

HEALTHY AND ACTIVE TRANSPORT PROGRAM – Sample Project

Dundullimal Reserve Cycleway Extension, Dubbo, NSW

Dubbo City Council
Federal electorate: Parkes

Description of the Project

A 5km walking track and cycle-way extension of the Tracker Riley Cycleway to the Western Plains Zoo. It would complete a scenic loop back into Dubbo from the Zoo via the National Trust's Dundullimal Homestead and across the Macquarie River near the railway bridge.



The Benefits

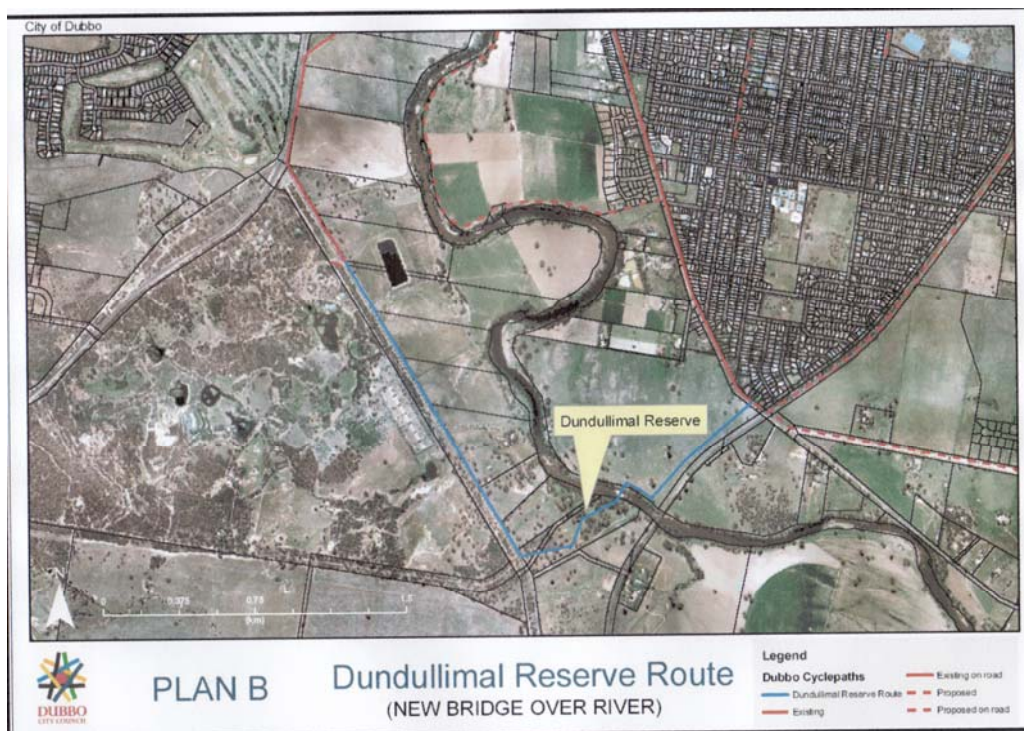
The project would bring a range of benefits:

- Recreation – completing the loop will increase the value of the Tracker Riley Cycleway enhancing its utility as a safe, healthy and enjoyable facility for the Dubbo's community of nearly 40,000 to exercise, to walk or ride bicycles or just to enjoy the scenery. Dubbo's two cycle shops have sold about 1,000 bicycles in the last 12 months. This facility will get those bikes ridden more often, as only regular exercise will counter high levels of obesity (especially amongst children) and heart disease.
- Tourism – The scenic loop would encourage more visitors to ride to Western Plains Zoo. Dundullimal accessed, They could then easily ride on to Dundullimal, the National Trust's historic 1840s homestead, would be easier to get to as the path will be next to its entrance road. The ride back into town would cross the Macquarie River next to a heritage railway bridge.
- Local business – local bike hire bike servicing and sales, cafes and other food outlets will all benefit. Dubbo accommodation would benefit from visitors staying longer.
- Staff at the Zoo and other sites along the route will benefit from the healthy option of riding to work.
- The project would also be a lasting and useable monument to the people who helped open up and develop the region.

Status of the Project

Dubbo Council supports the project and has been put aside \$100,000 for engineering reports and feasibility studies. Council favours a concrete path. A concrete surface provides greater amenity for users and lower maintenance costs. However, bridging the Macquarie River for walkers and riders would take more money than councils like Dubbo have at their fingertips.

Federal funding would make this proposal a reality.



Thanks go to the Dubbo Bicycle User Group for this HEAT example