tararua and Rimutaka Ranges. The trail leads into Wairarapa's wine district with its abundant accommodation and fine dining. Although there are a few testing hills, most of the cycling is not difficult, and daily travel distances may be tailored to meet all capabilities, say 50 to 80km per day. Cyclists may wish to take time in the region to explore the mountains, the coast and the many places of history and interest before moving on.

SERVICES & ACCOMMODATION

Describe the number and type of service amenities located on or near the cycle route (include access to water and toilet facilities, food and accommodation services).

Accommodation and Services along the route are:

- In and around Pahiatua ,7 accommodation facilities, 11 food outlets, supermarket and camping ground.
- Alfredton Domain has tables, toilets and water and is suitable for camping. (It is expected that accommodation and food outlets will develop to meet demand).
- Masterton, Martinborough and Featherston have plentiful accommodation , food outlets, restaurants, supplies, and camping facilities.
- Gladstone Pub has meals and a winery provide dining and accommodation.

INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Describe how the cycle route makes use of and integrates with existing cycling facilities to provide a seamless cycling experience, particularly where it enters/exits urban centres.

Palmerston North is particularly blessed with cycle lanes and paths due to being a University city. It is easy to cycle safely along Fitzherbert St and up Summerhill Drive to reach Aokautere Drive and so on to Pahiatua Aokautere Rd.

At Mangamutu there is an off road trail into Pahiatua, about 2km.

In Masterton work is due to begin on the Waipoua Trail along the south bank of the Waipoua river, linking Colombo Rd and the Henley Lake trails with Akura Rd just west of the railway beside the station. This trail will link the Long Valley Trail to Masterton Railway Station and the i-Site in Dixon St.

The Tranz Metro trains may take up to 7 bicycles on the Wairarapa line, but larger numbers can be taken if a larger luggage van is prebooked. Rail services to the Hutt Valley and Wellington can be accessed at Masterton and Featherston giving an alternative means of travel to either enter or leave the Wairarapa.

DoC has put in a new upgraded trail from the Cross Creek road end to the Cross Creek start of the Rimutaka Rail Trail.

STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENT & SUPPORT

List the various stakeholders that have an interest in the proposed cycle route. Describe how you have engaged with those stakeholders and provide any evidence of their support.

The stakeholders with an interest in this Long Valley Trail Part 1 are:

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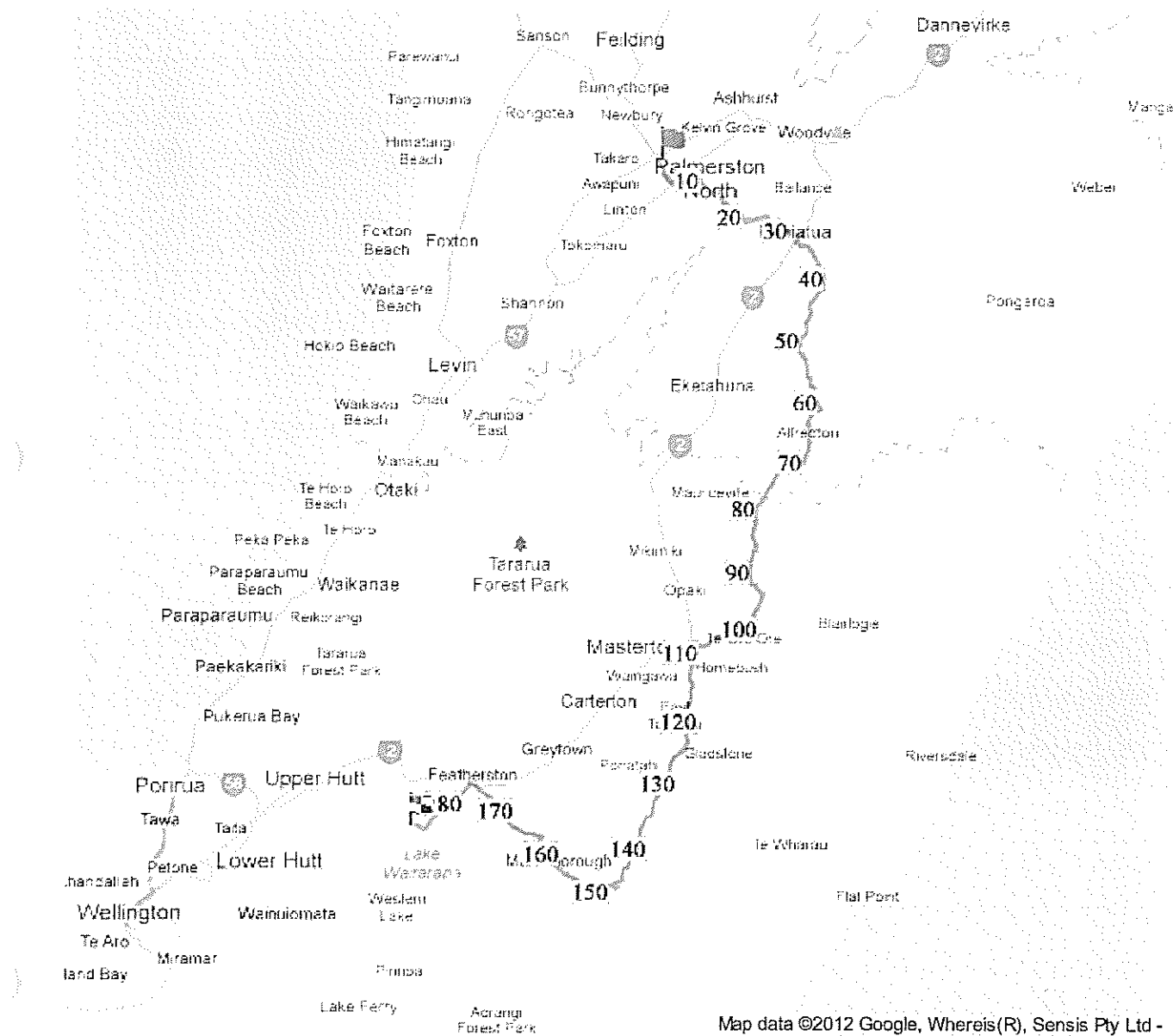
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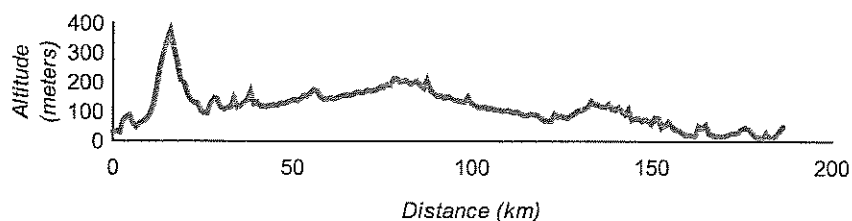
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Route Information

Name: Wairarapa Valley Trail

Notes:

Distance: 186.32 Km



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Name		Robin James Irwin	
Position/Title		Chair	
Sign		Date	

CYCLE ROUTE DETAILS				
Proposed name of cycle route	Route 52 Trail			
Start / finish points	Hawkes Bay Trails (Havelock North) to Rimutaka Rail Trail (Cross Creek)			
Total length of cycle route (kms)	326km			
Duration of ride (hours / days)	3 – 6 days			
Estimated trail grade (as per the Cycle Trail Design Guide)	3			
Surface conditions	% On-Road	100 %	% Off-Road	%
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List the Road Controlling Authorities	Hastings District Council, Central Hawkes Bay District Council, Tararua District Council, Masterton District Council, Carterton District Council, South Wairarapa District Council, New Zealand Transport Agency			

ALIGNMENT WITH NZCT OBJECTIVES
Describe how the proposed cycle route aligns with the objectives of the NZCT
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CYCLIST SAFETY

Provide details on the speed limit, the annual average daily traffic and any potential hazards (and mitigating treatment(s)) along the route. How does the route align with the specifications outlined in the *Cycle Trail Design Guide* (Section 4)?

Almost all of the proposed route is along quiet sealed country roads with low AADT (daily traffic) numbers. The areas that may be of concern are :

- SH2 between Waipawa and Waipukurau. There are high AADTs but wide road shoulders. The rail overbridge has been realigned and a wide shared path has been built along this part of the trail.
- SH53 between Martinborough and Featherston. The AADTs are over 2000, and the road has narrow shoulders.
- Waihenga Bridge SH53. This is a long narrow 2 lane bridge with no shoulders. It is due to be replaced in 2016
- Tauherinikau Bridge SH53. This is a narrow 2 lane bridge, about 30m long.

The roads are all open roads with 100kph speed limits, all road surfaces are sealed. There are a number of T junctions and side roads but AADTs are low and visibility is good. There are narrow bridges on the Longbush Rd but approach visibility is good and the traffic numbers are low. Generally traffic numbers close to towns are highest and quickly decline further out.

Traffic volumes (AADTs)

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| • Middle Rd (between Endsleigh and School Rds) | 766 | |
| • Middle Rd (near Te Aute Trust Rd) | 252 | |
| • Pourerere Rd | 795 | |
| • SH2 Waipawa – Waipukurau | | |
| • Route 52 (near Waipukurau) | 802 | |
| • Route 52 (mid section Blackhead Rd) | 354 | |
| • Route 52 (mid section Wimbledon Rd) | 142 | |
| • Route 52 (near CHBDC/TDC boundary) | 51 | |
| • Te Ore Ore Bideford Rd | 1160 | |
| • Te Ore Ore Rd (500m long inc bridge). | | 7671 |
| • Masterton Martinborough Rd (north) | 412 | |
| • Masterton Martinborough Rd (south end) | 109 | |
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LOGIC & DIRECTNESS

Describe the logic for including this cycle route in the NZCT network. Why is this route being proposed over other alternative routes in the region? Does it link with the start/finish of a Great Ride or is there the potential to link?

This linkage route between the Hawkes Bay Trails and the Rimutaka Rail Trail is by no means the most direct route, but it does take the cycling tourist away from busy SH2 (apart from one 6km section), through an interesting mix of scenery, and seemingly transports them into the history of an earlier New Zealand. It avoids the difficult Woodville transit to Ballance and joins with the Wairarapa Valley Trail just north of Alfredton, it also keeps cyclists off the busy parts of SH2 north and south of Masterton, thus linking the Ohakune Mountains to Sea Trail to the Rimutaka Rail Trail. To have the two trails merging brings a safer, more desirable and less expensive proposition.

APPEAL FOR CYCLISTS

Describe how and why this cycle route will appeal to cyclists and cycle tourists in particular

Leaving Havelock North with its plentiful facilities, including a cycle shop, one heads south along Middle Rd. This is a well sealed road starting in the Hastings fruit bowl area and passes along mellow gradients to reach the Tukituki river. Route 52 follows it, one of Hawkes Bay's main rivers, to reach Waipawa via Pourerere Rd. Refreshments are available at Patangata Tavern, 34km from Havelock North. From Waipawa the trail now follows 6km of SH2 to reach Waipukurau, along this stretch there is 1.4km of shared path, and a footpath over both the Waipawa and Tukituki bridges.

Both Central Hawkes Bay towns offer multiple facilities and accommodation. Travelling out of Waipukurau along Route 52, Porangahau is reached after 40km. Here a 3.5km deviation leads to the beach with accommodation, the store and Tavern are just 500m off route. Continuing south for 20km, Route 52 travels along a moderately hilly section with more forests and passes the hill with the world's longest place name, in Maori, to reach Wimbeldon and its historic Tavern.

Pongoroa is a further 44km on and has a Tavern, store and toilets. Accommodation is available about 10km further south near Tiraumea, and also a few km further to the west off the trail. The farms are now larger and have pockets of forest as the trail passes along rolling terrain and small valleys to reach Alfredton, 44km from Pongoroa. 5km north of Alfredton the Wairarapa Valley Trail is joined. At Alfredton there is a Domain with water and toilets but no other services or accommodation, although these would be expected to develop with demand. Masterton is now 35km away along pleasant small river valleys.

Masterton has plentiful accommodation, dining, supermarkets and shops, including 2 cycle shops. The Henley Lake complex is a pleasant recreational place to rest and enjoy, then the way to Martinborough passes along Colombo Rd and Johnstone St to leave Masterton along the Masterton Martinborough Rd. This well sealed road passes through Gladstone, and a short detour reaches wineries and the Gladstone Tavern. Then the trail meanders along the Longbush Rd with low traffic volumes through pleasant tree lined stream scenery to reach Martinborough, 51km from Masterton.

Martinborough is a well known wine region and so is well set up for dining and accommodation, and has many shops.

There is no logical choice in reaching Featherston other than via SH53. Here a train may be taken to reach the Hutt Valley and Wellington, or cyclists may continue down Western Lake Rd to the Cross Creek turn off for the Rimutaka Incline.

In the future, once the Big Coast Ride is established, cyclists may wish to head down Lake Ferry Rd to the Kahutara Rd, and cycle down the very pleasant East West Rd over the flood protection gates to reach Lake Ferry Rd at the bottom end of Lake Wairarapa.

The Route 52 Trail unites the Hawkes Bay Trails with Wellington via the Rimutaka Rail Trail, and with the expected Big Coast Trail.

By cycling into the peaceful Wairarapa valley, many days can be spent exploring the region in a leisurely fashion, enjoying the places of interest, fine wines and cuisine on offer.

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Accommodation and Services

- Havelock North : plentiful accommodation, cafes and restaurants, food outlets and a cycle shop.
- Patangata has a tavern
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INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Describe how the cycle route makes use of and integrates with existing cycling facilities to provide a seamless cycling experience, particularly where it enters/exits urban centres.

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In Masterton, the Henley Lakes trails link to the Colombo Rd bridge and along the north side of the Waipoua river, then over a swing bridge into Queen Elizabeth Park and into the centre of town, about 1 km. A trail on the south side of the Waipoua is to start this year which will link the Route 52 Trail to Masterton Railway Station, 3km from Henley Lake.

The trail from the Cross Creek road end to Cross Creek has recently been upgraded by DOC , to link in with the Rimutaka incline.

STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENT & SUPPORT

List the various stakeholders that have an interest in the proposed cycle route. Describe how you have engaged with those stakeholders and provide any evidence of their support.

The stakeholders with an interest in this Long Valley Trail Part 2 are:

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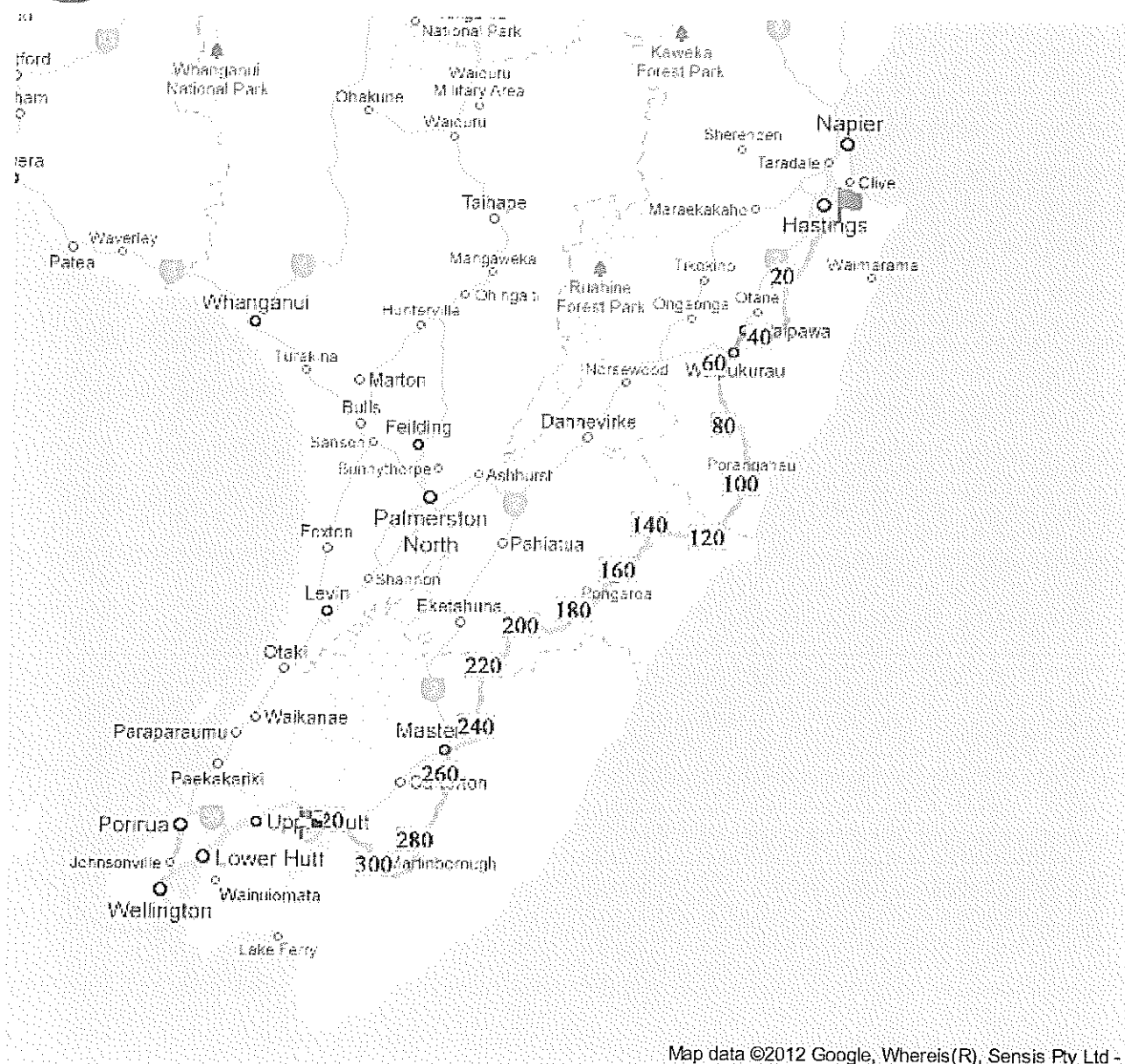
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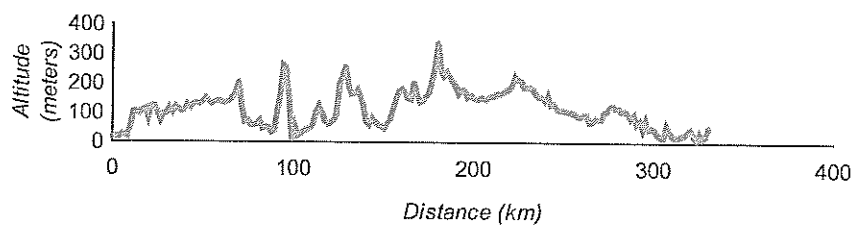
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Route Information

Name: Route 52 Trail
Notes:
Distance: 330.17 Km



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17 April 2012

Mr Rob Irwin
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Masterton 5810

Dear Rob

Thank you for your letter regarding the Trust's application to the New Zealand Cycle Trail, received 17 April.

South Wairarapa District Council supports in principle the concept of a joined up cycle network throughout New Zealand. We fully understand and support the benefits to both tourism and health of the proposed network. I cannot however supply a letter of support for this specific application without a resolution from Council. Our next meeting is 16 May and I will ensure it is on the agenda through my report. Councillors need the opportunity to discuss the budget implications of probable increased road edge maintenance and berm mowing for our narrow rural roads. Also, we have made no allowance for additional signage in this year's budget at this stage.

I do not want this project to fail because of bureaucratic process however to commit our Council without the opportunity for discussion would be overstepping the responsibilities of my position.

Yours sincerely

Adrienne Staples
MAYOR

Adrienne Staples - Her Worship the Mayor

From: Robin J Irwin [kilraesurg@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 19 April 2012 9:44 a.m.
To: Adrienne Staples - Her Worship the Mayor
Subject: TWT Application

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Adrienne Staples - Her Worship the Mayor

From: Robin J Irwin [kilraesurg@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 19 April 2012 9:44 a.m.
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Subject: TWT Application

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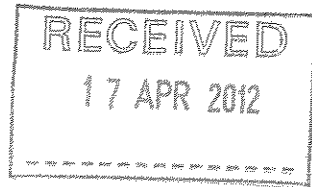
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Adrienne Staples
Mayor
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Dear Adrienne

I am writing this letter on behalf of Trails Wairarapa Trust, a group set up to promote cycling and walking in the Wairarapa. We have undertaken the task of providing an application to the New Zealand Cycle Trail to establish a route from the Hawkes Bay Trails great ride to the Rimutaka Incline Trail, and from the Manawatu Trail to the Rimutaka Incline Trail. The main purpose of these routes are to allow touring cyclists a pleasant and safe conduit through our regions, from one great ride to another. The New Zealand Cycle Trail Expansion Project is explained on their web site, www.nzcycletrail.com/big-idea/network-expansion-project

This task has not been easy, and no route fills all the required criteria. I have been helped by a number of people, including Simon Kennett, Active Transport and Road Safety Coordinator, Greater Wellington Regional Council. Steve MacArthur, your Roding and Reserves Engineer, has also been helpful in providing road usage data.

Any application has to have a letter of support from the Road Controlling Authority that has jurisdiction over the roads proposed for the route. For these routes we need a letter of support from each of the following District Councils; Hastings, Central Hawkes Bay, Tararua, Masterton, Carterton, and South Wairarapa, and also the Greater Wellington Regional Council. I have enclosed a draft of our applications for your Council to consider.

As we understand it, a successful application will allow NZ Cycle Trail signage along the route and will have the route posted on the NZ Cycle Trail web site to be viewed in NZ and abroad. The Road Controlling Agencies would be responsible for erecting and maintaining the signage.

Unfortunately all applications should be entered to the NZ Cycle Trail team by the end of April, accordingly I would very much appreciate your response by Monday 23rd April.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rob Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chair TWT



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CONTACT INFORMATION & SIGNED DECLARATION

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I declare on behalf of the applicant that:

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- The information provided in this application is complete and correct and there have been no misleading statements, omission of any relevant facts nor any misrepresentation made.

Name:	Robin James Irwin		
Position/Title:	Chair		
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CYCLE ROUTE DETAILS				
Proposed name of cycle route:	Wairarapa Valley Trail			
Start / finish points:	Palmerston North Square to Rimutaka Rail Trail, (Martinborough to Big Coast Ride)			
Total length of cycle route (kms):	190km, (34Km)			
Duration of ride (hours /days):	3-4 days			
Estimated trail grade (as per the Cycle Trail Design Guide)	3			
Surface conditions:	% On-Road	100 %	% Off-Road	%
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ALIGNMENT WITH NZCT OBJECTIVES
Describe how the proposed cycle route aligns with the objectives of the NZCT.
<p>The Wairarapa Trail will provide cyclists with a most interesting and safe route connecting Wellington with Manawatu. It will bring New Zealand and international cycling tourists into the Wairarapa region, increasing business for providers along the way. Three nights accommodation is expected for the full trail so hostelrys, cafes, restaurants and shops will benefit from the increased tourist traffic, and the cyclists will be rewarded with spectacular scenery, interesting history, and a diversity of places of interest. The route is fully sealed and, for the most part travels through quiet rural countryside with low traffic numbers. It passes through some of the towns in the region and those it bypasses are not too distant to reach. Most importantly it provides the essential linkage between the Mountains to Sea Trail (via Manawatu) and Wellington (Big Coast Trail, presently in planning).</p> <p>This application is for the Wairarapa Valley Trail linking the Manawatu Trail to the Rimutaka Rail Trail and planned Big Coast Trail. The Route 52 Trail is to join the Wairarapa Valley Trail north of Alfredton, linking the Hawkes Bay Trails with the Rimutaka Rail Trail and Big Coast Trail.</p>

CYCLIST SAFETY

Provide details on the speed limit, the annual average daily traffic and any potential hazards (and mitigating treatments) along the route. How does the route align with the specifications outlined in the *Cycle Trail Design Guide* (Section 4)?

Most of the proposed route is along quiet sealed country roads with low AADT (daily traffic) numbers. The trail from Palmerston North follows the Pahiatua Track which is moderately busy, more so presently with the temporary closure of the Manawatu Gorge. This is due to reopen in July 2012 and traffic volumes will then return to AADTs shown. At Mangamutu there is an off road pathway into Pahiatua. The Mangahao Valley, Pa Valley and Whangaehu Valley Roads are quiet, Mangahao and Pa Valley have a few one lane bridges with good visibility. Colombo Rd has cycle lanes also shared paths on each side of the Colombo Rd bridge over the Waipoua River. The centre of Masterton can be reached via Church Rd or along a separate trail along the banks of the Waipoua. From Masterton the trail follows the Masterton Martinborough Rd through the Longbush Valley to join Hinakura Rd into Martinborough along sealed country roads with low AADT (daily traffic) numbers. SH53 is the only option from Martinborough to Featherston.

The areas of concern are :

- The T junction at Te Ore Ore Bideford Rd and Te Ore Ore Rd; there are high traffic volumes along Te Ore Ore Rd which leads into Masterton over the Te Ore Ore bridge. This segment is only 500m long including the bridge, which has a shared path along its south side.
- SH53 between Martinborough and Featherston, over 2000 AADTs and narrow shoulders
- Waihenga Bridge SH53, narrow 2 lane bridge.
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The Waihenga bridge is due to be replaced in 2016, presumably with accommodation for cyclists.

Generally the roads are all open roads with 100kph speed limits and no shoulders, and all road surfaces are sealed. There are a number of T junctions, side roads, and small narrow bridges but AADTs are low and visibility is good.

AADTS:

• Pahiatua Mangahao Rd	1190
• Mangahao Valley Rd	179
• Whangaehu Valley Rd	113
• Te Ore Ore Bideford Rd	1160
• Te Ore Ore Rd	7671
• Colombo Rd	3512
• Longbush Rd (north end)	412
• Longbush Rd (south end)	109
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LOGIC & DIRECTNESS

Describe the logic for including this cycle route in the NZCT network. Why is this route being proposed over other alternative routes in the region? Does it link with the start/finish of a Great Ride or is there the potential to link?

The Pahiatua Track is the best road to link Manawatu with Wairarapa, it is easier than the Saddle Rd option, avoids the difficulties of a Woodville to Pahiatua route also providing views of Palmerston North, and on the other side, of Pahiatua.

From Pahiatua the options are a route west of SH2 to Pukaha Mt Bruce, the Mangaone Valley Rd to Eketahuna, or the route chosen. The west route involves many turns and different roads, which may be confusing, and sets the path to Masterton through Mauriceville and Opaki along SH2. The Mangaone Valley Rd, Alfredton Rd route to Eketahuna leads to the use of SH2 to Kaiparoro Opaki Rd, Mauriceville and SH2 to Masterton at Opaki. The chosen route avoids heavy traffic and links nicely with the proposed Route 52 Trail. Scenery along the way is of pleasant rural countryside following streams and small rivers and tracks into Masterton at the pleasant Henley Lake recreational area. From the Colombo Rd bridge an off road trail leads into the centre of Masterton.

Masterton to Martinborough basically is a choice of 2 routes. The Ponatahi Rd route is quicker and easier, but is the unofficial Masterton to Martinborough highway. Although longer, the Longbush route chosen has less traffic and follows a pleasant stream valley, there is also a small detour to the Gladstone Pub and vineyards at the Gladstone corner.

Martinborough to Featherston along SH53 is the only logical way to get to the Rimutaka Railway Incline. When the Big Coast Trail is an option, cyclists may leave Martinborough on the Pirinoa Lake Ferry Rd, take the Kahutara Rd and turn onto the Western Bypass Rd to reach the Big Coast Trail on the Western Lake Rd. This route will give them an optional route to Wellington along the coast at the southern base of the Rimutaka mountains.

The Wairarapa Valley Trail links The Mountains to Sea Great Ride (via the Manawatu Trail) to The Big Coast Ride and therefore Wellington. It also links The Hawkes Bay Rides (via the Route 52 Trail) to the Big Coast Ride.

APPEAL FOR CYCLISTS

Describe how and why this cycle route will appeal to cyclists and cycle tourists in particular.

The Wairarapa Valley Trail is quintessentially rural following countryside that has changed little over decades. Most of the roads are peaceful and the scenery pleasantly pastoral. One meets expanded views with vistas of the Tararua and Rimutaka Ranges. The trail leads into Wairarapa's wine district with its abundant accommodation and fine dining. Although there are a few testing hills, most of the cycling is not difficult, and daily travel distances may be tailored to meet all capabilities, say 50 to 80km per day. Cyclists may wish to take time in the region to explore the mountains, the coast and the many places of history and interest before moving on.

SERVICES & ACCOMMODATION

Describe the number and type of service amenities located on or near the cycle route (include access to water and toilet facilities, food and accommodation services).

Accommodation and Services along the route are:

- In and around Pahiatua ,7 accommodation facilities, 11 food outlets, supermarket and camping ground.
- Alfredton Domain has tables, toilets and water and is suitable for camping. (It is expected that accommodation and food outlets will develop to meet demand).
- Masterton, Martinborough and Featherston have plentiful accommodation , food outlets, restaurants, supplies, and camping facilities.
- Gladstone Pub has meals and a winery provide dining and accommodation.

INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Describe how the cycle route makes use of and integrates with existing cycling facilities to provide a seamless cycling experience, particularly where it enters/exits urban centres.

Palmerston North is particularly blessed with cycle lanes and paths due to being a University city. It is easy to cycle safely along Fitzherbert St and up Summerhill Drive to reach Aokautere Drive and so on to Pahiatua Aokautere Rd.

At Mangamutu there is an off road trail into Pahiatua, about 2km.

In Masterton work is due to begin on the Waipoua Trail along the south bank of the Waipoua river, linking Colombo Rd and the Henley Lake trails with Akura Rd just west of the railway beside the station. This trail will link the Long Valley Trail to Masterton Railway Station and the i-Site in Dixon St.

The Tranz Metro trains may take up to 7 bicycles on the Wairarapa line, but larger numbers can be taken if a larger luggage van is prebooked. Rail services to the Hutt Valley and Wellington can be accessed at Masterton and Featherston giving an alternative means of travel to either enter or leave the Wairarapa.

DoC has put in a new upgraded trail from the Cross Creek road end to the Cross Creek start of the Rimutaka Rail Trail.

STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENT & SUPPORT

List the various stakeholders that have an interest in the proposed cycle route. Describe how you have engaged with those stakeholders and provide any evidence of their support.

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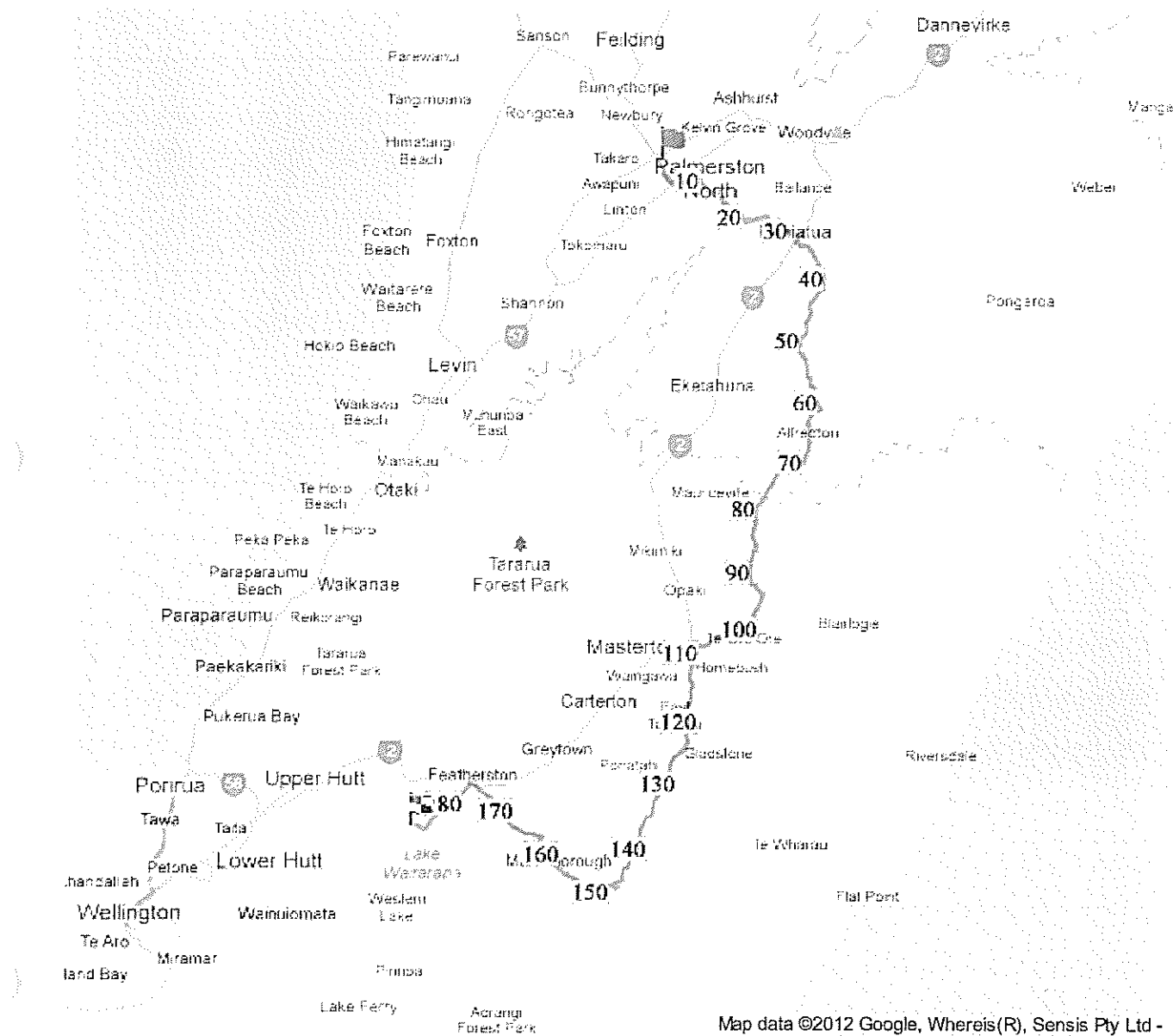
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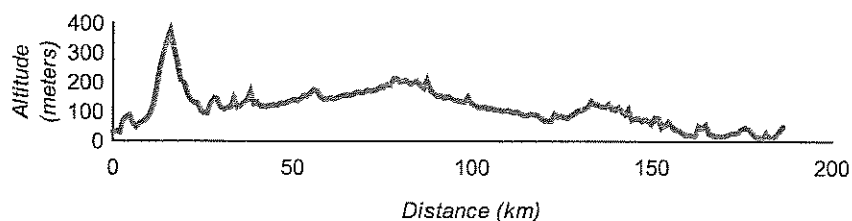
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Route Information

Name: Wairarapa Valley Trail

Notes:

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Total length of cycle route (kms)	326km			
Duration of ride (hours / days)	3 – 6 days			
Estimated trail grade (as per the Cycle Trail Design Guide)	3			
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Provide details on the speed limit, the annual average daily traffic and any potential hazards (and mitigating treatment(s)) along the route. How does the route align with the specifications outlined in the *Cycle Trail Design Guide* (Section 4)?

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- SH2 between Waipawa and Waipukurau. There are high AADTs but wide road shoulders. The rail overbridge has been realigned and a wide shared path has been built along this part of the trail.
- SH53 between Martinborough and Featherston. The AADTs are over 2000, and the road has narrow shoulders.
- Waihenga Bridge SH53. This is a long narrow 2 lane bridge with no shoulders. It is due to be replaced in 2016
- Tauherinikau Bridge SH53. This is a narrow 2 lane bridge, about 30m long.

The roads are all open roads with 100kph speed limits, all road surfaces are sealed. There are a number of T junctions and side roads but AADTs are low and visibility is good. There are narrow bridges on the Longbush Rd but approach visibility is good and the traffic numbers are low. Generally traffic numbers close to towns are highest and quickly decline further out.

Traffic volumes (AADTs)

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| • Middle Rd (between Endsleigh and School Rds) | 766 | |
| • Middle Rd (near Te Aute Trust Rd) | 252 | |
| • Pourerere Rd | 795 | |
| • SH2 Waipawa – Waipukurau | | |
| • Route 52 (near Waipukurau) | 802 | |
| • Route 52 (mid section Blackhead Rd) | 354 | |
| • Route 52 (mid section Wimbledon Rd) | 142 | |
| • Route 52 (near CHBDC/TDC boundary) | 51 | |
| • Te Ore Ore Bideford Rd | 1160 | |
| • Te Ore Ore Rd (500m long inc bridge). | | 7671 |
| • Masterton Martinborough Rd (north) | 412 | |
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LOGIC & DIRECTNESS

Describe the logic for including this cycle route in the NZCT network. Why is this route being proposed over other alternative routes in the region? Does it link with the start/finish of a Great Ride or is there the potential to link?

This linkage route between the Hawkes Bay Trails and the Rimutaka Rail Trail is by no means the most direct route, but it does take the cycling tourist away from busy SH2 (apart from one 6km section), through an interesting mix of scenery, and seemingly transports them into the history of an earlier New Zealand. It avoids the difficult Woodville transit to Ballance and joins with the Wairarapa Valley Trail just north of Alfredton, it also keeps cyclists off the busy parts of SH2 north and south of Masterton, thus linking the Ohakune Mountains to Sea Trail to the Rimutaka Rail Trail. To have the two trails merging brings a safer, more desirable and less expensive proposition.

APPEAL FOR CYCLISTS

Describe how and why this cycle route will appeal to cyclists and cycle tourists in particular

Leaving Havelock North with its plentiful facilities, including a cycle shop, one heads south along Middle Rd. This is a well sealed road starting in the Hastings fruit bowl area and passes along mellow gradients to reach the Tukituki river. Route 52 follows it, one of Hawkes Bay's main rivers, to reach Waipawa via Pourerere Rd. Refreshments are available at Patangata Tavern, 34km from Havelock North. From Waipawa the trail now follows 6km of SH2 to reach Waipukurau, along this stretch there is 1.4km of shared path, and a footpath over both the Waipawa and Tukituki bridges.

Both Central Hawkes Bay towns offer multiple facilities and accommodation. Travelling out of Waipukurau along Route 52, Porangahau is reached after 40km. Here a 3.5km deviation leads to the beach with accommodation, the store and Tavern are just 500m off route. Continuing south for 20km, Route 52 travels along a moderately hilly section with more forests and passes the hill with the world's longest place name, in Maori, to reach Wimbeldon and its historic Tavern.

Pongoroa is a further 44km on and has a Tavern, store and toilets. Accommodation is available about 10km further south near Tiraumea, and also a few km further to the west off the trail. The farms are now larger and have pockets of forest as the trail passes along rolling terrain and small valleys to reach Alfredton, 44km from Pongoroa. 5km north of Alfredton the Wairarapa Valley Trail is joined. At Alfredton there is a Domain with water and toilets but no other services or accommodation, although these would be expected to develop with demand. Masterton is now 35km away along pleasant small river valleys.

Masterton has plentiful accommodation, dining, supermarkets and shops, including 2 cycle shops. The Henley Lake complex is a pleasant recreational place to rest and enjoy, then the way to Martinborough passes along Colombo Rd and Johnstone St to leave Masterton along the Masterton Martinborough Rd. This well sealed road passes through Gladstone, and a short detour reaches wineries and the Gladstone Tavern. Then the trail meanders along the Longbush Rd with low traffic volumes through pleasant tree lined stream scenery to reach Martinborough, 51km from Masterton.

Martinborough is a well known wine region and so is well set up for dining and accommodation, and has many shops.

There is no logical choice in reaching Featherston other than via SH53. Here a train may be taken to reach the Hutt Valley and Wellington, or cyclists may continue down Western Lake Rd to the Cross Creek turn off for the Rimutaka Incline.

In the future, once the Big Coast Ride is established, cyclists may wish to head down Lake Ferry Rd to the Kahutara Rd, and cycle down the very pleasant East West Rd over the flood protection gates to reach Lake Ferry Rd at the bottom end of Lake Wairarapa.

The Route 52 Trail unites the Hawkes Bay Trails with Wellington via the Rimutaka Rail Trail, and with the expected Big Coast Trail.

By cycling into the peaceful Wairarapa valley, many days can be spent exploring the region in a leisurely fashion, enjoying the places of interest, fine wines and cuisine on offer.

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Accommodation and Services

- Havelock North : plentiful accommodation, cafes and restaurants, food outlets and a cycle shop.
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The trail from the Cross Creek road end to Cross Creek has recently been upgraded by DOC , to link in with the Rimutaka incline.

STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENT & SUPPORT

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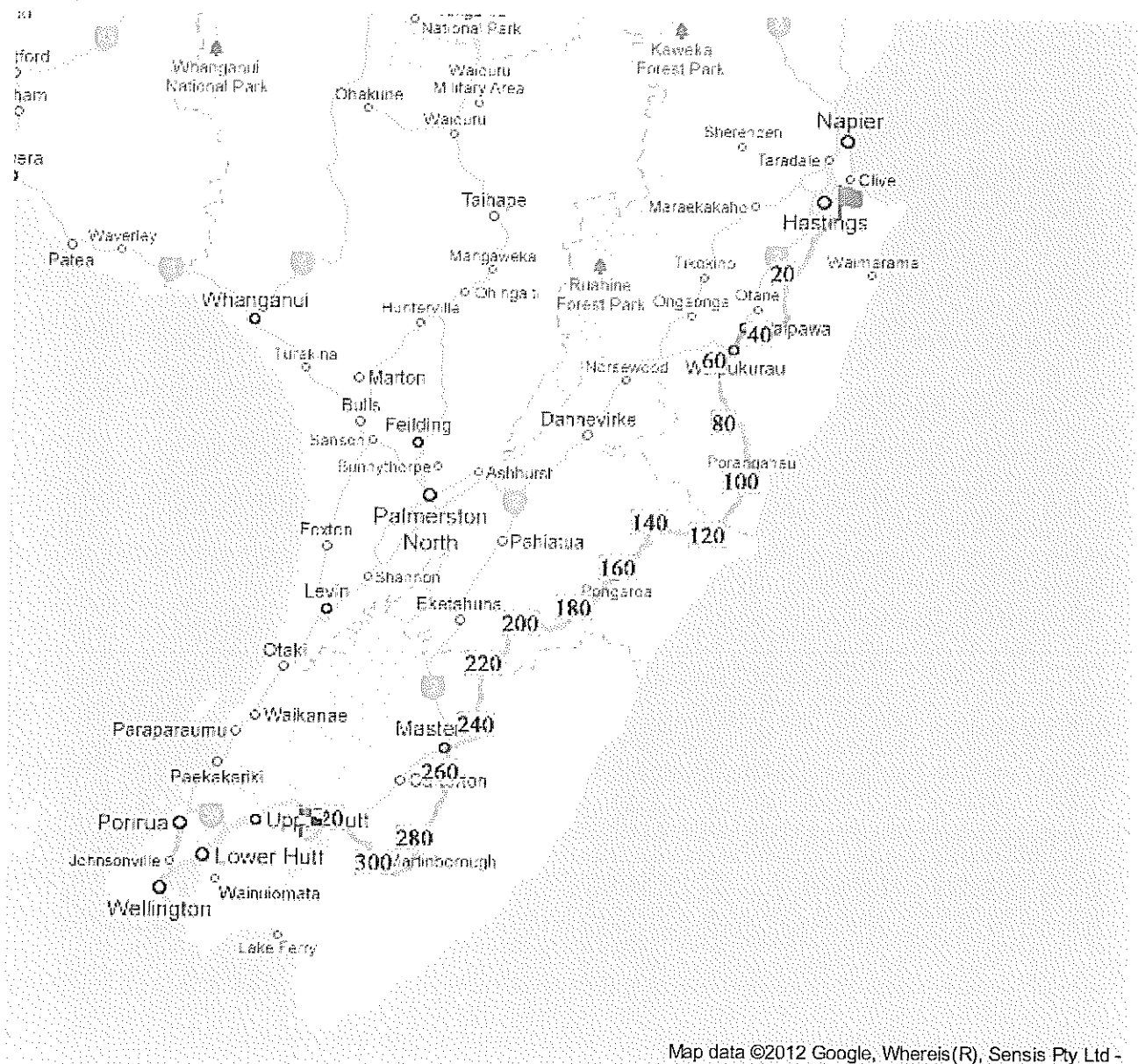
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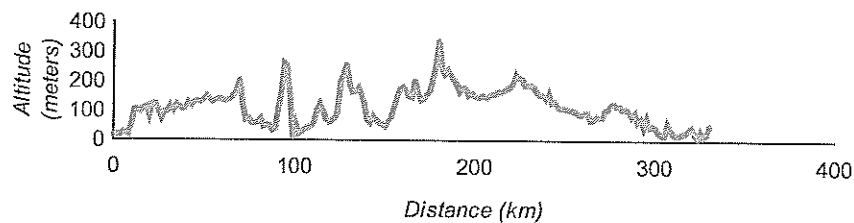
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max height: 337m
min height: 10m
total asc: 1157m
total desc: 1121m



Route Information

Name: Route 52 Trail

Notes:

Distance: 330.17 Km



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17 April 2012

Mr Rob Irwin
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Dear Rob

Thank you for your letter regarding the Trust's application to the New Zealand Cycle Trail, received 17 April.

South Wairarapa District Council supports in principle the concept of a joined up cycle network throughout New Zealand. We fully understand and support the benefits to both tourism and health of the proposed network. I cannot however supply a letter of support for this specific application without a resolution from Council. Our next meeting is 16 May and I will ensure it is on the agenda through my report. Councillors need the opportunity to discuss the budget implications of probable increased road edge maintenance and berm mowing for our narrow rural roads. Also, we have made no allowance for additional signage in this year's budget at this stage.

I do not want this project to fail because of bureaucratic process however to commit our Council without the opportunity for discussion would be overstepping the responsibilities of my position.

Yours sincerely

Adrienne Staples
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