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ADDENDUM ITEM FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2017

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and pursuant to Clause 2.3 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that an **Ordinary Council Meeting** will be held in the Community Hall, Torrington, on **Wednesday, 22 February 2017** commencing at **9.30 am**.

Damien Connor
General Manager

AGENDA

10. URGENT, LATE & SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS OF BUSINESS

(ITEM GOV10/17) UPGRADE TO MT LINDESAY ROAD - FORWARD FUNDING	2
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Department:	Engineering Services
Submitted by:	Director Engineering Services
Reference:	ITEM GOV10/17
Subject:	UPGRADE TO MT LINDESAY ROAD - FORWARD FUNDING

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK	
Goal:	Direction 6.1 - Council has a long term vision based on principles of sustainability.
Strategy:	6.1c - Implement accounting and financial management policies and practices that provide for the ongoing sustainable operations of Council's facilities and services.
Action:	Implement financial processes and systems to control and manage operating budgets.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve for the transfer of funds from the "Special Projects Reserve" to allow the forward planning and detailed design of the Mt Lindesay Road upgrade to commence this financial year. Upon receipt of the grant funding for the upgrade to Mt Lindesay Road, the first instalment of which is due in 2017/18, the "Special Projects Reserve" will be reimbursed with the requisite funding.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- (1) Transfer an amount of \$300,000 from the Special Projects Reserve to facilitate the required forward planning and detailed design of the upgrade to Mt Lindesay Road upgrade; and**
- (2) Upon receipt of the first installment of grant funds in 2017/18, that the Special Projects Reserve be reimbursed all funds used to progress the forward planning and design work for the upgrade to Mt Lindesay Road.**

BACKGROUND

By letter dated 28 September 2016, Council was advised that a total of \$24 million has been allocated towards the upgrade to Mt Lindesay Road (Legume to Woodenbong section). The \$24 million comprises \$12 million each from both the State and Federal Governments. The funding is to be expended over three (3) years (\$8 million per year) and comes into effect 1 July 2017.

In Council's acceptance of the grant funding for Mt Lindesay Road, a request was made for \$500k to be allocated in the 2016/17 financial year to fund the requisite forward planning and detailed design work. In allocating the advance funding, this would ensure the project is "shovel ready" for construction by Contract in early 2017/18.

At this time, Council has not been advised as to whether the \$500k funding request has been approved. Nevertheless, if Council does not commence the requisite forward planning and design now (which includes significant road realignment, survey, land acquisition, geotechnical and environmental investigations), the project will not be ready for construction early in the new financial year.

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REPORT:

In February 2017, a Request for Quotation (RFQ) was called for the detailed design and documentation of two (2) sections of Mt Lindesay Road scheduled for upgrade in 2017/18, being:

- Realignment and construction of 6.2 km of Mt Lindesay Road, commencing at Legume. This work also includes the realignment and construction of the intersection of Mt Lindesay Road, Killarney Road, and Tooloom Street; and
- Realignment and construction of 2.4 km of Mt Lindesay Road at Dalman North.

At this time, the RFQ's are still being assessed by Engineering Services. However, it is likely that approximately \$300k (maximum) will be required to fund the requisite design work for both projects, with the various components being:

- Preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors;
- Geotechnical Investigations and reporting, including pavement design;
- Preparation of detail designs;
- Preparation of Tender Documentation and Specifications;
- Preparation of a Survey Plan to facilitate all necessary land acquisitions for road widening.

Council is requested to approve of the transfer of funds from the Special Projects Reserve to facilitate the forward planning and detailed design of Mt Lindesay Road. In doing so, this will ensure that the identified sections of the Mt Lindesay Road upgrade are "shovel ready" by the start of the 2017/18 financial year.

The Special Projects Reserve will be reimbursed all monies used to fund the advance forward planning and design works upon receipt of the grant monies.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:**1. Community Engagement / Communication (per engagement strategy)**

Nil

2. Policy and Regulation

Nil.

3. Financial (Annual Budget & LTFP)

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It is likely that approximately \$300k (maximum) will be required in 2016/17 to fund the requisite design work for both projects.

The upgrade to Mt Lindesay Road, between Legume and Woodenbong, is a key strategic objective of the Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan.

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4. Asset Management (AMS)

The proposed upgrade to Mt Lindesay Road will improve the pavement and seal condition, carriageway width, alignment, trafficability and use by heavy transport.

5. Workforce (WMS)

This project will be delivered using external resources to design and construct the road upgrade.

6. Legal and Risk Management

It is imperative that the forward planning and detailed design work commence now. Failure to commence the works now will result in the project not being shovel ready (ready for tender) by the first half of 2017/18.

7. Performance Measures

Nil

8. Project Management

The requisite project planning and design work is being undertaken by Council ahead of time to allow for the upgrade of two sections of the Mt Lindesay Road upgrade to be shovel ready by 2017/18.

Stephen Bell
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Attachments: There are no attachments for this report.