

11 September 2025

File Ref: 50489 - 50508

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 24 July 2025 (50489) and your information request dated 14 August 2025 (50508). I am responding to both requests as all the information within scope of your request dated 14 August 2025, is also within the scope of Part 3 of your request dated 24 July 2025. Your requests have been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your questions and our responses are as follows:

On 21 August 2025, you were notified of an extension of the timeframe for the response to OIA 50489, to enable time for consultations. I am now in a position to respond.

Twelve documents have been identified in scope of your request. The documents and my decisions with regard to the release of the information are set out in the table attached as Appendix A. Further information relating to your request is provided below.

Some information has been withheld in accordance with the Act on the following grounds:

- Section 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) – to protect the free and frank expression of opinions
- Out of scope.

In making the decision to withhold information, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

### Request dated 24 July 2025 (50489):

1. ***“All funding agreements and associated documentation between Te Puni Kōkiri and Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou relating to the Te Ara Tipuna project, or any project involving the development of a cultural heritage trail, for the period beginning 1 July 2022 to period ended 30 June 2024”.***

The funding agreement and variation (Documents 1 and 2) were released to you in response to your request dated 17 July 2025 (our reference OIA 50484).

There were three extensions of time approved (refer to Documents 2, 3 and 4 in Appendix A).

2. *“Any documentation identifying or confirming the **amount of funding approved and disbursed** to Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou for this kaupapa, including approval memos, investment committee assessments, and milestone schedules”.*

Please refer to Documents 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 in Appendix A in relation to this part of the request.

Milestone schedules are set out in Documents 1 and 2 in Appendix A. These documents were released to you in response to your request dated 17 July 2025 (our reference OIA 50484).

Please note that the assessment (Document 5) lists the approval of landowners as a “must have” criterion and this in isolation could be read as implying the consent of the owners of all the landowners referred to in the assessment was required. The funding agreement (Document 1) is very clear that the agreement applies only to three blocks owned by Ngāti Porou (see para 2 Schedule A of the funding agreement – Document 1).

The assessment (Document 5) states the amount of funding sought is \$1.615m. This was an error that was rectified in the memo to the Investment Sub-Committee (ISC) (Document 6), where the amount approved and later contracted was \$1.765m.

Document 6 refers to a senior officials’ group and to a proposed Cabinet paper. We do not have any further information relating to these and note that they may not have proceeded.

3. *“Copies of any **financial reports, milestone reports, or accountability documentation** submitted by Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou or related entities (including Te Ara Tipuna Charitable Trust, if applicable) in connection with the above funding”.*

Please refer to Documents 8 to 12 in Appendix A in relation to this part of your request.

Te Puni Kōkiri identified that we do not hold a final report of expenditure for this particular contract. We are continuing to work with the kaitono to obtain this report and will provide it to you when it becomes available.

4. *“Confirmation of whether the Te Ara Tipuna Charitable Trust was named as a delivery partner or intended recipient in any of the above funding agreements — and if so, what legal status was recorded for the Trust at the time of funding approval”.*

Copies of the funding agreement and variation were released to you in response to your request dated 17 July 2025 (our reference OIA 50484). Te Ara Tipuna Charitable Trust is not named in these.

## Request dated 14 August 2025

1. *“All Project Progress Reports submitted by Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou Trustee Ltd under Te Ringa Hāpai 013 (2022) for each deliverable period”.*

Please refer to Documents 8 to 11 in Appendix A.

2. *All Financial Summary Reports submitted for each deliverable period, showing all income received and expenditure paid.*

Please refer to Documents 8 to 11 in Appendix A. Financial summary reports are provided as part of the progress reports. As identified under Part 3 of your request dated 24 July 2025, we do not hold a final expenditure report accounting for the funding provided as a whole.

3. *The **Final Expenditure Report** submitted with the Final Project Report, detailing the total use of Te Puni Kōkiri funds, as required under the agreement and variation.*

The final project report is provided as Document 12. As noted above, this does not include a final expenditure report. We are working with the kaitono to obtain this report.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at [oia@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:oia@tpk.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi



Grace Smit  
Hautū, Te Puni Rohe | Deputy Secretary, Regions

Appendix A – documents OIA request from [REDACTED] dated 24 July and 14 August 2025

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1.	23 November 2022	Funding agreement with Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou Trustee Ltd	Previously released as part of response to OIA 50484 with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
2	20 June 2023	Variation to the funding agreement	Previously released as part of response to OIA 50484 with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
3	11 Sep 2023	Email approving extension to 15 December 2023	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
4	18 December 2023	Email approving extension to 31 March 2024	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
5	Undated	Assessment of application	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
6	25 October 2022	Memo to Investment Sub Committee	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act and as out of scope

7	28 October 2022	Decision by Investment Sub -Committee	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act and as out of scope
8	January 2023	Progress report	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
9	May 2023	Progress report	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
10	September 2023	Progress report	Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
11	December 2023	Progress report	Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
12	April 2024	Final report	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act

From: 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>  
Sent: Monday, 11 September 2023 2:25 pm  
To: 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>  
Cc: 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>; 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>  
Subject: RE: REPORT - Extension request

Ka pai e hoa – I'm happy to approve an extension for this project.

From: 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>  
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 2:07 PM  
To: 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>  
Cc: 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>; 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>  
Subject: FW: REPORT - Extension request  
Importance: High

Kia ora e hoa

In lieu of 9(2)(a) who is away today, I am just following this through with you.

Please note that Te Ara Tipuna requires an extension for completion. Are you able to confirm the variation of this contract to end on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023?

Let me know if you need to know more.

Ngā mihi

From: 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>  
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:23 AM  
To: 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>; 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>  
Cc: 9(2)(a) @tpk.govt.nz>  
Subject: RE: REPORT - Extension request

Kia ora 9(2)(a),

As discussed, an extension is being sought for the Te Ringa Hapai Te Ara Tipuna contract. The update report outlines in detail why the extension is being requested, and the delays and barriers to completing the Ruatoria model deliverable. In short, NZTA processes have caused significant delays and raised concerning issues.

We are actively engaging with senior management at NZTA to discuss how TAT might partner, in the long-term, with agreements around shared liability, maintenance, and management of the Ara where it intersects with SH35, and in the short term, an agreement in principle that would allow the construction of the Model without exposing the Runanganui to responsibilities that they were not aware of. We anticipate that with an extension to mid-December, we will be able to achieve and complete this deliverable. We will continue to update in the meantime as the decision-making process at NZTA is out of our control.

Please let me, or 9(2)(a) know if you have any further questions or requirements.

Ngā mihi

9(2)(a)

**From:** 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@tpk.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 10:12 AM  
**To:** 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@tpk.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: REPORT - Extension request

Absolutely wonderful! Thank you.

Can you please send me an email for RD approval to extend the contract to mid Dec? The summary of future works in the report is a cool summary and indicator!

Thank you,

9(2)(a)

**From:** 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@tpk.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 9:17 AM  
**To:** 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@tpk.govt.nz>; 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@tpk.govt.nz>; 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@tpk.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** REPORT - Extension request

Tena korua,

As discussed – attached is an update report on the progress of Te Ara Tipuna. In that report is a request to extend the contract to mid-December on account of the delays to the Rua model deliverable.

Please let me or 9(2)(a) know if you have any further questions/queries. And thank you for your patience!

9(2)(a)

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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 December 2023 11:35 am  
**To:** 9(2)(a) >  
**Subject:** RE: Te Ara Tipuna - TRH/GI.29085.50945

Request approved 9(2)(a)

**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2023 11:03 AM  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** FW: Te Ara Tipuna - TRH/GI.29085.50945

Kia Ora 9(2)(a)

I seek your approval to vary the below contract end date from the 15th December 2003 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The delay of establishing the 1km Ruatoria model is a direct result of Cyclone Gabrielle and delays from other key stakeholders involved in the process. See more in the summary report provided.

The kaitono also seeks a variation in the summary report!

TRH/GI.29085.50945	Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou Trustee Limited	Te A a Tī una represents investment in sustainable base infrastructure in Te Tairāwhiti, as a network of ara/accessways around the East Coast for local communities and visitors to hike, bike, and trek; and, to provide the connection	Final Contract	Ikaroa-Rāwhiti	9(2)(a)	9(2)(a)	31/05/2023	15/12/2023	\$1,861,622.00	\$1,841,622.00
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		and catalyst for businesses and employment offering services, provisions, and experiences. Te Ara Tīpuna will focus on the consents process required to bring Te Ara Tīpuna in its entirety to fruition. This funding will also produce a model in Ruatōria, on the Hikurangi Block								
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Aku mihi,

9(2)(a)

**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2023 9:56 AM  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Re: Te Ara Tīpuna - TRH/GI.29085.50945

You don't often get email from 9(2)(a). [Learn why this is important](#)

Kia ora 9(2)(a)

Thank you for the email, and apologies for getting back to you so late! Please see attached a progress report which outlines the delays, and extra work, we've had due to NZTA timelines and requirements. Would we be able to extend the end date again to March 2024 to complete the Ruatoria model? You will see we have completed the other deliverables - yay!

Happy to meet and talk about anything within the report.

Nga mihi

9(2)(a)

On Tue, 12 Dec 2023 at 3:35 PM, 9(2)(a) wrote:  
Kia Ora,

The variation for the TRH contract was extended to 15 Dec 2023 (this Friday). I had an informal catch-up with 9(2)(a) but for contractual reasons can you please provide me with a progress report and/or summary. \$20,000 is still left to be paid for this contract 😊

Aku mihi aroha,

9(2)(a)

Te Puni Kōkiri, Ikaroa Rawhiti  
Gisborne / Turanga



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APPLICANT	Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou
SHORT PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Te Ara Tipuna represents investment in sustainable base infrastructure in Te Tairāwhiti, as a network of ara/accessways around the East Coast, for local communities and visitors to hike, bike, and trek; and, to provide the connection and catalyst for businesses and employment offering services, provisions, and experiences. Te Ara Tipuna will focus on the consents process required to bring Te Ara Tipuna in its entirety to fruition. This funding will also produce a model in Ruatoria, on the Hikurangi Block.
NO OF BLOCKS; HECTARES; OWNERS	On behalf of
REGIONAL OFFICE AND ADVISOR	9(2)(a)
CO-INVESTMENT?	Yes, \$100k from the kaitono. As part of Phase 2, further investment will be sought through the RSPF in addition to other Crown agencies
AMOUNT SOUGHT	\$1,615,000.00
DATE OF ASSESSMENT	24/10/2022
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL	\$1,615,000.00

CRITERIA	#	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTARY	RATING	WEIGHTING	SUB-TOTAL	TOTAL SCORE	
Eligibility Criteria	1.1	The proposal predominantly relates to Māori Freehold Land	This includes large tracts of Māori land blocks, including several iwi owned and incorporations on the East Coast. There are 80 Māori land blocks that this project will have support and impact on.	ĀE	Must have	1	8 / 11 Must score at least 5 (must have) to be assessed eligible	
	1.2	Will the project be completed by 30 June 2023?	Yes – expected completion before end of May 2023.	ĀE	Must have	1		
	1.3	The proposal contributes one or more of the following outcomes:	1.3.1	able to access their whenua Māori for development	Absolutely, it provides an opportunity for landowners to engage and participate in Te Ara Tipuna even if there were access issues.	ĀE		Must have <u>at least one of these</u>
			1.3.2	able to unlock the potential of their whenua Māori through improved infrastructure	The entire kaupapa, is focussed on improving the current lack of infrastructure for Māori landowners and communities on the Coast. This includes alternative infrastructure specifically to mitigate the intense weather events that continually isolate whānau on the Coast.	ĀE		
			1.3.3	ready to move into the next stage of the development of their whenua Māori	Yes, this will prepare the blocks to start large infrastructure builds in excess of \$40mil. This will open up the next stage of implementation. Once consents have been received and a prototype of the walkway is established.	ĀE		
			1.3.4	have planned for climate change adaptation, reduced vulnerability and developed climate resilience	Yes. As part of <i>Ka ora te whenua, Ka ora te whānau</i> this kaupapa highlights the importance and the necessity for whānau and communities on the East Coast to prepare themselves for increased weather events that isolate them constantly. The walkway will be an alternative to the current under-invested SH 35 during times of disaster. The walkway will only be built where it makes sense and reduces any vulnerability to the whenua.	ĀE		
			1.3.5	compliant with environmental regulations	Yes. This project will ensure that whānau and landowners are well aware of the environmental impacts and regulations and that they are fully able to participate in future regulations that will impact their land use and development.	ĀE		
			1.3.6	realising the potential of their whenua through a whānau-centred community development approach working with whānau, hapū and iwi organisations.	Iwi are leading this kaupapa on behalf of the 80 Māori land blocks on the East Coast, including from Gisborne right over to Whakatohea. Ngati Porou are the umbrella organisation and Te Whānau a Apanui are very supportive. Due to the size of the project, both iwi are committed to supporting their people to participate and unlock the full potential of their whenua.			

CRITERIA	#	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTARY	RATING	WEIGHTING	SUB-TOTAL	TOTAL SCORE
	1.4	The proposal is submitted by a relevant Trust or Incorporation (if the land block has more than seven owners). The Trust's Trust Order/Vesting Order has been provided with the application.	The iwi are submitting this application on behalf of their own blocks as well as 77 whenua Māori blocks that have indicated that they are supportive to participate.	ĀE	Must have	1	
	1.5	Are there any conflicts of interest identified? If yes, have these been dealt with?	No.				
	1.6	The Trust's financial statements for the most recent year within the last 12 months (audited if available) have been submitted with the application. If the Trust is not financially established, the applicant must provide what it can: a budget, statement of cash-flow, bank statements and/or a letter from an accountant.	Yes. Runanganui are very supported.	ĀE	Must have	1	
	1.7	Has any decision-making member of the organisation been declared bankrupt or charged with fraud? (if yes, provide details)	No there is no issues pertaining to the iwi or trustees being declared bankrupt.				
Recommendation		Application has scored 8 out of 11 and has been assessed as eligible for Te Ringa Hapai Māori Whenua Funding					
CRITERIA	#	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTARY	RATING	WEIGHTING	SUB-TOTAL	TOTAL SCORE
	2.1	Does the project clearly identify the specific 'infrastructure' this fund is investing in? (what will be completed by June 2023)	Yes – the project includes planning and resource consents for a large Māori land development project including 80 blocks from Gisborne right over to Opoitiki. In addition, a prototype of the walkway will be erected on a Ruatoria Māori land block to showcase to whānau, the community and Ministers. This will be 1km long.	Ae	Must have	1	
	2.2	Does the project identify the key impediments or barriers this project will address (such as access to land-locked land, more productive use of land, cultural reconnection, climate adaptation, or other)	Yes – a business case was supported and funded by TPK last year which outlined the huge impediments and under development both in whenua but also socially and economically on the East Coast. This project will unlock potential, economic value, social and culture enhancement to the entire Tairāwhiti and Whakatoheā region. It will also be a showcase for other iwi, hapu and communities to develop a walkway for the same benefits.	3 - Clearly demonstrated – Land development potential	(high score – 9 low score – 3 must score at least 6)	6	
	2.3	Does the project identify the whenua aspirations it aims to achieve and how this project will enable them? Does it identify next steps after this investment outcome is achieved?	Yes. Ngāti Porou and Te Whānau-a-Apanui want to ensure the wellbeing of the whenua and whānau. It is the aspiration that not only the haukaenga, but the estimated 82,000 Ngāti Porou citizens that don't live at home, to reconnect to their whānau and whenua. To see real investment in their rohe that enables aspirations and dreams to be unlocked, and to feel confident to realise the potential of their whenua – whatever that looks like.	3 - Clearly demonstrated – Land development potential	(high score – 9 low score – 3 must score at least 6)	9	
	2.4.1	Is the land development a catalyst for further activity in the rohe and/or a strategic exemplar (explain in the commentary)?	In addition to Te Ara Tipuna being supported by iwi, Māori landowners on the East Coast, it is also well supported by the Tairāwhiti regional economic development group as it will bring employment to the people of Tairāwhiti and draw people home, it will contribute to the enterprise value on the East Coast (which will include an increase of businesses along the trail), as a first of its kind it will support the revitalisation of the East Coast. In addition, another action plan for the regional group is to bring under-development and under-utilised Māori land blocks into production.	ĀE		6	
	2.4.2	Does the project deliver on multiple outcomes?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whānau and community development to support sustainable change</li> <li>Support greater connection to whānau Māori to their whenua, and their cultural and spiritual aspirations for the whenua</li> <li>Demonstrate how the project will move to the next steps of achieving Whenua aspirations</li> <li>Innovative approaches to demonstrate the success of capital in investment in Whenua</li> <li>Overcoming impediments to more productive use of land (such as access to land-locked land or climate adaptation)</li> <li>Co-investment with the community or other agencies</li> </ol>	ĀE	(high score – 6 low score – 2)		31/ 34 (Must score at least a total of 22 including must have's to be considered fundable)

CRITERIA	#	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTARY	RATING	WEIGHTING	SUB-TOTAL	TOTAL SCORE
	2.4.3	Are there Innovative approaches identified in this proposal?	The kaitono will eventually apply for three global resource consents for the entire project with their experts. This global consent will omit the need to put through 80 individual consents to the three Councils and will be the burden of the iwi rather than the landowners. And this will be of such a great help and support to them, if we think of their own capability and capacity.	ĀE			
	2.5	Do the project finances and costings demonstrate a realistic and justified basis for project completion and does it represent value for money?	Yes. The consent process is the most expensive process of this entire kaupapa. Consistently across the country, resource consenting is expensive. Considering that this project will traverse 120 blocks from one end of the East Coast to the other (80 of which are Māori), it is extreme value for money.	ĀE	Must have	1	
	2.6	Does the project leverage existing networks, capability and/or other sources of funding, and/or does the project build on previous government or WMF investment?	.Yes, TPK funded the business case. Iwi (Ngati Porou and Te Whānau a Apanui) are well supportive. Te Ara Tipuna was presented as one of two major projects being undertaken by Ngati Porou at the Ngati Porou Crown Summit on 6 September at Parliament. The presentation was well received by the Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers present including the Finance Minister, Minister for Māori Development, Minister for the Environment, Minister of Justice, Minister for Conservation and both local MPs.  The Prime Minister directed a senior group of officials to meet and establish the best way forward, in partnership with TRONPnui, led by 9(2)(a) Head of Kanoa at MBIE.  This funding will kick-start a 4-year long project that has as its heart, the revitalisation of Ngati Porou and Te Whānau-a-Apanui – from whenua, to whānau, to wellbeing.	ĀE	(high score – 6 low score – 2)	6	
	2.7	Does the project identify realistic timeframes – identify key timeframes.	Yes, this project has already started in many respects and the main planning around contracts will be the biggest bit of mahi.	ĀE	Must have	1	
	2.8	Does the project identify key risks and appropriate mitigations	Yes, these will be mitigated by the project team in addition, the active contract management by the Ikaroa Rawhiti whenua team.	ĀE	Must have	1	

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# He Pānui

## Te Puni Kōkiri Memorandum

Whakapānga kōnae

Te Rā 25 October 2022

Ki a: Investment Sub Committee (ISC)

Nā: 9(2)(a) Manager, Whenua Māori Service

Tauira Pārua: 9(2)(a) Director, Operations 9(2)(a) Director, Investment

Kaupapa: Te Ringa Hāpai Whenua Fund Proposals

### Purpose

1. This memo asks the Investment Sub Committee (ISC) to:
  - a. approve two applications to Te Ringa Hāpai Whenua Fund (the Fund), one from Ikaroa-Rāwhiti and Out of Scope and
  - b. Out of Scope

### Recommendations

1) recommended that ISC:

- a) approve the following two applications to Te Ringa Hāpai Whenua Fund:

Kaitono	Purpose	Recommended funding amount (GST excl)
Out of Scope		
Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou Trustee Limited (Ikaroa Rāwhiti)	Te Ara Tipuna represents investment in sustainable base infrastructure in Te Tairāwhiti, as a network of ara/accessways around the East Coast, for local communities and visitors to hike, bike, and trek; and, to provide the connection and catalyst for businesses and employment offering services, provisions, and experiences. Te Ara Tipuna will focus on the consents process required to bring Te Ara Tipuna in its entirety to fruition. This funding will also produce a model in Ruatōria, on the Hikurangi Block.	\$ 1,765,000.00
<b>Recommendation</b> (ii) <u>Approve</u> the Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou Trustee Limited application for \$1,765,000		
Yes / No		

Out of Scope

Out of Scope

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9(2)(a) [REDACTED]  
Deputy Secretary, Regional  
Partnerships & Operations  
Chair, Investment Sub-Committee  
Date: / / 2022

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## Current applications seeking ISC approval

2. Two applications have been submitted for approval.
  - a. **Out of Scope**
  - b. Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou Trustee Limited (Ikaroa Rāwhiti)
3. **Out of Scope**
4. These applications are summarised (in green) in the pipeline table in Appendix 1, and the WMS assessment and application for each proposal is provided.

## Key risks and other issues

### *Pipeline amount remaining to be allocated*

5. **Out of Scope** This has further increased to \$1,356,249 with Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou proposal coming in at under the estimated \$2 million dollars.

**Out of Scope**

### *Conflict of Interest*

8. No conflicts of interest have been highlighted in the current two projects.

### *Project risks - Te Ara Tipu*

9. Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou presented the Te Ara Tipuna project at the Ngāti Porou Crown Summit in September “to a very receptive and enthusiastic Prime Minister, and Ministerial colleagues” MBIE has been tasked to convene a senior group of multi-agency officials to develop a Cabinet paper for Budget 2023. The Prime Minister encouraged them to secure Te Ara Tipuna route in the meantime, which is what they have focused this application on. They see this \$2m investment from Te Puni Kokiri as critical seed funding and timing to kick-start a \$187m 4-year project. They have acknowledged that it is an ambitious project.
10. This is the highest value project on the pipeline, and as noted is focused on obtaining both landowners buy in and consent. As such the two key risks they note are that the fast track consents application is denied or that land blocks are not interested in being involved. Note the work they have undertaken to date. As with all projects we will there will be active contract management by WMS advisors with dashboard reporting and risk management.
11. An additional risk is that they do not get further support as envisaged through Budget 23. Their mitigation is the work they are progressing though the senior officials MBIE has been tasked to convene. We will confirm whether TPK are a member of that group.

**Next steps**

12. Subject to ISC approval of the projects listed in paragraph 2 above, the next steps for these projects are set out in the table below:

	<b>Completion date</b>
Draft funding agreements generated and provided to kaitono	31 October 2022
Funding agreements signed by both parties	31 October 2022
Execution payments made	12 November 2022
Ongoing reporting and contract management	Ongoing
Completion of projects	30 June 2023

Ngā mihi

**9(2)(a)**

Whenua Māori Service Manager

The recommendations are  
APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED

Investment Sub-Committee  
Date: / / 2022

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APPENDIX 1: TE RINGA HAPAI FUND PIPELINE  
as at 25 October 2022

Trust	Description	Block size and owner no's	Region	Focus, eg ag, hort, tourism, housing	Investment outcome	Progression of support	What the investment is purchasing (summary)	Amount (note until final applications in some are estimate)	Committed and/or approved	Current decision amount	ISC Consideration
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15	Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou Trustee Limited	<p>Te Ara Tipuna: As part of a wider East Coast project to build resilient and sustainable communities, Te Ara Tipuna represents investment in sustainable base infrastructure in Te Tairāwhiti, as a network of ara/accessways around the East Coast, for local communities and visitors to hike, bike, and trek; and, to provide the connection and catalyst for businesses and employment offering services, provisions, and experiences. Whānau will be enabled to realise the potential of their whenua – whatever that looks like for each trust, land block, and landowner. Te Ara Tipuna takes a different approach by seeking to create a whenua-based artery around Te Tairāwhiti that will sustain economic, social, and cultural rejuvenation. It will be the springboard for a multi-layer across-government approach that supports the area to thrive.</p>	<p>Hikurangi Block, Part Tapuaeroa 2B Block, Tapuaeroa 2D Block: 6,638.8237 ha and 77 other Māori land blocks that have indicated interest in participating.</p>	Ikaroa Rawhiti	<p>Cultural development, Tourism, Unlocking whenua potential, health opportunities, whānau, landowner and iwi collaboration</p>	<p>Unlock the potential of their whenua Māori through improved infrastructure Access their whenua for development Planned for climate change adaptation, reduced vulnerability, and developed climate resilience Realising the potential of their whenua through a whānau-centred community development approach working with whānau, hapū and iwi organisations</p>	<p>Te Puni Kōkiri have supported Ngāti Porou Holding Co. through a community coordinator with the expectation that they umbrella surrounding Māori land blocks in the Ruatōria region to work together. 'Te Ara Tipuna', business case was funded by TPK. As part of their resilience building and climate adaptability the kaitono wish to support initial investment into these Māori land blocks before seeking investment through other mechanisms. TPK initial investment will be seed to potential MBIE support, this has been discussed and supported with MBIE. This project has been supported through discussions between iwi and Ministers.</p>	<p>Stage 1 – Te Ara Tipuna will involve three key activities; 1. Securing the route. This was the Prime Minister's key focus at the Ngāti Porou Crown Summit. To do this we will use CPS and Kuru Contracting to review the current mapped route, considering recent severe weather events and climate adaptation, alongside Māori landowners; 2. Commission technical expertise to develop and produce reports required for Resource Consents process which will be fundamental to the success of the consenting process. This will include bundling consents under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-tracking Consenting) Act 2020 and lodging; and 3. Build exemplar of trail on the Hikurangi block in Ruatōria and build a model of the trail providing a 'touch and feel' proof of concept to model.</p>	\$1,765,000		\$1,765,000	27-Oct
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*Arohamai – typo on the first outcomes sent out for this pack. Correction below for Te Ringa Hāpai.*

Mauri ora koutou,

Below are the outcomes for ISC Round Robin approved on 28 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2022.

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- Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Porou Trustee Limited, Ikaroa-Rāwhiti, \$1,765,000 – **APPROVED**

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## PROJECT PROGRESS

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Project Milestone	Details of progress
Route review	<p>The review of the route was completed by CPS and KCL (with help from TPK) in December 2022. This review accounted for the effects, and future impacts, of severe weather events.</p> <p>The most recent event in January 2023 Cyclone Hale, has highlighted a few more areas that will require rerouting or an alternative route provided for. Te Ara Tipuna's civil emergency role is becoming increasingly more important as we talk with Maori landowners who were effectively cut-off during Cyclone Hale. It has also amplified the conversation around sustainable land-use in Te Tairāwhiti; whānau and landowners are discussing what that will look like for their own whenua. This is a conversation that the Te Ara Tipuna kaupapa can contribute to positively in partnership with Maori land owners.</p> <p>The route is likely to continue to be refined iteratively as the project progresses.</p>
Consents	<p><i>Consents Team</i></p> <p>We have secured the services of The Planning Collective to project manage the consents process for Te Ara Tipuna. The Project Lead, and Special Advisor to TRONPnui, 9(2)(a) has built a consortium of highly technical consultants (majority local) to provide the impact assessments required for the consent application. A key commitment of this project is to utilize as much local resource and expertise and, where possible, to provide development opportunities.</p> <p>These consultants will each provide impact assessments on the following areas: archaeological, coastal process, cultural, ecological, engineering, geotechnical, landscape and visual, recreational, social, and traffic. This will provide a robust global application to the three territorial authorities, and to landowners, with greater detail for the project moving forward.</p> <p><i>Process</i></p> <p>Having weighed the two options for seeking consent approval, the Covid Fast Track process or direct application to the three TA's, we have gone with the latter. There are many reasons but the most compelling is the longer timeline</p>

Project Milestone	Details of progress
	<p>enabling more respectful engagement with landowners. This will still meet the contractual requirements of lodging the consent by June 30, 2023.</p> <p><i>Landowners</i></p> <p>We are working alongside the TPK Whenua Maori team to develop the best approach to partner and engage with landowners. Across the 385 parcels of land the route traverses, representing thousands of shareholder interests, with approximately 65% with governance entities, there is a huge opportunity for complementary effort by TPK Whenua Maori Team to facilitate governance development as well as to participate in Te Ara Tipuna.</p> <p>The Project Lead continues to build stakeholder support, which includes lining up meetings with the Chief Judge of the MLC, the Maori Trustee, the three TA's, and other relevant stakeholders to secure support for the kaupapa pertinent, and useful, to landowners.</p> <p>In addition, the project team is sensitive that Cyclone Hale may be the last straw for some people and communities along the Coast. Consultation about Te Ara Tipuna is not the top priority right now, except for emergency management and for those communities not directly affected.</p> <p><i>Workshop</i></p> <p>We had our first workshop with consultants on Tuesday 24 January. It was a productive and positive day spent discussing the high-level vision, technical details, timeline, and end goal.</p>
Ruatoria Model	The Ruatoria model is progressing well. CPS are working through the plans for this, as well as working to submit a separate consent so that it can be built and completed by June 2023.

## FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

*Outline forward work to be completed in the next weeks*

Project Element	Outline of Planned Work (for next weeks)
Route review	As indicated, this will be an iterative process as we go along. Weather events are becoming more frequent, and we want the track to be as robust and resilient as possible. Not only for the safety of users, but to fulfil its capacity as a civil emergency route between, and out of, communities.

Project Element	Outline of Planned Work (for next weeks)
Consents	<p>Over the next month, consultants will begin preparing their high-level desktop assessment as well as identify their 'hot-spots' along the trail. Hot-spots are defined as areas of high risk, relative to the subject matter, for example: for traffic a hot spot would be where the track is adjacent to the SH or crossing the SH. Mitigations will be supplied, and those will be discussed and applied as appropriate.</p> <p>Our next workshop is planned for 15 March, where we will discuss the high-level assessments and what is required for the in-depth assessments for consent. A fieldtrip is also planned so that field work and ground truthing can occur, alongside Maori landowners.</p> <p>Expenditure will increase in the next few months now that the Christmas break is behind us, and workplaces have reopened. The bulk of the funding is tagged to consultants work, which will now pick up pace.</p>
Ruatoria Model	Consents for the model will be applied for in late February. These will require traffic management plans, landowner and community engagement, and construction costs

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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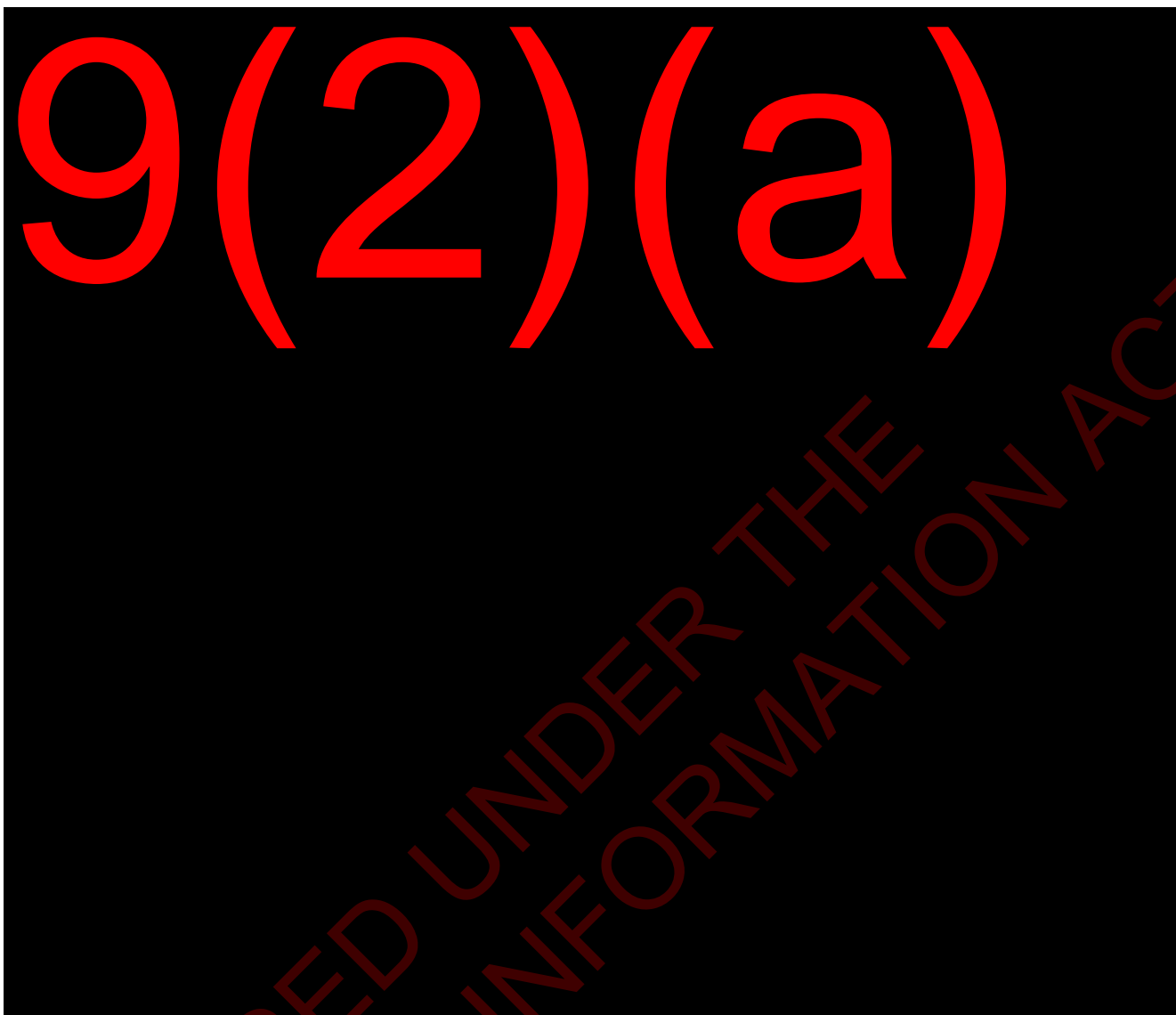
Budget Area	Received from TPK (first payment)	Budgeted (Total)	Actual	Co-funding spend if any	Note
Project Management HRM & Associates	\$617,750.00	\$353,000.00	\$88,250.00		For work in November/December

					Including print and design costs for brochures
The Planning Collective		\$400,000.00	\$32,967.50		For work in November/December
Civil Project Solutions		\$132,000.00	\$11,903.55		For work in November/December
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$133,121.05</b>		

## RISK REGISTER

*Top five (5) risks and/or issues arising or expected to arise, their impact on the project and planned mitigations*

Risk/issue identified	likelihood (H, M, L)	Consequence on project delivery	Potential impact (H, M, L)	Strategy to mitigate	Resolved (yes/no)
Consultant costs may go over budget	M	May prolong work being done if we cannot confirm consultant proposal + costs	H	We would work with consultants to ensure the costs are for critical work, and not 'nice-to-haves', if the costs are still over budget we would look to find more funding	Possible
We are operating on a tight timeline	H	Some deadlines may shift out which could cause a funnel neck towards the end of the project	H	We were prepared for the tight timeline going into the project, we have a solid plan in place with an agile project team able to react and adjust as and when it is necessary	Ongoing
Climate change causing increasing weather events that effects the route	H	The route may be unstable/unusable	M	We will look to reinforce the whenua where possible through riparian planting, native afforestation, and other sustainable options. We are prepared to review the route regularly for necessary changes.	Ongoing



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 – Workshop with consultants, discussing the high-level vision, technical details, timeline, and end goal.

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## PROJECT PROGRESS

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Project Milestone	Details of progress
Route review	<p>This has become an iterative process given the major impacts of Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle, requiring extra work and time. CPS and Initia (geotech) travelled the proposed route to check for instabilities and issues created by Cyclone Gabrielle. They identified a few areas of concern, which will be workshopped by the consents team. These areas included a ridgeline in Tolaga Bay, dense bush on the East Cape, and a narrow road corridor between Te Kaha and Maraenui (photos included below) They also identified and made changes to the route where necessary – a change document is attached to the report.</p> <p>Given the latest vulnerabilities exposed by Cyclone Gabrielle, SH35 has lost significant resilience and reliability. Te Ara T puna is mapped in a number of parts alongside SH35; therefore, we thought it useful to identify the route or routes of a new SH35 in whole or in part. Using the technical skills accessible to this project, 12 reroutes were identified as well as a cut through from Ruatoria to Hawai. This gives us options to think about the route both alongside a new SH35 or repurposing parts of the old – file attached.</p> <p>Another development post cyclone is the decision to construct the tracks from Tokomaru Bay to Ruatoria using silver-tier materials. This composition enables a civil emergency route between communities, those that were cut-off due to roading infrastructure damage and fragility. The silver-tier track can take quad bikes and side by sides; vehicles that can transport people, emergency services, and goods in times of emergency. Funding of \$19.6m will be required.</p>
Consents	<p>The second consultants' workshop was held on March 15 at TPK, focused on updates and 'hot spot' analyses. It was a productive meeting with each consultant presenting their findings since the first workshop. There was an obvious focus on the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle, and how that (and future weather events) would impact the proposed trails.</p> <p>Based on the findings by CPS and Initia, online workshops will be held to create bespoke management plans and solutions for the issues identified.</p>

Project Milestone	Details of progress
	<p>A presentation from 9(2)(a) archaeologist, revealed new sites of interest around the East Coast that had not previously been logged. Archaeological sites have been mapped within a 2km radius of the trails, including significant sites of interest that overlap with the cultural assessment. The consultants are taking a respectful approach to identifying sites, and categorizing for consultation with local whanau, hapu and iwi on how they would like the sites recognized, engaged with, preserved, or prohibited access to. There is a lot of history, cultural knowledge, and purakau that can be shared via the trails. The work being done, at minimum, can be shared with and given to landowners, hapu, and iwi for their safekeeping and preservation (if previously unknown).</p> <p>A presentation from 9(2)(a) landscape and visual consultant, spoke to the natural and built effects along the proposed trail. Her work centered on creating a landscape language along the trails; a physical representation or change in the makeup of the trail as it passed through various landscapes and sites to signify different landmarks.</p> <p>Our traffic consultant, Tairawhiti Contractors, had post cyclone capacity issues and therefore withdrew from the project. We are actively looking for another local business to provide those services, and failing that, a national provider.</p> <p>We have had positive pre-brief meetings with all three of the territorial authorities the track traverses: Gisborne District Council, Opotiki District Council, and Bay of Plenty Regional Council. Each council has indicated their support for the project and our approach of lodging a global consent to the three councils. We are on track to lodging by 30 June.</p> <p>The first landowner meeting was held in Ruatoria at Whakarua Park on Saturday 29 April. The hui was a project milestone, and the first public meeting to present Te Ara Tipuna to landowners and trustees along the route. They were fully engaged, receptive, and positive about the kaupapa. This hui marks the beginning of extensive landowner engagement prior to, and post, consents being lodged.</p>
Ruatoria Model	<p>The Ruatoria Model plans and costings have been completed, and discussions are well underway with NZTA. The GDC has confirmed our assessment that the proposed 1km model will not require consent as it falls within the SH35 road reserve. A concept and plan have been completed, alongside a geotechnical assessment – both attached. In the time available, and following advice from our engineers, CPS, we expect to purchase directly for this work.</p>

## FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

*Outline forward work to be completed in the next weeks*

<b>Project Element</b>	<b>Outline of Planned Work (for next weeks)</b>
Route review	The post-Gabrielle review finalized the route as much as possible, pending consents and notification process. Any further alteration will be due to findings from consultants, or unwilling involvement from landowners (post-notification). Landowner engagement began 29 April 2023.
Consents	Consultants will meet to workshop the issues raised by the geotechnical assessment. These workshops will feed into the management plans and impact assessments prepared by consultants as part of the global consent application. These plans and assessments are due into the planners by mid-June for collation and feedback, to then lodge on June 30 <sup>th</sup> .
Ruatoria Model	Due to priority and demands of post cyclone recovery the construction of the model may be at some risk of delay. We are actively managing these risks by direct conversations with the highest levels of NZTA; agreeing to undertake maintenance until recovery budgets for NZTA and GDC have been finalized; direct purchase of model building capacity, on the basis we will tender all other phases of the build
Expenditure	Significant expenditure is expected over the remaining period of the contract as the different elements come to their culmination, including the construction of the Ruatoria Model and the final preparation and lodgment of 12 management plans and impact assessments. Notwithstanding this, we are confident that the full amount of funding will be spent within the contractual timeline.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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	\$1,417,750.00				

HRM & Associates		\$353,000.00	\$220,625.00		
The Planning Collective		\$400,000.00	\$65,486.23		
Civil Project Solutions		\$132,000.00	\$64,987.58		
InSitu Heritage		\$51,750.00	\$10,680.00		
4D Environmental		\$24,825.00	\$12,725.45		
Isthmus		\$64,200.00	\$28,927.50		
Initia		\$19,550.00	\$18,200.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,045,325.00</b>	<b>\$421,631.76</b>		

## RISK REGISTER

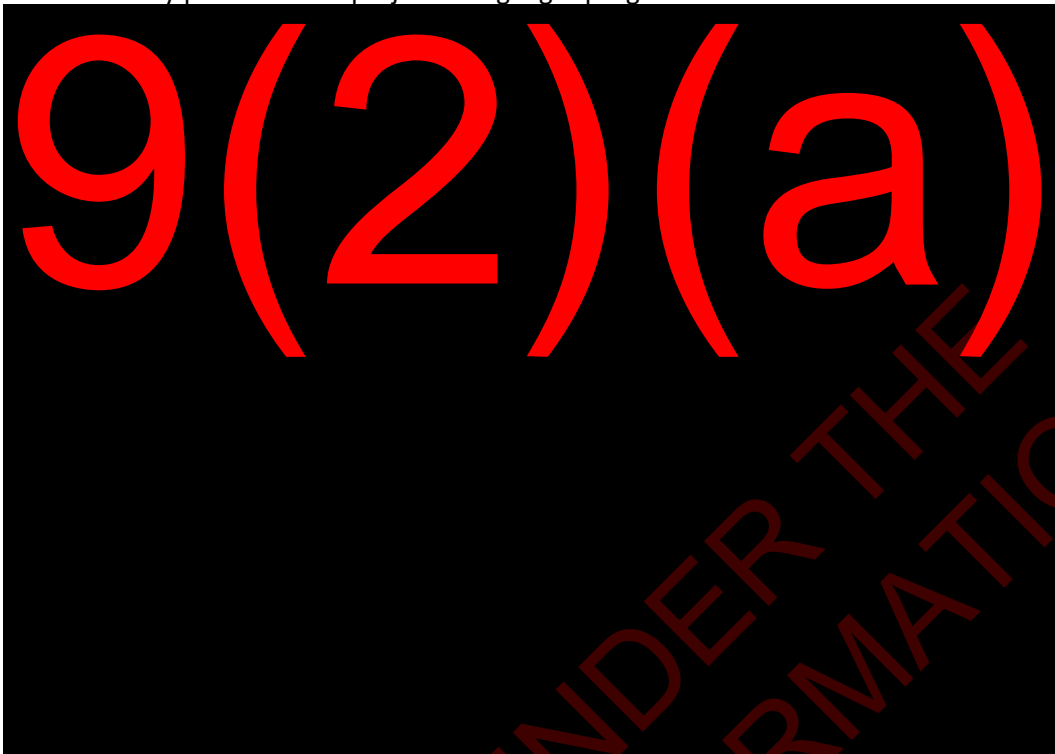
*Top five (5) risks and/or issues arising or expected to arise, their impact on the project and planned mitigations*

Risk/issue identified	likelihood (H, M, L)	Consequence on project delivery	Potential impact (H, M, L)	Strategy to mitigate	Resolved (yes/no)
Construction on Rua model is delayed	M	Model will still be built but may not be completed by June 30 <sup>th</sup> .	M	We are actively engaged with NZTA to ensure project delivery by June 30 <sup>th</sup> .	No
Traffic resource for consents gap	L	No traffic resource to contribute to consents process of Rua model	H	We are lined up to meet with traffic providers to secure services.	No

## PHOTOS

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Include any photos of the project to highlight progress



Consultants second workshop March 15 2023



Houptoto/Maraenui blocks



Tolaga Bay/Kouratewhiu blocks



First landowner engagement hui In Ruatoria Saturday 29 April

## MID-WAY ACTIVITY REPORT

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The purpose of these questions is to provide a 'mid-way' summary of support and progress of the project

1. Have you received the right level of support from Te Puni Kōkiri staff to apply for funding, go to contract and deliver on the project? If not, how could this engagement be improved?

This project has been a good exercise in active partnership between Te Puni Kokiri and Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou. 9(2)(a) Project Manager for Te Ara Tipuna, has found it particularly effective as a TPK kaimahi, working alongside the rūnanga and its consultants to progress this kaupapa for Maori both as citizens and as tangata whenua. This has been a new, but not without precedent, experience for most involved. The TPK Tairawhiti office and kaimahi, led by the RD, have been collaborative and supportive of each other and this kaupapa.

2. If climate change mitigation was a component of your project in the development of your land did you integrate Mātauranga Māori into your climate mitigations?

We have a cultural impact assessment being prepared, which accounts for climate mitigations among other things. This can be provided once completed.

3. If climate change adaptation was not a component of your project in the development, do you consider it is an important consideration moving forward in what way?

## FINAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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The purpose of these questions is to provide a 'final' summary of support and progress of the project

1. Was the project completed?
2. What economic, cultural, social and environmental outcomes do you expect to achieve for your whānau and whenua with the completion of this infrastructure project?
3. How do you believe your progress has or will impact on your whānau, hapū, community, iwi?
4. What opportunities have opened up since investing in infrastructure on your whenua?
5. What are your next steps and timeframes for this?
6. What are the main barriers or challenges you anticipate as you continue on your development journey?
7. Have you received the right level of support from Te Puni Kōkiri staff to apply for funding, go to contract and deliver on the project? If not, how could this engagement be improved?

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Project Milestone	Details of progress
Route review	<p>This deliverable has been completed - a milestone for the project!</p> <p>The final minor alterations were completed in June, as the final impact assessment reports were submitted by experts. Changes to the route were made for two reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When an expert could not either guarantee or mitigate the effects on the environment being less than minor, a consenting requirement. Simply put, an alteration was made to the track when and if an expert identified that according to their discipline and expert opinion, the track would have too large an impact on the discipline they were assessing. E.g., the East Coast loop was removed (for this consent) as the ecological assessor could not find a suitable route (at this time) that would have a less than minor effect on local ecosystems.</li> <li>2. When there was not enough local knowledge at a granular block by block level to confidently guarantee the routes path. In these instances, alterations were made with the proviso that when it came to the detailed design, landowners would be consulted to figure out the best place for the path.</li> </ol> <p>Whenever the route was changed, each expert would have to re-examine the route to ensure the impacts were mitigated according to each discipline.</p> <p>This was a mammoth task, and a final route has been finalized for application to the three councils.</p>
Consents	<p>Due to several factors outside of our control, the consents were not lodged on June 30<sup>th</sup>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A few of the finer, but incredibly important, details were not confirmed until late June requiring those details to be changed across all 12 impact assessments. For example, the distance of the track was confirmed at 499km (previously 657km) in late June. We then had to request each of the reports to be edited to reflect that change, and any advice that was based on the previous distance.</li> <li>2. Several of the reports required iterative review and refinement to ensure consistency and accuracy across the board.</li> </ol>

Project Milestone	Details of progress
	<p>3. The ecological report was weeks late. The local expertise to undertake this assessment is in very short supply and under almost unbearable pressure in light of both the long term depredation of the environment and the scouring by constant weather events. This meant that we were prepared to wait upon this scarce and over-burdened resource.</p> <p>Although these challenges have been time consuming, they were necessary to ensure our application was robust, accurate, and at a level of detail that would be acceptable to not only the decision-makers, but also to the public that would read these reports once notified. Our team is now in the final stages of preparing the planning documents to complete the global consent application, with the goal to lodge no later than 30 September</p> <p>We have worked hard at developing a positive relationship with the three territorial authorities (TA) understanding the complexity of our application and the equal complexity of the consenting process. We have had several individual and then combined pre-meetings with both the leadership of the TA and the technical consenting managers. This has resulted in an agreement between our three TA to take a combined, coordinated approach – their first ever (and possibly across the country). They are the Gisborne District Council, the Opotiki District Council, and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.</p> <p>To support this approach the TA have agreed that the GDC will lead the process, and that one overall planner will lead the technical requirements. The TA have further agreed on an experienced planning consultant to process the global application for them. In pre-lodgment discussion, we requested, and it has been agreed, that the global consent be notified. This is consistent with our overall approach to be transparent, open, and grounded in the spirit of partnership. Post-notification we expect to engage in further rounds of engagement hui with landowners and communities along the proposed area. The notification process will include a specifically constituted panel to receive submissions and hold hearings to consider our application. We understand that this is likely to occur toward the end of the year and into 2024.</p> <p>We note here that we have been advised (by planners, the TA, and experienced consent applicants) that the preparation and submission of a global consent of this scale and complexity, in the time and resources committed, is unprecedented. This reflects the considerable and comprehensive effort we have applied, and our recognition of the toll of climate change on local communities, and the parlous state of infrastructure across the region.</p>
Ruatoria Model	We are seeking an extension of the contract to mid-December to complete this milestone for the reasons outlined below.

Project Milestone	Details of progress
	<p>The Ruatoria Model has continued to suffer a series of delays beyond our control; the impact of Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle, the process of confirming with the Gisborne District Council that consent would not be necessary, but mostly, the requirements from NZTA.</p> <p>We applied to the NZTA on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for approval to construct the Ruatoria Model within the road corridor. NZTA confirmed that our application would take a maximum of 20 working days to process. 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>[REDACTED] we</p> <p>received conditional approval on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023,</p> <p>The technical pre-requisites before construction are relatively straightforward and have been completed by CPS, and confirmed with the construction contractor. However, concerning issues have arisen related to the conditions of approval of a legal License to Occupy agreement and requirements including public liability insurance, and ongoing management and maintenance responsibilities.</p> <p>We have reached out to NZTA to talk about a partnership approach and shared responsibility of liability and maintenance before we proceed. Ideally, we would agree with NZTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Short term to allow for construction to begin – CPS have completed the necessary technical requirements including a detailed design plan and a response to the Traffic Management Assessment, while</li> <li>- Medium term we develop a partnership agreement around liability and maintenance; and,</li> <li>- Long term where TAT is within the road corridor we can proceed based on that partnership, providing the usual documentation required including detailed design and TMP etc.</li> </ul> <p>9(2)(a) [REDACTED] Group General Manager System Leadership, is now our key contact at NZTA. He is working to waive the public liability clause in the contract as a first step. He is confident this can occur, as there is precedent from previous contracts with NGO's. We are waiting on this indication in writing.</p> <p>We are still in discussions about the ongoing maintenance and management.</p> <p>Due to the issues outlined above, we request a contract extension to mid-December to allow us the time to complete this deliverable.</p>

## FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

*Outline forward work to be completed in the next weeks*

<b>Project Element</b>	<b>Outline of Planned Work (for next weeks)</b>
Route review	Done.
Consents	To be completed, and lodged, by 30 September, 2023.
Ruatoria Model	<p>As referenced above, we are actively engaging with senior management at NZTA to discuss how we might partner, in the long-term, with agreements around shared liability, maintenance, and management of the Ara where it intersects with SH35, and in the short term, an agreement in principle that would allow the construction of the Model without exposing the Runanganui to responsibilities that they were not aware of.</p> <p>We anticipate that with an extension to mid-December, we will be able to achieve and complete this deliverable. We will continue to update in the meantime as the decision making process at NZTA is out of our control.</p>
Expenditure	<p>We are waiting on some outstanding invoices from experts for the completion of their assessments and reports. The budget for the Ruatoria model remains largely untouched for reasons outlined above. We anticipate ongoing costs for consents, including lodgment and notification costs. Notwithstanding that, we are confident we will spend the funding before the completion of the project.</p> <p>*Please note the financial summary below is not the exhaustive list of expenditure, although that can be provided. We expect to spend the full \$1,961,622.00.</p>

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	\$1,735,000.00				
HRM & Associates		\$353,000.00	\$479,572.32		

The Planning Collective		\$400,000.00	\$112,451.72		
Civil Project Solutions		\$132,000.00	\$163,920.08		
Consultants					
InSitu Heritage		\$51,750.00	\$31,570.00		
4D Environmental		\$24,825.00	\$19,475.45		
Isthmus		\$64,200.00	\$77,409.50		
Initia		\$19,550.00	\$25,200.00		
Sport Tairawhiti		\$30,000.00	\$15,326.09		
Urban Connections		\$30,000.00	\$20,370.00		
Rau Tipu Rau Ora + Health Families East Cape		\$42,400.00	\$42,000.00		
Rua Model		\$250,000.00			
	Clark Structural Engineering		\$2,070.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,397,725.00</b>	<b>\$989,365.16</b>		

**RISK REGISTER**

Risk/issue identified	likelihood (H, M, L)	Consequence on project delivery	Potential impact (H, M, L)	Strategy to mitigate	Resolved (yes/no)

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*Top five (5) risks and/or issues arising or expected to arise, their impact on the project and planned mitigations*

## PHOTOS

Include any photos of the project to highlight progress

## MID-WAY ACTIVITY REPORT

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1. Have you received the right level of support from Te Puni Kōkiri staff to apply for funding, go to contract and deliver on the project? If not, how could this engagement be improved?

This project has been a good exercise in active partnership between Te Puni Kokiri and Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou. **9(2)(a)** Project Manager for Te Ara Tipuna, has found it particularly effective as a TPK kaimahi, working alongside the Runanganui and the consortium of consultants to progress this kaupapa for Maori both as citizens and as tangata whenua. This has been a new experience – the scale and complexity - for most involved. The TPK Tairāwhiti office and kaimahi, led by the RD, have been collaborative and supportive of each other and this kaupapa

2. If climate change mitigation was a component of your project in the development of your land did you integrate Mātauranga Māori into your climate mitigations?

Yes. Mātauranga Māori and general science have been travelling companions throughout this exercise. Therefore it has not been specially utilized for climate change issues although they have been a part. We would be happy to speak to the overall experience on completion of this phase of the project.

3. If climate change adaptation was not a component of your project in the development, do you consider it is an important consideration moving forward, in what way?

## FINAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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1. Was the project completed?
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## PROJECT PROGRESS

*Provide a description and analysis of actual progress against planned progress for each project milestone to show that the project is occurring as planned.*

Project Milestone	Details of progress
Route review	Completed – as per last report.
Consents	<p>The global consent was lodged on Friday 10 October to the Gisborne District Council, Opotiki District Council, and Bay of Plenty Regional Council</p> <p>We have met with all three councils, with 9(2)(a) [REDACTED] as the planner employed to process the consent, twice since to go over finer details around notification and planning details. These conversations have been productive, with GDC taking the lead for all three councils. Council anticipates formally accepting and lodging the consent early in the new year, with a 6–8-month timeframe to process the consents, notify, receive submissions, conduct hearings, and make a decision.</p>
Ruatoria Model	<p>The Ruatoria Model has continued to suffer a series of delays; the two cyclones, the process of confirming with the Gisborne District Council that consent would not be necessary, and mostly, the requirements from NZTA.</p> <p>Since our last report, we have signed a License to Occupy agreement with NZTA for the Ruatoria model, and supplied them with numerous safety, technical, signage, and engineering reports to satisfy their compliance requirements. We are now awaiting a Corridor Release and final sign-off for signage on the 1km trail. We do not expect now that this will occur before the Christmas shutdown.</p> <p>9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] This has caused significant and drawn-out delays to the completion of the model.</p> <p>For these reasons, we ask for a contract variation to change the contract completion date to end of March 2024. Our contractor has provided assurances that they will be able to complete the works in 6-8 weeks if NZTA has signed off by Jan 2024. We will keep you up to date if this does not occur.</p>

## FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

*Outline forward work to be completed in the next weeks*

<b>Project Element</b>	<b>Outline of Planned Work (for next weeks)</b>
Route review	Completed – as per last report.
Consents	Council have informed us they will formally accept the consents in the new year. Prior to that, we will be engaging heavily with landowners, communities, marae, hapu, and iwi.
Ruatoria Model	We anticipate that with an extension to end of March 2024, we will be able to achieve and complete this deliverable.
Expenditure	<p>We are still waiting on some outstanding invoices from experts for the completion of their assessments and reports. The budget for the Ruatoria model remains untouched. We anticipate ongoing costs for consents, including lodgment and notification costs, and related communication and stakeholder management. Notwithstanding that, we expect to spend the funding before the completion of the project.</p> <p>*Please note the financial summary below does not list the exhaustive budget, which is set to spend the full \$1,961,622.00. We can provide a full budget.</p>

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

*Please provide a summary of expenditure to date with actual against budgeted, for each budget area in the table below. Please use GST exclusive figures*

<b>Budget Area</b>	<b>Received from TPK</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Co-funding spend if any</b>	<b>Note</b>
	\$1 735,000.00				
HRM & Associates		\$353,000.00	\$525,782.28		
The Planning Collective		\$400,000.00	\$132,581.85		
Civil Project Solutions		\$132,000.00	\$196,790.21		
Consultants					

InSitu Heritage		\$51,750.00	\$31,570.00		
4D Environmental		\$24,825.00	\$19,475.45		
Isthmus		\$64,200.00	\$77,409.50		
Initia		\$19,550.00	\$25,200.00		
Sport Tairawhiti		\$30,000.00	\$15,326.09		
Urban Connections		\$30,000.00	\$20,370.00		
Rau Tipu Rau Ora + Health Families East Cape		\$42,400.00	\$42,000.00		
Rua Model		\$250,000.00			
	Clark Structural Engineering		\$2,070.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,397,725.00</b>	<b>\$1,088,575.38</b>		

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# TE ARA TIPUNA

FINAL REPORT - TE RINGA HAPAI 2023

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## HE MIHI

This project could not have started, let alone continued, without the support of Te Puni Kokiri. From the Minister of Maori Development, through the Executive Leadership, to the Whenua Maori Service, and the Regional Office in Gisborne, Te Ara Tipuna has received time, resource, trust, and the necessary funding through Te Ringa Hapai.

We would like to make particular mention of 9(2)(a) Regional Director at the time. Seeing the value of the project and its potential for TPK outcomes, she drove the partnership between TPK and Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou, and provided the heft at regional level to assure national office decision makers of its relevance.

9(2)(a) with energy and verve, muscle and determination provided the practical, on the ground, relentless conviction we needed.

Nga mihi kia raua, otira, kia koutou katoa.

***Na matau nei, na***  
**TE ARA TIPUNA TEAM**



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Te Ara Tipuna represents investment in sustainable base infrastructure in Te Tairāwhiti, as a network of ara/accessways around the East Coast, for local communities and visitors to hike, bike, and trek; and, to provide the connection and catalyst for businesses and employment offering services, provisions, and experiences. Whānau will be enabled to realise the potential of their whenua – whatever that looks like for each trust, land block, and landowner.

Te Tairāwhiti has for too long exhibited the symptoms of continued low economic investment, social fracturing, and cultural challenge. A litany of statistics describe deprivation, desperation, dependence, poor lived experiences, and poor-quality outcomes. Notwithstanding, the hardy and hearty who make the Coast home aspire to a better standard of living, to opportunities for their whānau, and a better future for themselves and their communities. Te Ara Tipuna offers these possibilities.

Te Ara Tipuna takes a different approach by seeking to create a whenua-based artery around Te Tairāwhiti that will sustain economic, social, and cultural rejuvenation. It will be the springboard for a multi-layer across-government approach that supports the area to thrive.

# 9(2)(a)

*Site visit with lead planner, GDC, CPS, and TPC at 1km Ruatoria-Tikitiki turnoff*

## PROJECT TEAM

During this period our project team was 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a) TPK).

Technical support was ably and critically provided by Civil Project Solutions (CPS - Gisborne) and The Planning Collective (TPC - Auckland).

We secured the services of TPC in November 2022 to project manage the consents process for Te Ara Tipuna, and we built a consortium of highly experienced consultants to provide the impact assessments required for the consent application.

A key commitment of this project is to utilise as much local resource and expertise and, where possible, to provide development opportunities.

We have since established Te Ara Tipuna Charitable Trust to govern the project. The Trust is chaired by Ingrid Collins, with fellow Trustees Kylee Potae, Selwyn Parata, Rei Kohere, and Hekia Parata.

Once the Ngati Porou part of the trail is completed new trustees representing Te Whanau a Apanui, Ngai Tai and Whakatohea can be appointed to oversee their rohe.

## PROJECT STATS

**466**

land parcels the trail is proposed to cross

**2000+**

identified owners across the 466 land parcels

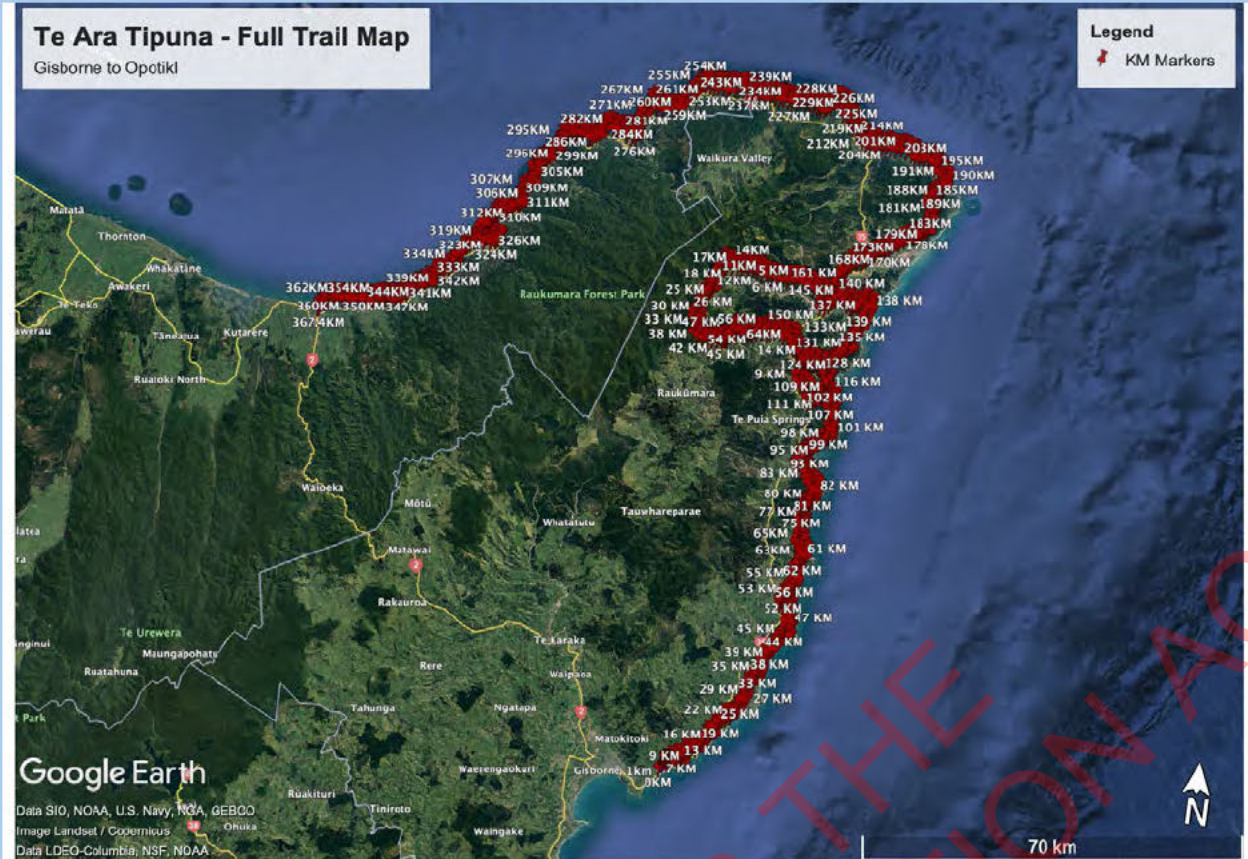
**17%**

of the 466 parcels are ungoverned

**1KM**

of the full 500km developed at the Ruatoria-Tikitiki turnoff

9(2)(a)



Google Earth image of full trail map with KM markers

# ROUTE REVIEW

## Deliverable 1

The first review of the route was completed by CPS and Kuru Contracting Limited (with help from TPK) in December 2022. This review accounted for the effects, and future impacts, of severe weather events.

This review became an iterative process given the major impacts of Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle, requiring extra work and time. CPS and Initia (geotech) travelled the proposed route to check for instabilities and issues created by Cyclone Gabrielle.

They identified a few areas of concern, which were workshopped by our consortium of experts retained to develop the consent application.

A development post cyclone was the decision to construct the stage from Tokomaru Bay to Ruatoria to civil emergency standard for access and egress, for those communities that were cut-off due to roading infrastructure damage and fragility. The track will be built to take ATVs; vehicles that can transport people, emergency services, and goods in times of emergency.

Several online workshops, with attendance from most contributing consents consultants, were held to go over the entire route using Google Earth. The purpose of the workshops was for consultants to raise specific spots of concern and high-level issues and opportunities. They were thorough and productive hui.

## Issue/mitigation table

ISSUE	MITIGATION
Where the track crossed over dunes and onto the beach. This issue was two-fold; one, the sensitive ecological nature of dunes and how to ensure their protection and, two, whether the track would be useable at high-tide.	Our overall approach around sensitive sites was to avoid if possible. Where it was not possible at this global stage to develop appropriate mitigation, this would be focussed on during the detailed design of the trail.
The approach to the many archaeological and cultural sites along Te Ara Tipuna, and how they will be managed.	All sites were listed and categorised, and will each have a bespoke approach in discussion with the appropriate landowners, hapu, and iwi. Consultants agreed that appropriately managed exposure to the sites would be educational and of great value to both landowners and manuhiri.
Protocols for when Te Ara Tipuna is within national and local road corridors, and how that will be managed.	Project team, and traffic consultant, have built relationships with local councils and NZTA and will establish these protocols before development of the trail.
A section of the trail, around the Motu bridge, was thoroughly discussed due to the narrow road corridor and minimal options for safe passage for all modes.	Two alternatives are being progressed, a taxi system and a discussion with local tangata whenua to see if an alternative route through the valleys is possible; these options are not mutually exclusive.

The final minor alterations were completed in June 2023. Changes to the route were made for two reasons:

1. *When an expert could not either guarantee or mitigate the effects on the environment being less than minor, a consenting requirement. Simply put, an alteration was made to the track when and if an expert identified that, according to their discipline and expert opinion, the track would have too large an impact on the discipline they were assessing. E.g., the East Coast loop was removed (for this consent) as the ecological assessor could not find a suitable route (at this time) that would have a less than minor effect on local eco-systems.*
2. *When there was not enough local knowledge at a granular block by block level to confidently guarantee the routes path. In these instances, alterations were made with the proviso that when it came to the detailed design, landowners would be consulted to figure out the best place for the path.*

Whenever the route was changed, each expert would have to re-examine the route to ensure the impacts were mitigated according to each discipline.

This was a mammoth task, and a final route was finalised for application to the three councils in October 2023.

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## CONSENTS

### *Deliverable 2*

We weighed the two options for seeking consent approval, the Covid Fast Track process or direct application to the three TA's, and decided with the latter. There are many reasons but the most compelling is the longer timeline enabling more respectful engagement with landowners.

The global consent was developed throughout 2023 with input from 10 different technical experts, including: archaeological, coastal process, cultural, ecological, engineering, geotechnical, landscape and visual, recreational, social, and traffic.

The experts prepared their management plans and assessments for review and collation in mid-June 2023. Our project team met regularly with each discipline to ensure everyone was on track and within scope.

We lodged a global consent in October 2023 to the Gisborne District Council, Opotiki District Council, and Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

A global consent is an application to consent multiple activities across multiple locations, as opposed to one activity in one location (building a shed).

We worked hard at developing positive relationships with the three territorial authorities (TA) understanding the complexity of our application and the equal complexity of the consenting process.

We had multiple pre-meetings with both the leadership of the TA and the technical consenting managers. This resulted in an agreement between our three TA to take a combined, coordinated approach – their first ever (and possibly across the country).

In March 2023 we invited 9(2)(a) the lead process planner, and the GDC to a site visit along the proposed trail. The purpose of this site visit was for the planners to see and feel the whenua, meet whenua Maori landowners, and to learn more about the vision of the project.

**The global consent was formally accepted for processing in April 2024.**

Council anticipates a 6–8-month timeframe to process the consents, notify, receive submissions, conduct hearings, and make a decision.

*We note here that we have been advised (by planners, the TA, and experienced consent applicants) that the preparation and submission of a global consent of this scale and complexity, in the time and resources committed, is unprecedented. This reflects the considerable and comprehensive effort we have applied, and our recognition of the toll of climate change on local communities, and the parlous state of infrastructure across the region.*

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## HIGHLIGHT

### *New archaeological sites of interest found*

A presentation from **9(2)(a)** archaeologist, revealed new sites of interest around the East Coast that had not previously been logged. Archaeological sites have been mapped within a 2km radius of the trails, including significant sites of interest that overlap with the cultural assessment. The consultants are taking a respectful approach to identifying sites, and categorizing for consultation with local whanau, hapu and iwi on how they would like the sites recognized, engaged with, preserved, or prohibited access to. There is a lot of history, cultural knowledge, and purakau that can be shared via the trails. The work being done, at minimum, can be shared with and given to landowners, hapu, and iwi for their safekeeping and preservation (if previously unknown)

## LANDOWNER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We worked alongside the TPK Whenua Maori service to develop the best approach to partner and engage with landowners. Across the parcels of land the route traverses, representing thousands of shareholder interests, with approximately 17% without governance entities, there continues to be a huge opportunity for complementary effort by TPK Whenua Maori Team to facilitate governance development as well as to participate in Te Ara Tipuna.

The first landowner meeting was held in Ruatoria at Whakarua Park on Saturday 29 April, with the second in Gisborne the following Monday.

The hui was a project milestone, and the first public meeting to present Te Ara Tipuna to landowners and trustees along the route. They were fully engaged, receptive, and positive about the kaupapa. Another hui was held in Gisborne on Monday 1 May.

We then held a series of consultation hui with landowners and community in June in Tolaga Bay, Tokomaru Bay, Ruatoria, and Tikitiki, Te Araroa, Whangaparaoa and Te Kaha. Another round of hui in those Ngati Porou communities was held in March 2024.

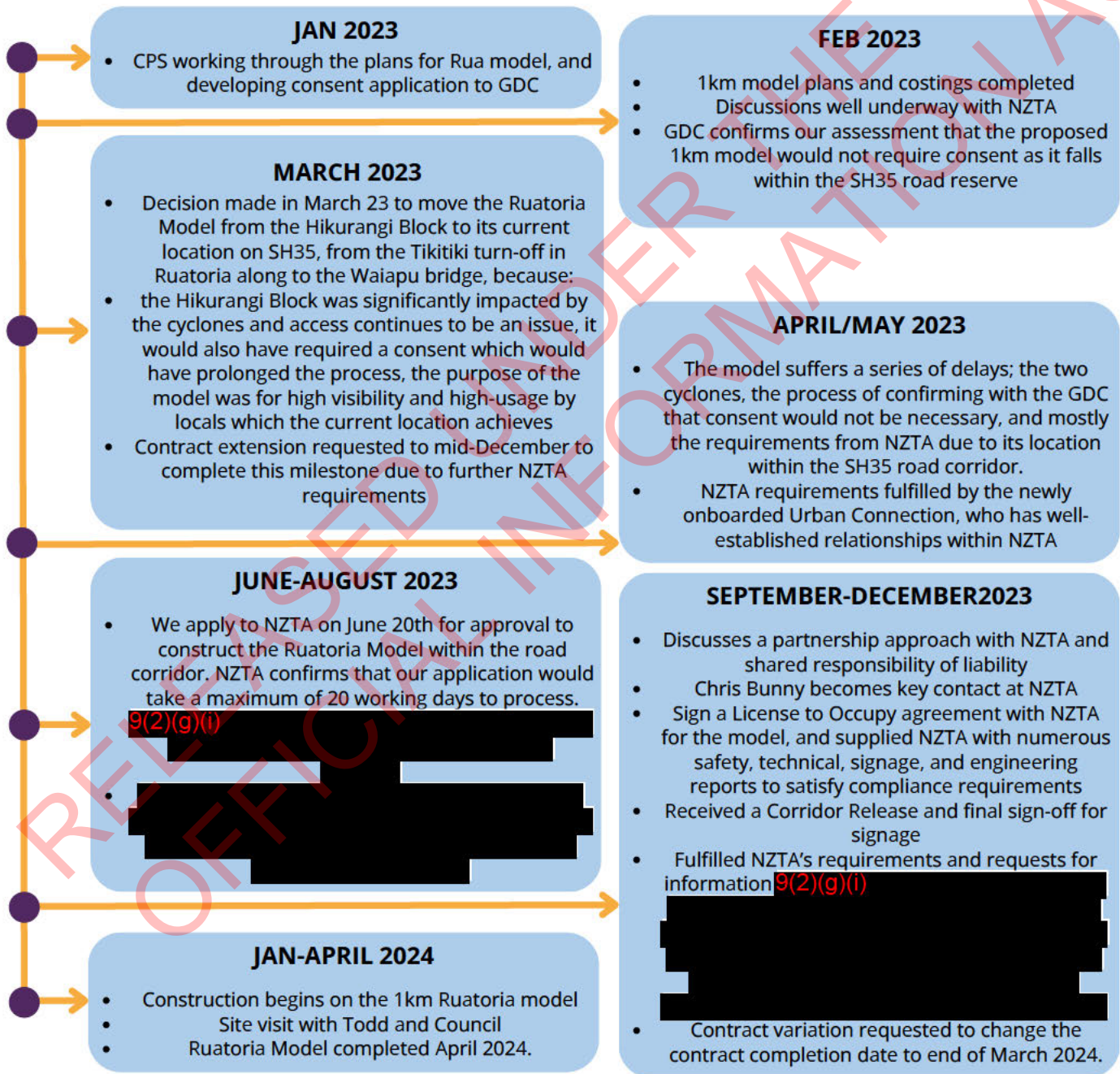
The Project Lead also focussed on building wider stakeholder support, including meetings with the Chief Judge of the MLC, the Maori Trustee, the three TA's, and other relevant stakeholders to secure support for the kaupapa pertinent, and useful, to landowners.

The next few months are focussed on individual landowner engagement.

# 1KM MODEL

## Deliverable 3

The Ruatoria model was completed in April 2024; it has been beset with delays; the two cyclones, the process of confirming with the Gisborne District Council that consent would not be necessary, and mostly, the requirements from NZTA. See below timeline:



# FINAL REPORT QUESTIONS

## ***1. Was the project completed?***

We completed all three deliverables for this contract. Our overall Te Ara Tipuna project is ongoing.

## ***2. What economic, cultural, social and environmental outcomes do you expect to achieve for your whānau and whenua with the completion of this infrastructure project?***

[from Te Ara Tipuna - Full Business Case]

### **Purpose**

The purpose of Te Ara Tipuna is to create the conditions in which Ngati Porou, Te Whanau-a-Apanui, Ngai ki Torere, and Te Whakatohea ki Opotiki can regenerate the cultural wealth of a lively, healthy society of connected communities, culturally fluent and capable, enterprising and economically active, environmental protectors and sustainers, in revitalised whanau, hapu, and iwi relationships.

### **Operating Principles**

1. To facilitate everyday rangatiratanga, every day – individuals and collectives are independent and self-determining, making positive decisions for themselves about themselves, with responsibility for the consequences.
2. To support practical expressions of wellness, wellbeing, and kindness.
3. To reinforce connection and contribution through whakapapa, and activity between and amongst communities.
4. To honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi in practical, local, and relationship-based ways.

### **Objectives**

#### *People*

1. To regenerate and revitalise the cultural wealth and wellbeing of Ngati Porou and Te Whanau-a-Apanui.
2. To facilitate and support local leadership, and local communities, to create better lives for themselves and future generations.
3. To restore and grow whakapapa connections to local pa and tipuna for the Ngati Porou and Te Whanau-a-Apanui diaspora.
4. To facilitate greater bicultural and multicultural connections and appreciation for local hosts and visitors, as part of strengthening our diversity and evolving sense of citizenship and nationhood.
5. To generate more possibilities of uri returning to live and work at home, and contribute their skills and capabilities to growth and development of the Coast.

# FINAL REPORT QUESTIONS

## 2. CONTINUED

### *Economic*

1. To restore and maintain the integrity of the rural, isolated, tribal region of the East Coast.
2. To partner with central and local government, agencies and industry, to create the capillaries of local level enterprise and economic development, movement and connection, through building the infrastructure of the ara (access ways) and ancillary amenities for pedestrian, cycling, horse trekking from Gisborne to Opotiki.
3. To create work and skills pathways for the building and ongoing maintenance and development of the ara.
4. To invest in local level economic development through small business training loans, grants and potential capitalisation of government benefit income support
5. To grow and develop ancillary services and opportunities in food, drink, provisions, and hospitality.
6. To design and deliver a workforce capability strategy for sustainable local employment and education provision.
7. To foster managed, quality, tourism, adventure sport, and cultural experiences.

### *Education*

1. To democratise the knowledge of local and cultural history, its intersection with place, and implications for ongoing kaitiakitanga, through providing opportunities for students and their whanau to research, record, and share local stories.
2. To raise the level of educational achievement through a locally inspired, nationally articulated, and internationally relevant curriculum and delivery
3. To facilitate the revitalisation of pa as the centre of community activity and cultural restoration, housing provision, satellite sites of teaching and learning and apprenticeships.
4. To encourage the everyday use of pa, their marae facilities and experiences, as part of a quality visitor experience.
5. To transform the region from a negative consumer of government benefits and remedial services, to a mostly self-sufficient, self-directed, resilient, capable, culturally wealthy community again.
6. To prompt and shame NZTA into repairing SH35 to the same standard as like highways, and maintaining it at this level.
7. To design and develop an Iwi-based community transformation model as a proof of concept for application elsewhere.

# FINAL REPORT QUESTIONS

## ***3/4. How do you believe your progress has or will impact on your whānau, hapū, community, iwi What opportunities have opened up since investing in infrastructure on your whenua?***

This investment from Te Puni Kōkiri has progressed our project significantly, contributing to the above objectives. We are now in the position to engage meaningfully with the 2000+ landowners along the trail.

Alongside the main project, we also have five ancillary projects planned that will provide opportunities and directly impact whānau, hapū, community, and iwi:

1. TIAKI ARA - Co-design Te Kawa o te Ara Tipuna with kaitiakitanga practice
2. WHAI RAWA, MANA AKE, WHANAKE - Enterprise and economic development planning and practice workshops
3. TAIAO - Climate adaptation, biodiversity mapping and regeneration
4. WHAKAPUMAU NGA KAWAI TANGATA - Social narratives reviving and documenting whakapapa of the whenua, whānau, well-being
5. RAUTAKI, WANANGA - Negotiating strategic partnership for management and care between DOC and TRONP (Rohenga Tipuna), with NZTA

## ***5. What are your next steps and timeframes for this?***

The next phase for Te Ara Tipuna is dedicated to further landowner engagements. Broadly, our next steps are:

1. To meet and engage with all impacted landowners along the trail to discuss the project, its opportunities, their whenua aspirations - to secure legal easements.
2. To see through the consents process, including notification hearings, and a positive decision from Council.
3. Begin ancillary projects.

## ***6. What are the main barriers or challenges you anticipate as you continue on your development journey?***

Due to the scope and scale of the project, the likes of which have previously not been done, we do experience some barriers and challenges. We are, however, committed to providing further development opportunities for whānau and their whenua through Te Ara Tipuna.

## ***7. Have you received the right level of support from Te Puni Kōkiri staff to apply for funding, go to contract and deliver on the project? If not, how could this engagement be improved?***

We have! Thank you for your support.

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