

Item 10: Operations

10.1 Grant Funding - Fixing Country Bridges - Goodiman Creek Bridge Spring Ridge Road

REPORT BY THE MANAGER WORKS
TO 19 MAY 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400088, A0210007

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Manager Works on the Grant Funding - Fixing Country Bridges - Goodiman Creek Bridge Spring Ridge Road;
2. confirm acceptance of \$1,200,000 in grant funding from the Fixing Country Bridges program for the replacement of the Goodiman Creek Bridge on Spring Ridge Road;
3. amend the 2020/21 Budget as follows:
 - 3.1 allocate a budget of \$50,000 for preliminary works on Goodiman Creek Bridge, funded from grant funding; and
4. amend the 2021/22 Budget and Delivery Program:
 - 4.1 allocate a budget of \$1,150,000 for the replacement of the Goodiman Creek Bridge on Spring Ridge Rd funded from grant funding.

Executive summary

In September 2020 Council applied for grant funding through the Fixing Country Bridges program to replace the Goodiman Creek Bridge on Spring Ridge Road that is currently a timber/steel composite bridge. Council has been successful in obtaining the funding. The purpose of this report is to confirm acceptance of the funding and authorise the relevant budget allocations.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The Fixing Country Bridges Program currently focuses on replacement of timber bridges across NSW. Mid-Western Regional Council currently has two bridges with Timber components. The Goodiman Creek timber bridge No. 18 on Spring Ridge Rd was built in 1954, in the rural area North of Gulgong NSW. The timber deck was replaced with a steel deck in 1984. The current situation of timber piles and abutments is not in an appropriate situation for service, the bridge was assessed in poor condition overall. The timber abutment sheeting and wing walls have deteriorated because of weathering and insect infestation, particularly in the East abutment, with section loss of up to 35% and splitting is observed on the piles. Hence Council applied for funding to replace the bridge and has been successful.

It is recommended that Council confirm acceptance of the funding and authorise the inclusion of budget allocations in 20/21 and 21/22 for the works.

Community Plan implications

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| Theme | Connecting Our Region |
| Goal | High quality road network that is safe and efficient |
| Strategy | Provide traffic management solutions that promote safer local roads and minimise traffic congestion |

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Roads Asset Management Plan

Council Policies

Not applicable

Legislation

Roads Act 1993

Financial implications

The project is funded fully from the Fixing Country Bridges Program. A budget allocation has been recommended for both 20/21 and 21/22.

| Budget Year | Operating Performance Ratio | Own Source Revenue | Building & Infrastructure Renewal |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2020/21 | - | X | ✓ |
| Future Years | - | X | ✓ |

Associated Risks

Council staff will manage the construction risks associated with the projects.

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MANAGER WORKS

GARRY HEMSWORTH
DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

10 May 2021

Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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