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The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

FOI reference: 23-128

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9. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	Not applicable
10. Decision made by ACAT	Not applicable

11. Additional information identified by ACAT	Not applicable
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Freedom of Information - Access Application to Transport Canberra and City Services - Submission confirmation

Your submission has been successful. Please keep a copy of this receipt for your records.

Date and time

Reference code

25 Oct 2023 4:27:31 PM

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Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS)

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Information request

Who are you making the request on behalf of?

Myself

What type of information are you requesting access to? *

Other information

What information are you requesting access to under the Act? *

Any briefings to the Minister for TCCS, and any incoming or outgoing Ministerial correspondence, relating to a bike track in the Village of Hall, dated between 1 January 2016 and 2 January 2017.

Attach a description or additional details about the information you are requesting access to (optional)

Do you have a similar or identical request currently under review by another ACT Government Directorate?

Yes No

Are you enquiring as

A member of the public

Do you wish to apply for a waiver of fees associated with processing your application?

Yes No

Provide a statement about how the release of information is in the public interest (optional)

It is important because the proposal had a significant detrimental impact on individuals in the community, particularly related to its early development and the time it took for a Community group working in conjunction with TCCS to consult the wider community, and the fact that heritage values were initially treated as an afterthought. The detailed account of this case would provide a guide to measures that can be taken to avoid mistakes in the future.

Would you like to provide any additional information? (optional)

My FOI 23-033 satisfactorily provided information on the post 2016 process, but produced no 2016 documents. It is clear that there was earlier government work on the proposal since the Minutes of the Village of Hall and District Progress Association Committee of 21 September 2016 note discussions being held [REDACTED]

Attach additional documents to support your application (optional)

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Request - Reference 23-128

I refer to your amended application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* to the Transport Canberra and City Services directorate (TCCS) on 25 October 2023. It is my understanding that you are seeking access to the following government information:

“Any briefings to the Minister for TCCS, and any incoming or outgoing Ministerial correspondence, relating to a bike track in the Village of Hall, dated between 1 January 2016 and 2 January 2017.”

Timeframes

A decision is due on your access application by 6 December 2023.

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the FOI Act.

Decision on access

A document search has identified eleven records, comprised of two ministerial communication packages, as relevant to your access application. Upon reviewing the information within the within these records and applying the public interest test under section 17 of the FOI Act, I have decided to provide you with:

- partial access to 6 records; and
- full access to 5 records.

The documents are listed in the schedule at [Attachment A](#), and a copy of the records with deletions applied to the information I have found to be contrary to the public interest is at [Attachment B](#). Further information on reasons for my decision are detailed below in the statement of reasons.

Statement of Reasons

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- The FOI Act; and
- The *Human Rights Act 2016*.

In making my decision on disclosing government information, I must identify all relevant factors in schedule 2 of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies. I have taken the following sections of schedule 2 into account:

Factors favouring disclosure in the public interest (Schedule 2, Section 2.1)

- Section 2.1(a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability;
- Section 2.1(a)(viii) - reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision; and
- Schedule 2.1(a)(iii) – inform community of government operations and its dealings with community members.

Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2, Section 2.2)

- Section 2.2(a)(ii) - prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2016*.

Personal Information

In reviewing the relevant records, personal information relating to third parties has been identified. I have considered that this information is not readily available to the public and the disclosure of this information is likely to prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy under the *Human Rights Act 2004* and carries significant weight. In this instance, I have found the disclosure of personal information to be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

I have found that the factors favouring disclosure can be satisfied with the deletion of information which is contrary to the public interest. A copy of the relevant information is enclosed at [Attachment C](#).

Charges

In accordance with [Freedom of Information \(Fees\) Determination 2018](#), a fee of \$0.35 per page of information disclosed, except for the first 50 pages, may be applied to an access application.

No fee is applicable to your application as the number of disclosed records is within the fee-free threshold.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, TCCS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your access application and this notice of decision will be published on the disclosure log within 3 – 10 business days. Your personal information will be removed from these documents prior to publication.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek an Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in TCCS' disclosure log or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82 on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore Street
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
www.acat.act.gov.au

If you have any queries concerning the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the TCCS FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to tccs.foi@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Cherie Hughes
Information Officer

29 November 2023

ATTACHMENT A - ACCESS APPLICATION SCHEDULE, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Reference Number: 23-128

Please be aware that under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*, some of the information provided to you will be released to the public through the ACT Government's Open Access Scheme. The Open Access release status column of the table below indicates what documents are intended for release online through open access.

Personal information or business affairs information will not be made available under this policy. If you think the content of your request would contain such information, please inform the contact officer immediately.

Information about what is published on open access is available online at: https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom_of_information/disclosure-log

Factors favouring non-disclosure:

Schedule 2.2(a)(ii) - prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2016*.

Reference number	Page number	Description	Date	Status	Reason for non-release or deferral	Open Access release status
1	1	B17151 - Coversheet	Undated	Full access	Not applicable	Decision to be published on the TCCS Disclosure Log . Applicant's personal information is deleted from published copies.
2	2	B17151 - Letter from Village of Hall and District Progress Association	24 May 2017	Partial access	2.2(a)(ii)	
3	3	B17151 - Copy of finalised brief	12 August 2017	Partial access	2.2(a)(ii)	
4	6	B17151 - Attachment A – Response	Undated	Partial access	2.2(a)(ii)	
5	9	B17151 - Map attached to response	Undated	Full access	Not applicable	

6	10	B17151 - Attachment B - Proposed Track For Hall Village	Undated	Full access	Not applicable	
7	15	B17151 - Attachment C – FAQ	Undated	Full access	Not applicable	
8	20	B17151 - Attachment D – Survey	Undated	Full access	Not applicable	
9	23	MIN170129 – Coversheet	February 2017	Partial access	2.2(a)(ii)	
10	24	MIN170129 - Original Correspondence	February 2017	Partial access	2.2(a)(ii)	
11	26	MIN170129 - Signed Sent Ministerial	15 March 2017	Partial access	2.2(a)(ii)	

Total number of documents: 11



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**Transport Canberra and
City Services**

Minister	Minister for Transport and City Services
Subject	Community Consultation for a Recreation Trail in Hall
TRIM/Objective Reference	B17/151
Date due to the Minister's Office	19 July 2017

Approval	
Deputy Director-General	
Director Governance and Business Solutions	
Executive Director City Places and Infrastructure	
Director City Presentation	SA 14.7.17

Notes:

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Emma Thomas
Director-General
Transport Canberra and Community Services
ACT Government

24 May 2017

Dear Ms Thomas,

Brian Bathgate from your agency attended a meeting of the Village of Hall and District Progress Association committee on 17 May and pronounced that a bike track would be built at Halls Creek before the end of the financial year. This astonished many residents, who have not been informed about the project or had any opportunity to comment, although it is a significant development proposed for an important location in the village.

In general, residents are not opposed in principle to a bike track in Hall, and we are all well aware that a good deal of voluntary effort has been committed already. All of us were surprised to be confronted with a *fait accompli* at the recent meeting, and now wish to see a proper process of community consultation initiated.

Our request is threefold:

1. That further work on the proposed track be **for the time being**, pending
2. The **provision of comprehensive information** about the project to the community, followed by
3. A careful **process of community consultation** including an onsite meeting.

Because there are a lot of issues involved, we believe it important that information be made available well ahead of any community meetings or other consultation processes.

We would like to have further information on the following matters:

1. A detailed and up-to-date project plan, including Staging if there is more than one Stage.
2. A budget for the project, showing main costs and funds being contributed by various bodies.
3. Is the proposed bike track to be a government asset, promoted as such to the wider Canberra community, and if so, what assumptions are being made about demand?
4. What are the expected parking and traffic implications and are these taken fully into account in the project plan?
5. Is the proposed wetland integral to the bike track project, or a quite distinct matter, being funded and constructed independently of the bike track?
6. Have alternative possible locations in the Hall precinct been evaluated for the siting of a bike track?
7. Has due consideration been given to the potential hazard of a bike track routing through a recreation park with a children's play area and family barbecues nearby?
8. Has due attention been paid to the indigenous cultural heritage values of Halls Creek?

I hope this might be helpful to you in addressing matters of community interest and concern,

Regards,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the sender.



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Transport Canberra and
City Services

To: Minister for Transport and City Services

From: Director-General, Transport Canberra and City Services

Subject: Community Consultation for Recreation Trail in Hall

Critical Date: In the normal course of business

Recommendations

That you:

1. note the contents of this brief;

NOTED/PLEASE DISCUSS

2. agree to the proposed community consultation approach; and

AGREED/NOT AGREED/PLEASE DISCUSS

3. sign the response to [REDACTED] at Attachment A.

AGREED/NOT AGREED/PLEASE DISCUSS

Meegan Fitzharris MLA *[Signature]* 12 / 8 / 17

Minister's Office Feedback

Background

4. A small group of Hall residents have sought TCCS assistance in planning the construction of an off-road (mineral earth) cycling recreation trail on TCCS-managed land within the Hall Village.
5. TCCS officers have been working cooperatively with the community proponents to identify a site, address heritage and environmental issues and advise on design and management issues.
6. Funding of \$22,000 for the proposed recreation trail has been raised by the Hall community, with a small contribution of up to \$5000 proposed from TCCS.
7. The proposed recreation trail is aimed at children and families and is intended to be a low key addition to a range of existing community facilities in a bushland setting.
8. On 29 May 2017 [REDACTED] wrote to you outlining concerns held by some Hall community members about the consultation process for the proposed trail.
9. The response to [REDACTED] (Attachment A) notes the in-principle support for the project from TCCS and committed to a more comprehensive consultation process to determine community views.

Issues

10. The proposed consultation process involves the following:
 - a description of the proposal including a map (Attachment B);
 - provision of Frequently Asked Questions (Attachment C); and
 - a short on-line survey (Attachment D).
11. The community will be able to access the above information and the survey via the TCCS website and the Hall Progress Association website. Hard copies of the material will be available on request and the consultation opportunity will be advertised on community noticeboards in Hall.
12. Although the proposed recreational trail is a community-driven and funded project, it is appropriate that TCCS assists in facilitating this consultation process as the land custodian and asset owner.

Financial Impacts

13. The costs of the consultation process relate to staff time and will be met through recurrent TCCS resources.

Consultation and Media

14. The consultation process is focussed at Hall residents. Once the community has made it's views known, a decision will be made about whether the project will proceed.



Emma Thomas
Director-General

27 July 2017

Contact Officer: Stephen Alegria, A/g Director City Presentation



Meegan Fitzharris MLA

Member for Yerrabi

Minister for Health and Wellbeing
Minister for Transport and City Services
Minister for Higher Education, Training and Research

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 29 May 2017 on behalf of Hall residents regarding the community consultation process for the proposed Hall recreational trail. While I understood that a level of community consultation had been undertaken through fund raising activities and other means, I agree it is important that community concerns are heard and taken into account as part of the planning process. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I understand that you met with Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) executives on 14 June 2017 to discuss your concerns and have had follow up discussions as recently as 5 July 2017. I am advised that the agreed way forward involves a community consultation process to identify the level of community support for the proposal and to enable all community members to voice their suggestions and concerns. It is appropriate that TCCS assists in facilitating this consultation process as the land custodian and asset owner.

The primary consultation tool will be an online survey, supported by the provision of background information and context for the proposal. This background information will be made available on the TCCS and Hall Progress Association websites and through other appropriate means that are accessible to the community.

Please find responses to your specific questions below.

1. A detailed and up-to-date project plan, including staging if there is more than one stage.

A project plan will be prepared following community consultation, if community views support the project proceeding.

Stage 1 of the proposed trail is on the northern side of Hall Creek, which crosses at the western end and continues on the southern side. It could be constructed as a discreet project.

There is a separate proposal to construct a multi-use bridge next to the Victoria Street bridge for pedestrians and cyclists. Should this bridge proceed, stage 2 of the proposed recreational trail would incorporate the bridge to enable the trail to extend to the southern section of Hall Creek.

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The attached map shows the indicative locations of the bridges.

2. A budget for the project, showing main costs and funds being contributed by various bodies.

The proponent has advised that contributions of \$24,000 have been identified for the construction of the proposed trail as outlined below:

- \$10,000 was raised by the community from the Hall Ball;
- \$12,000 has been contributed by Hall Rotary; and
- \$2,000 is available from TCCS. A further \$3,000 contingency has been offered if the proponent demonstrates that additional funding is required.

3. Is the proposed recreational trail to be a government asset, promoted as such to the wider Canberra community, and if so, what assumptions are being made about demand?

The ACT Government will take ownership once all construction requirements are met.

It is expected that the recreational trail will primarily be used by the local Hall community with children being the primary users. It is expected that more experienced riders or those wanting a longer route will use the Centenary Trail.

Being a local community-driven and funded project, there is no intention to promote the recreational trail to the wider Canberra community. That said, people cannot be restricted from using an asset located on public land. Measures such as signage can be used to manage higher than expected use, if the situation arises.

4. What are the expected parking and traffic implications and are these taken fully into account in the project plan?

This proposal is not expected to impact on parking as it is anticipated most users will be local residents. However, should additional parking be required, options can be pursued for the use of existing public car parks (for example car parks adjoining the sportsground).

5. Is the proposed wetland integral to the recreational trail project or a quite distinct matter, being funded and constructed independently of the recreational trail?

There are no plans for a wetland to be constructed in the Hall Creek area as part of this project.

TCCS is working with local residents, the Ginninderra Catchment Group and Roads ACT to clear blocked stormwater drains, undertake works to improve water quality, control weeds and restore native plant species in the creek. A mix of qualified contractors, government staff and volunteers will conduct the works. The drainage and environmental restoration works are separate projects to enhance the local area but will complement to the proposed trail, should it proceed.

6. Have alternative possible locations in the Hall precinct been evaluated for the siting of a recreational trail?

TCCS and the Hall residents who have been advocating for the project have considered two other locations within the precinct and several alternate trail routes within the current proposed area. The selected location and route considered various criteria including impact on adjacent residents, other recreational activities/user groups, public safety, the environment and heritage and cultural values of the area as well as the need to provide a facility that was attractive and suitable for the intended type of use and characteristics of the user group.

7. Has due consideration been given to the potential hazard of a recreational trail routing through a recreation park with a children's play area and family barbecues nearby?

Safety of other park users was a primary consideration in the design process. The proponents designed the recreational trail to be a safe distance (at least 50m) from the playground, while still allowing plenty of space for multiple users in the park at the same time. The proposed location of the recreational trail will enhance play and recreation opportunities for children using the playground and barbecues.

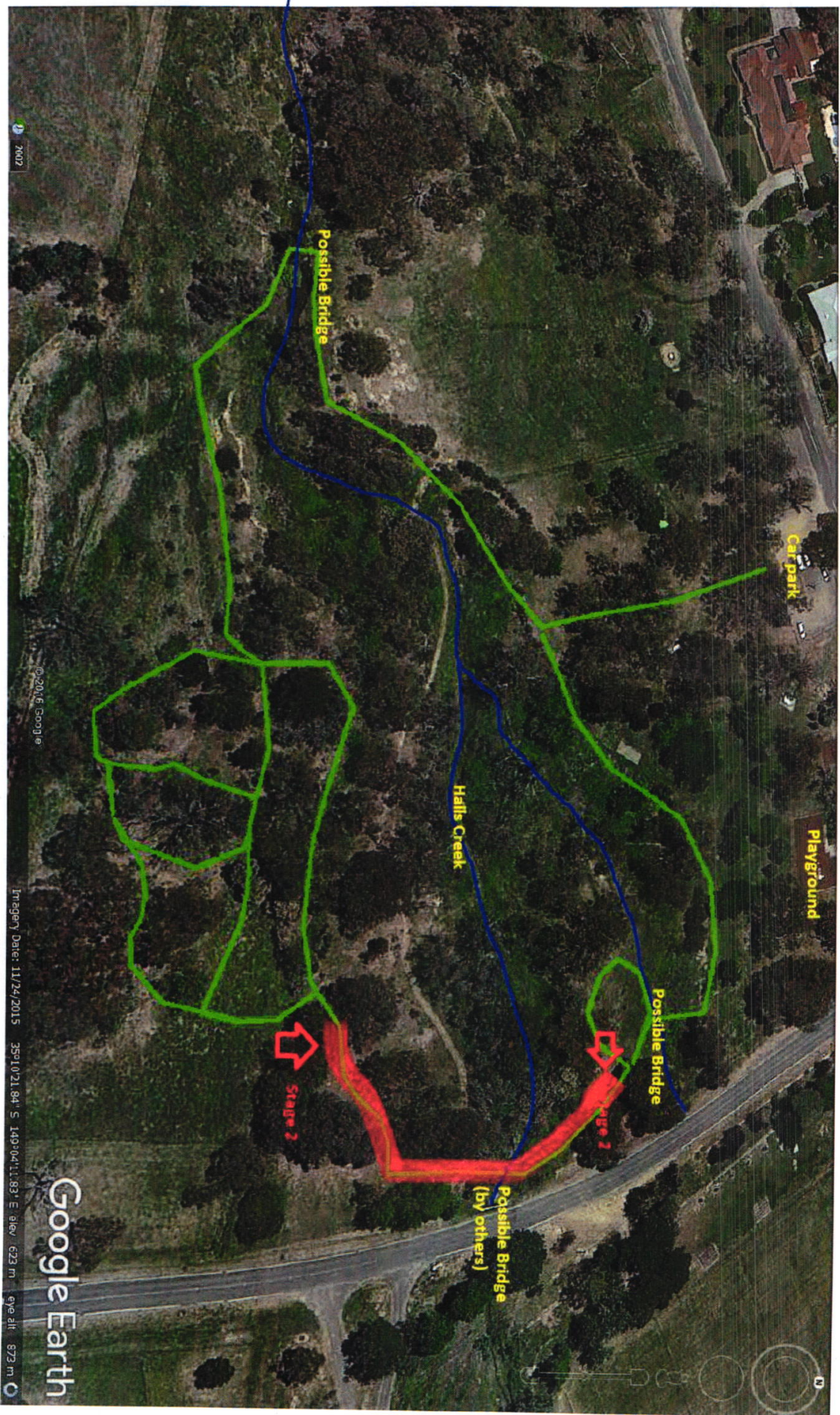
8. Has due attention been paid to the indigenous cultural heritage values of Halls Creek?

Hall's heritage and cultural values were considered when considering the location, design and construction of the proposed recreational trail. As part of the preliminary investigations, a heritage survey has been undertaken and has not initially identified any impacts from a heritage perspective. The proposed construction technique for the recreational trail involves minimal excavation. Should construction proceed, processes will be put in place to manage unanticipated discoveries of artefacts.

Thank you for raising these matters. I trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Meegan Fitzharris MLA
Minister for Transport and City Services

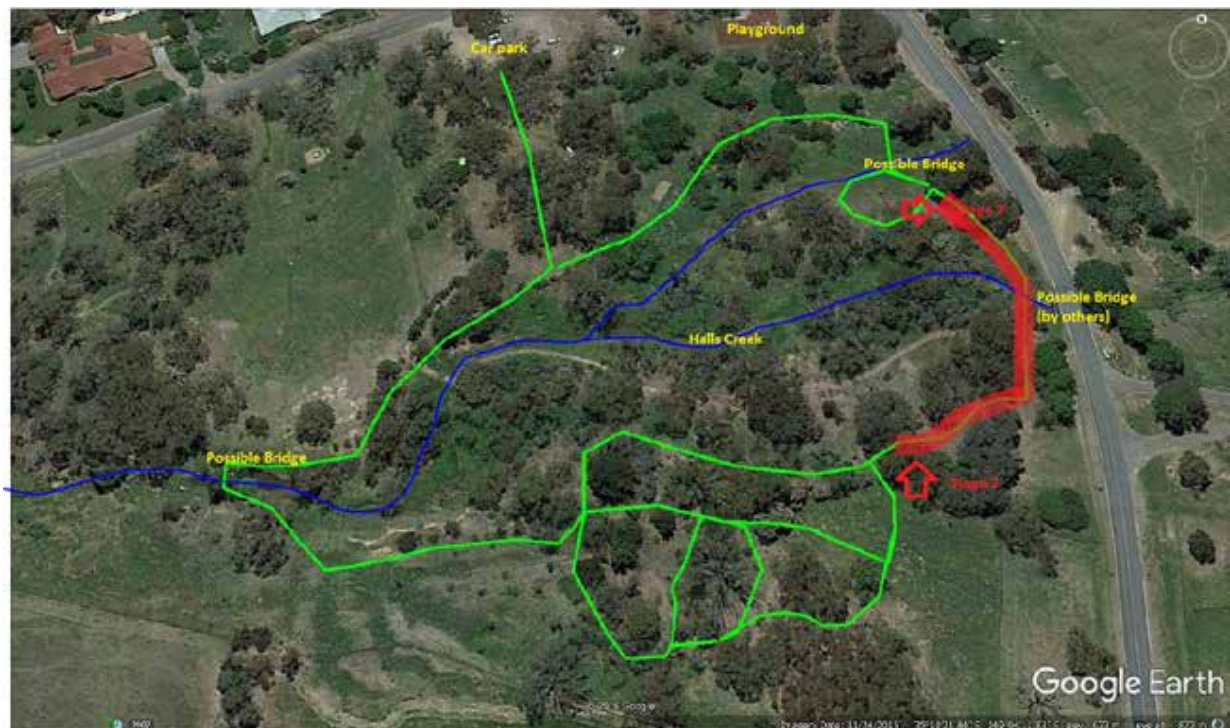




Proposed Track For Hall Village.

Below is an initial indication of what the overall trail alignment might look like. At the moment they are lines on a map and need to be ground truthed.

The length of the trail is around 1km and will be a mountain bike type of trail that can be used as a walking track with rollers berms and other technical trail features (TTFs) that provide the user with varying challenges. There will be a mix of climbing and descending with options to ride some more challenging features. A mountain bike will not be required to ride the track but its design and construction will be based on typical mountain bike track building techniques.



The northern part of the track will be designed with younger users in mind while the more challenging features will be situated on the southern end of the track. The track is aligned in such a way that the visual amenity of the surrounding areas is not impacted.



None of the features will be very difficult or exceedingly challenging. We have designed this trail to suit beginner to intermediate riders of all ages. The track will also have areas that cater to a young resident with a disability.

The area has a gully bisecting it and will require at least 1 bridge (photo 4). There are other areas where a boardwalk (Photo 5) may be required. See photos below.

A brief description of the more common features are outlined below. Some more typical TTF's that will be incorporated.

Rollers

These are like water bars in the trail that aid in shedding water but also provide fun and interest in the trail.

Berms

Berms allow a rider to carry more speed through a corner.

Elevated bridges

These are features that can vary in height and width according to the technical difficulty of the trail. The longer higher and narrower the more technically difficult it will be to ride. They can be entirely man made or utilise natural features such as logs.

Tabletops

Tabletops are essentially large rollers with a flat top. They are designed to be jumped or can be rolled over. They can be ridden by the beginner and the more advanced riders and easily walked over.

Below are some recent photos of a track that we designed and constructed at a school. All of the above elements have been incorporated within these photos. This is a small area and houses many elements. In a larger area the elements will be more spread out.

Photo 3 is a skill track we designed and constructed at Stromlo Forest Park that shows some manmade elements and natural elements working together.

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Hall recreational trail FAQ

Who initiated the project and what is the purpose?

A group of several Hall residents approached the ACT Government with a proposal to create a child and family friendly recreation trail in the Hall precinct. The Transport and City Services (TCCS) Directorate manages the public land in Hall and has been assisting these proponents. It is expected that the recreation trail will be used primarily by the local Hall community with children being the main users.

What is the community consultation process and why is TCCS involved?

The primary consultation tool will be an online survey, supported by the provision of background information such as this FAQ document and context for the proposal. This background information will be made available on the TCCS and Hall Progress Association websites and through other appropriate means that are accessible to the community. It is appropriate that TCCS assists in facilitating this consultation process as the land custodian and asset owner.

Where is the trail proposed to be located?

Refer to the map on page 4 of these FAQs. Stage 1 of the proposed trail is on the northern side of Hall Creek, crosses at the western end and continues on the southern side. There is a separate proposal to construct a multi-use bridge next to the Victoria Street bridge for pedestrians and cyclists. Should this bridge proceed, Stage 2 of the proposed recreation trail would incorporate the bridge to enable the trail to extend to the southern section of Hall Creek. A project plan will be prepared following community consultation, if community views support the project proceeding.

Have alternative possible locations in the Hall precinct been considered?

Yes, TCCS and the proponents have considered two other locations within the precinct and several alternate trail routes within the current proposed area. The selected location and route considered various criteria including impact on adjacent residents, other recreational activities/user groups, public safety, the environment and heritage and cultural values of the area as well as the need to provide a facility that was attractive and suitable for the intended type of use and characteristics of the user group.

What is the budget for the project and where is the money coming from?

The proponent has advised that contributions of up to \$24,000 have been identified for the construction of the proposed trail as outlined below:



Hall recreational trail FAQ

- \$10,000 was raised by the community from the Hall Ball;
- \$12,000 has been contributed by Hall Rotary; and
- \$2,000 is available from TCCS with a further \$3,000 contingency available if required.

Should funding be insufficient the Government will look at alternate funding opportunities with the proponents and the contractor.

Is the trail to be a government asset? Will it be promoted to the wider Canberra community?

The ACT Government will take ownership once all construction is completed. Being a local community-driven and funded project, there is no intention to promote the recreation trail to the wider Canberra community.

What are the expected parking and traffic implications and are these taken fully into account in the project plan?

This proposal is not expected to impact on parking as it is anticipated most users will be local residents. However, should additional parking be required, options can be pursued for the use of existing public car parks (for example car parks adjoining the sportsground).

Are the environmental works along Hall Creek part of the trail project?

No. The drainage and environmental restoration works are separate projects to enhance the local area but will complement the proposed trail. TCCS is working with local residents, the Ginninderra Catchment Group and to clear blocked storm water drains, undertake works to improve water quality, control weeds and restore native plant species in the creek.

How has safety been considered, including risks from resident snakes and kangaroos?

Safety of other park users was a primary consideration in the design process. The proponents designed the recreation trail to be a safe distance (at least 50m) from the playground, while still allowing plenty of space for multiple users in the park at the same time. The proposed location of the trail will enhance play and recreation opportunities for children using the playground and barbecues.

Snakes and kangaroos are part of everyday life in the Bush Capital, especially in rural locations such as Hall. It is the responsibility of parkland users, including parents to be aware of wildlife and to take appropriate action to avoid conflict and ensure the safety of children and wildlife. The safety risks from snakes and kangaroos in the context of the proposed trail are no different from many other open spaces locations around Canberra.



Hall recreational trail FAQ

If a cyclist, runner or walker is injured using the trail or surrounds is the ACT responsible for insurance?

The Territory is self-insured and claims would be dealt with through the ACT Insurance Authority (ACTIA) process, in the same manner as such incidents in public places across the Territory.

Will the trail be lit at night?

No. Lighting is not required nor suitable and there are no plans or funding available to include lighting.

Will the trail impact on cultural heritage values of Halls Creek or Hall Village?

Hall's heritage and cultural values were considered when determining the location, design and construction of the proposed recreation trail. As part of the preliminary investigations, a heritage survey has been undertaken and has not initially identified any impacts from a heritage perspective. The proposed construction technique for the recreation trail involves minimal excavation. Should construction proceed, processes will be put in place to manage unanticipated discoveries of artefacts.

Is an Environmental Impact Statement needed for this project?

No, the scope of the project does not trigger an Environmental Impact Statement.

How will environmental impacts such a tree loss and erosion be managed?

The design of the trail will utilise internationally accepted standards to minimise erosion and maintenance requirements. No trees will be removed as part of this project and the trail route will avoid regrowth areas and the root zone of larger trees. The construction method will not disturb tree roots and will be undertaken with care using appropriate protection measures to minimise any impacts on the environment. The programmed stormwater works and ongoing environmental restoration works in the Hall Creek area will improve water quality and reduce erosion and will be complementary to the proposed recreation trail.

Would the ACT Government be responsible for the upkeep of the track, not only mowing of the surrounds but repair of potholes, water erosion and track deterioration?

The Government would work with the local residents who expressed interest, to maintain the trail. The ultimate responsibility would lie with the ACT Government.



Hall recreational trail FAQ

Who will be responsible for providing security for the site?

It is not anticipated that any additional security will be required. A security contractor currently visits the park nightly.

Is there a concept or other plan that illustrates and details the trail location?

The attached map for the proposed trail is subject to further community input. Minor modifications may be required at the time of construction to allow for the variances in the local environment.

What sort of trail will be constructed and will it be visible from Victoria Street?

The trail typically sits on top of the ground with some minor berm and roller features that may be up to 50cm high. The trail will be up to 1.2m wide and constructed of a mixed natural materials, mostly crushed granite. A small section will be visible from Victoria Street.

When will the trail be constructed?

The results of community consultation will determine if the trail can proceed. If it does, construction timeframes will be determined with reference to further planning requirements and the availability of the construction contractor.



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Hall recreational trail FAQ

Location map

Blue line-watercourse

Green line- trail location, stage 1

Red line-future trail location, Stage 2 (if bridge proceeds)



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R7R9WH9>

Hall children's recreation trail community survey

The ACT Government has been providing support to the Hall community who are working to deliver a new children's recreation trail.

The proposed location of the children's recreation trail is outlined in the map below including the section of the path that would be delivered in the first stage of works.

[Insert map image here]

We would like to give local residents the opportunity to provide feedback on this proposed location and the delivery of the new recreation trail. To provide feedback please complete this short survey.

Please read the frequently asked questions on this project prior to completing this survey.

* 1. In what suburb do you live?

* 2. On average, how often do you visit the children's recreation facilities at the corner of Gladstone and Victoria Streets?

- Once a week or more
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Rarely
- Never

3. What travel method do you use to get to these facilities?

- Walk
- Cycle
- Drive
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Other (please specify)

* 4. Do you generally support the idea of a new children's recreation trail in the suburb of Hall?

Yes

No

If not, please provide the reasons why:

* 5. How satisfied are you with the proposed location of the recreation trail?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

Please outline why you have selected this option:

6. Do you have any suggestions for an alternative location?

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R7R9WH9>

7. Other than the location of the trail, are there aspects of its design and layout that you propose changes to?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify:

8. Any other feedback on the proposed children's recreation trail:

Done

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* Due to MACS: 20 Feb 17
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 February 2017 4:29 PM
To: FITZHARRIS; TCCS_Ministerial
Subject: RE: Request for a meeting- Hall Village & District Bike Track. [DLM=Sensitive]

This is more one for Economic Development, however will get TCCS to assess if they can respond.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: FITZHARRIS
Sent: Tuesday, 7 February 2017 11:43 AM
To: Hodshon, Gerard
Subject: FW: Request for a meeting- Hall Village & District Bike Track.

Hi [REDACTED]

Is this us?

Cheers,

Charlotte

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 February 2017 6:38 AM
To: FITZHARRIS
Subject: Request for a meeting- Hall Village & District Bike Track.

Dear Ms Fitzharris,

I am writing to request your assistance in securing a plot of land on which to build a bike track in Hall Village.

In 2016, a small committee of people secured a quotation to build a bike track from [REDACTED] of Makin Trax, a local fellow who has built for the ACT Government The Centenary Trail & The Stromolo Bike Park.

The bike track is a facility designed for bike riders of all ages from toddlers to adults, it is also designed to accommodate one member of our community [REDACTED] who has a special 4 wheel bike, [REDACTED]. We would dearly love for our children and the community to be active and healthy- a bike track seemed a perfect fit for friendship and community building and keeping our kiddies active.

We celebrated the Hall Ball in October 2016, our annual fundraising community event and we raised just over \$10, 000 on that evening. We have partnered with Hall Rotary and they have committed \$12500, to the project. The Hall Progress associations has committed the final \$2000. We have secured the total amount of funds required to build our \$24, 000 track. We are asking for no money- just for a plot on which to build it.

We have since November last year attempting to secure a plot on which to build the track, together with the Hall Progress Association we have had site meetings and much correspondence with various members of the Government staff re this issue. We just cannot seem to make any progress in being able to sucre a plot.

I would together with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of Makin Trax would appreciate if we could meet with you to see how we can move our project forward in a timely fashion.

With thanks,

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

I can be contacted on [REDACTED].

Sent from my iPad



Meegan Fitzharris MLA

Member for Yerrabi

Minister for Health
Minister for Transport and City Services
Minister for Higher Education, Training and Research

E-MAILED
16-3-17

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 7 February 2017 about assistance in securing land to build a bike track in Hall Village. Congratulations on your efforts in taking this initiative and raising such a significant amount of money for what promises to be a valuable community facility.

I understand that a site has been identified in the parkland area adjacent to Hall Creek and that an officer from the Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) Directorate is confirming the location with ACT Heritage. The TCCS officer will be in contact with you shortly to arrange an on-site meeting to confirm the boundary of the site and to discuss a way forward regarding your proposal.

The contact officer for further information is Mr Brian Bathgate, Operations Manager, North who can be contacted on 6205 5350 or via email brian.bathgate@act.gov.au.

Thank you for raising this matter with me. I trust the information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Meegan Fitzharris MLA
Minister for Transport and City Services

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