



Media release

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## **New cycleway for Selwyn**

Cyclists will soon have a new track to ride in Selwyn as construction has started on a new Springston to Lincoln Cycleway.

The 2.6 kilometre cycleway will run from Everest Way in Springston along the south side of Ellesmere Junction Road to the Child Care Centre at Lincoln University where it will connect to existing pathways alongside the road by Lincoln University.

The off-road track will form part of a wider off road cycling network connecting the main townships together in eastern Selwyn.

Springston Community Committee have led the initiative for a new cycleway which has been designed by the Selwyn District Council. The \$234,000 cost of the track is being jointly funded by the Council and the Springston Community Committee.

Springston Community Committee Chairperson Rupert Tipples says the new track will provide a safe and enjoyable place for cyclists and runners of all ages and abilities to exercise.

“Ellesmere Junction Road has been experiencing an increased volume of traffic since the earthquakes, especially of heavy trucks and trailers, so this new cycleway will separate cyclists from the road to keep them safe from traffic. The cycleway will be a huge asset to the community and provide a great link between the two townships.”

The cycleway will add to a growing number of tracks being developed in Selwyn as part of Council's Walking and Cycling Strategy, including the Little River Rail trail which currently has an 11 kilometre long link between Hornby, Prebbleton and Lincoln. When fully completed, the 44 kilometre long Little River Rail trail will run from Hornby to Little River on Banks Peninsula, following much of the old railway line that was last used in the 1960s.

The Springston to Lincoln cycleway is expected to be complete by the end of January.

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*Photos attached: Contractors have to date completed twenty percent of the 2.6 kilometre long cycleway along the Ellesmere Junction Road between Springston and Lincoln.*

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