

10.2 Sealing Grimshaw Lane

REPORT BY THE WORKS TECHNICAL OFFICER
TO 18 MAY 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Works Technical Officer on the Sealing Grimshaw Lane;**
2. **approve the sealing of 370m of Grimshaw Lane with a contribution from the applicants for the cost of the seal and a condition that payment is received prior to any works commencing; and**
3. **amend the 2021/22 Operational Plan to include the sealing of Grimshaw Lane for \$19,160, funded from \$17,600 contribution from the applicant, and an additional \$1,560 from existing maintenance budgets.**

Executive summary

At the Council meeting of 16th September 2020, Council resolved to upgrade and maintain the 1.8km Grimshaw Lane that was formally unmaintained. The road was put on the maintained road list and upgraded to a maintained road condition.

A resident of Grimshaw Lane has now requested that the 370m of road bordering their property be sealed under the provisions within the Bitumen Sealing of Gravel Roads Policy. This report outlines the financial impacts and benefits of the upgrade works.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Council's Bitumen Sealing of Gravel Roads Policy makes provision for residents to apply to Council for consideration to seal sections of gravel road. The cost of the sealing is borne by the applicant while Council prepares the base ready for seal.

Following the upgrade of Grimshaw Lane, a resident has requested that the road be sealed under the provisions within the Bitumen Sealing of Gravel Roads Policy.

It is recognised that the sealing of the road would provide significant benefits to the residents as they are willing to invest in the seal. The recent upgrade to a maintained road has resulted in this length only requiring a day of maintenance to prepare it for sealing, and therefore it is recommended that Council approve the works. The applicant will seal to the intersection of Zimmier Lane, leaving 1.43km for Council to maintain.

Community Plan implications

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| Theme | Connecting Our Region |
| Goal | High quality road network that is safe and efficient |
| Strategy | Provide a roads network that balances asset conditions with available resources and community needs |

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Council's strategy is to continue to prioritise seal extensions throughout the region. This report recommends approval for sealing because the residents are prepared to significantly financially contribute to the upgrade of the road.

Council Policies

The Bitumen Sealing of Gravel Roads Policy makes provision for applicants to apply to Council for consideration of sealed unsealed roads with certain conditions including payment of contributions by the applicant.

Legislation

Not applicable

Financial implications

The cost to undertake the capital upgrade is \$19,160. This involves a cost of \$1,560 to Council for the preparation of base for seal, and a cost to the applicant of \$17,600 for the initial two coat bitumen seal. It is recommended that the \$1,560 be funded from maintenance grading budget to cover the full cost of preparation of the base for seal.

Future cost to Council is generally greater for a sealed road than an unsealed road. Should Grimshaw Lane be sealed, the future costs will involve a reseal after 13 years and rehabilitation after 39 years, estimated at \$44,000 based on today's rates. Should Grimshaw Lane remain as an unsealed road, the future costs will involve grading every 24 months and re-sheeting after 13 years, estimated at \$35,000 based on today's rates.

The capital costs will increase overall, however as grading will no longer be necessary, the operating costs will decrease and improve the operating ratios in future years.

| Budget Year | Operating Performance Ratio | Own Source Revenue | Building & Infrastructure Renewal |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2021/22 | - | X | X |
| Future Years | ✓ | - | X |

Associated Risks

As discussed in the financial implications, this report sets a positive precedent in terms of residents making a contribution towards sealing of roads for their benefit, reducing the risk of future resident claims to seal roads without a contribution.

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Attachments: 1. Grimshaw Lane Seal Extension Map.

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