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Rolleston to Lincoln cycleway construction under way

Selwyn residents will soon have a new cycleway to enjoy as construction has started on a new Rolleston to Lincoln Cycleway.

The nine kilometre cycleway will run along Lowes Road, Lincoln Rolleston Road and Boundary Road. From there, cyclists will be able to connect up to the existing Rail trail path which runs north from Lincoln to Christchurch through Prebbleton, and south to Little River.

The off-road track will form part of a wider mainly off road cycling network connecting the main townships together in eastern Selwyn. This includes a planned Rolleston to Templeton connection, the recently opened Springston-Lincoln cycleway and proposed future plans to upgrade Gerald Street through Lincoln to include separate cycling facilities. Other cycleways are also planned between Leeston and Doyleston and Glentunnel and Coalgate.

Construction of the Rolleston to Lincoln cycleway started in late April with works advancing from each end.

Asset Transportation Manager Andrew Mazey says the construction process has been good so far. "The section from Lincoln through to Springs Road has now been sealed. Between Springs and Shands Road the track is in the process of being excavated, boxed and filled, with around half of this work now complete. At Rolleston the urban section of cycleway along Lowes Road and between Lincoln Rolleston Road and Goulds Road is progressing with the installation of kerb and channel prior to the pathway being installed alongside it."

Minister of Transport Simon Bridges announced earlier this year that Selwyn was one of 13 areas to receive funding from a new Urban Cycleway Fund.

The development of the \$1 million cycleway is being jointly funded with \$700,000 being provided by the New Zealand Transport Agency (of which \$300,000 is coming from the government's Urban Cycleway Fund) and the remainder by the Selwyn District Council. This funding assistance has enabled Council to bring forward the project by eight years from when it was originally planned to undertaken.

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 established by the Christchurch-Little River Rail Trail Trust 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 Rolleston to Lincoln cycleway is expected to be completed in time to be ready to use in the spring time.

Image attached: *the new cycleway, pictured along Boundary Road.*

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