10.2 Acceptance of funding for the bridge over the Goulburn River on the Ulan Rd

REPORT BY THE MANAGER WORKS
TO 15 APRIL 2020 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400087, R9214003

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Manager Works on the Acceptance of funding for the bridge over the Goulburn River on the Ulan Rd;

2. if successful, accept grant funding of $900,000 from NSW Government under the Fixing Country Roads program;

3. if successful, authorise the Mayor or General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreement with NSW Government;

4. amend the 2020/21 Budget to include a budget of $600,000 for the Goulburn River Bridge replacement, funded by $450,000 grant income, $59,380 from the Regional Road Bridge Capital budget and $90,620 from the Asset Replacement Reserve; and

5. amend the 2021/22 Budget to include a budget of $600,000 for the Goulburn River Bridge replacement, funded by $450,000 grant income, $60,863 from the Regional Road Bridge Capital budget and $89,137 from the Rural Sealed Regional Road Capital budget.

Executive summary

In October 2019, Council applied for funding to replace the bridge over the Goulburn River on the Ulan Road from the NSW Government’s Fixing Country Roads program. The purpose of this report is to amend Council’s Budget, and authorise the General Manager to accept the funding and sign the funding agreement and other relevant documentation should Council be successful in receiving grant funding.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The bridge over the Goulburn River on the Ulan Road is critical to the transport route from the Hunter Valley to the Mid-Western Region. The bridge was constructed in 1930. Council engaged a structural engineer to assess the load rating. The resulting report identifies deficiencies in the structure. The bridge is currently speed restricted as recommended in the report, and no over-mass vehicles or larger heavy combination vehicles are permitted to use the bridge.
Council has applied to the NSW Government through the Fixing Country Roads Program for the design and construction of a new bridge on Ulan Rd over the Goulburn River to current design standards including width and loading, construction of a bypass road, demolition the existing bridge and construction of the new bridge and associated approaches.

The application required Council to fund 25% of the $1.2 million total project cost, that being $300,000, with $900,000 being from the NSW Government. It is recommended that if successful Council accept the funding.

Community Plan implications

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Strategic implications

**Council Strategies**
Roads Asset Management Plan

**Council Policies**
Nil

**Legislation**
Roads Act 1993

Financial implications

Council are required to fund 25% of the $1.2 million total project cost, that being $300,000, with $900,000 being from the NSW Government. The majority of Council’s portion of the funding is proposed to come from existing budgets. An additional amount of $90,620 is required to be funded from the Asset Replacement Reserve as detailed in the recommendation of this report.

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Associated Risks

The structural capacity of the existing bridge over the Goulburn River on the Ulan Rd is a risk to Council.
ANDREW KEARINS  
MANAGER WORKS

3 April 2020

Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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