

Tathra to Kalaru Bike Track

General

Q. What is the aim of the project?

The aim of the Tathra to Kalaru Bike Track project is to design and construct a bike track connecting the townships of Tathra to Kalaru. The project aligns with the vision and goals and short term priority proposals of the Bega Valley Bike Plan.

Q. How is the project being funded?

The project is to be entirely funded by a \$3 million grant from the NSW State Government under the 2017/18 Active Transport Program.

Active Transport funding is awarded to projects that make walking and cycling a more convenient, safer and enjoyable transport option that benefits everyone.

Q. When is the project to be delivered?

As part of the funding agreement with NSW State Government the project is required to be completed in the 2018/19 financial year.

Council is preparing to go to tender in early July 2018 with the aim of starting construction around August-September 2018.

Q. Will the bike track be extended in future from Kalaru to Bega?

The funding received is sufficient to construct a bike path from Tathra to Kalaru, with this representing the first stage in creating a cycling network between Tathra and Bega. The completion of the link between Bega and Kalaru is contingent on further funding becoming available.

Q. Who is in charge of the project?

The project is to be managed and delivered by Bega Valley Shire Council's Assets and Operations section.

Q. Who will maintain the track?

The track will be a Council owned and maintained asset, in the same manner as the other bike tracks/paths in the Shire.

Specifics

Q. Where will the bike track be located?

The bike track is designed to run in close proximity to Tathra Road between Kalaru and Tathra. You can view the plan, which shows the alignment of the track, on Council's website at www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/majorprojects.

Q. Where will the track start and finish?

The track is planned to connect to the existing footpath on the southern side of Tathra Road near the bus stop in Kalaru and travel to its start/end point of Noojee Street on the northern side of Bega Street, Tathra.

Q. What will the bike track surface be made of?

Throughout the towns, the track will be constructed of concrete. Between the towns, the track will be constructed in a combination of concrete and bitumen seal.

Q. Why not concrete the whole track?

This option is being considered and will be subject to site and budgetary constraints.

Q. How wide will the track be?

The proposed track width is 2.5 metres.

Q. Will there be any environmental effects?

The design team has engaged a team of professionals to consider environmental impacts and to ensure that the track has as minimal environmental impact as feasible.

It is acknowledged that it may be necessary to remove a small number of trees in order to construct the path. At this stage, the exact number is unknown and the design team will do all that is possible to minimise that number. Council can confirm that no fig trees bordering Bega Street, Tathra, will be removed.

Q. What rectification/beautification will be done?

Vegetation rehabilitation and planting will occur in appropriate locations. Plant species have not been decided yet but will be chosen for their suitability to the site conditions.

Q. Will there be rest areas along the path?

Rest area infrastructure is being considered at each end of the bike track. The rest areas would include water bubblers, seating, and bike racks.

Q. Will there be any impact on Aboriginal or culturally significant areas?

A qualified professional was engaged to conduct an Aboriginal Due Diligence Assessment which revealed that the proposed track alignment will not impact any known archaeological sites, Aboriginal objects, or areas of Aboriginal cultural value.

Q. How will my property access be affected?

The bike track will have little impact on access to properties, as the design is aimed to maintain the existing condition as much as possible.

Q. When entering or exiting my property, who has right of way?

According to Road Rules 2014 Regulation 74, vehicles entering or exiting driveways must give way to pedestrians or cyclists using the bike track.

Q. Will the bike track affect parking at the front of my house?

It is expected that some residents may be affected - this is dependent on your location. The design team have designed the track to ensure as minimal impact to residents as possible.

If you would like to know if this affects you, please refer to the plans on the website or contact the project officer listed at the end of this Q&A sheet.

Q. Will the track cross the road, and if so, where?

The number of road crossings have been kept to a minimum for user safety.

As a result of this, the track will cross Tathra Road once, within the 50km/hr zone, just west of Killarney Road in Tathra.

The track will cross Sapphire Coast Drive once, near the T intersection of Tathra Road. Additionally, there will be three minor road crossings in Tathra.

Q. How steep will the bike track be along Evans Hill?

The design for the bike track up Evans Hill is quite steep due to the topography of the land. The steepest section goes for approximately 1km in length, with grades ranging from 6% to 10%.

Tathra

Q. Why will the track be located on the northern side of Bega Street?

There is more width available for the track on the northern side of Bega Street and there will be less impact on parking at Lawrence Park.

Q. Why will the track stop at Tathra Public School and not at the Surf Life Saving Club?

The main focus of the project is to provide a bike track between Kalaru and Tathra within the budgetary and site constraints. The site between Tathra Public School and the Surf Life Saving Club is residentially developed and steep and does not fit into the scope or budget at this stage.

Q. Will a parking lane be constructed in Tathra?

A parking lane in Tathra is not part of the bike track project but it is part of Council's future works (subject to funding). The bike track design has taken into consideration the future provision for kerb and gutter and an on-street parking lane.

Q. Why is there no driveway shown on the plan at my property in Tathra?

At this stage, there is no vehicular access to the lots from Bega Street and for this reason, driveways from Bega Street have not been shown on the plan. If you do not live on Bega Street and your driveway is still not shown, please contact the Project Officer listed at the end of this Q&A sheet.

Q. How will the driveways be treated in Tathra?

The driveways in Tathra will be bitumen sealed. This is the most cost effective treatment that will protect the path and surrounding ground by formalising and stabilising property access.

Kalaru

Q. Why is kerb and gutter being built in Kalaru?

Kerb and gutter is being built in Kalaru in order to assist in delineating vehicular traffic and active transport users. In addition, this will assist in controlling storm water to protect the bike track.

Further information

- The project is to be managed and delivered by Bega Valley Shire Council's Assets and Operations section.
- Council's Project Officers, Brenton Blair or Bonnie Johnson will be working on the project. Any questions can be emailed to council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au using the subject line: *Tathra to Kalaru Bike Path feedback*.
- There will be regular updates available from Council's Major Projects webpage at www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/majorprojects.

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