7.1.12PROJECT C09386 – MINI ROUNDABOUT TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS SAFETY PROGRAM – PROJECT BUDGET VARIATION EXCEEDING CEO DELEGATION

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- 1. Approves an increase of \$1,550,000 to the 2024/25 Capital Works Budget and \$450,000 to the 2025/26 Capital Works Budget with the inclusion of Project C09386 Mini Roundabout Traffic Movements Safety Program which has no current management budget.
- 2. Notes that this is a fully externally funded project through the Victorian Government, Safe Local Roads and Streets Program (SLRSP).

(*Please note that all dollar figures are GST Exclusive unless stated otherwise)

INTRODUCTION

In 2004, Monash Council began a program of installing mini-roundabouts to improve safety at crossroad intersections.

Mini roundabouts are smaller roundabouts that can be quickly installed at locations, without the need for costly road works.

Crossroad intersections have a higher incidence of near misses and crashes when motorists fail to obey Stop or Give Way signs. Mini roundabouts help improve driver awareness and better highlight the crossroad. Vehicle speeds are slower at mini roundabouts.

This highly successful accident prevention initiative has gained support and funding through the Victorian Government.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Enhanced Places

Explore and facilitate major projects to transform Monash.

BACKGROUND

On 21 April 2023, the Victorian Government announced the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program (SLRSP) which commenced on 1 July 2023. The SLRSP will provide up to \$2 million to Local Government Authority's (LGA) in Victoria to develop and deliver transformational road safety infrastructure on the local road network. The SLRSP will be managed jointly by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP).

DISCUSSION

Council has been working closely with TAC and DTP to promote the prevention of transport accidents and to improve safety for all road users. TAC and DTP have given in principle agreement to Council's proposal to deliver five packages of mini-roundabout treatments and other road hump treatments with a total funding of \$2,000,000.

The first mini-roundabout package agreement was executed in June 2024, with funding of \$433,000 to design and construct five new mini-roundabouts at local street crossroad intersections.

The following sites are in the mini-roundabout Package 1, with design works finalised.

Design of the Package 1 has been finished and they are:

- Newton Street @ Dundee Avenue, Chadstone
- Drummond Street @ Rae Street, Chadstone
- Ellery Street @ Aikman Crescent, Chadstone
- Eildon Road @ Boston Street, Ashwood
- Ian Grove @ Briggs Street, Mount Waverley

The Transport Engineering Team has conducted public consultation in July 2024, and the construction works are planned to commence in Quarter 3, 2024/25.

The proposed schedules for the rest packages are as below:

Package 2:

- Pamela Street @ Bernard Street, Mount Waverley
- Doynton Parade @ Wingate Avenue, Mount Waverley
- Doynton Parade @ Morrison Court, Mount Waverley
- Talbot Road @ Alison Street, Mount Waverley
- Shafton Street @ Garnett Street, Huntingdale
- Scotsburn Avenue @ Kaybrook Court, Oakleigh South Road humps*2 at the existing miniroundabout Scotsburn Avenue legs
- Proposed schedule

Design: July 2024

Funding application: August 2024

o Public consultation: August 2024

o Procurement: September 2024

Construction: January 2025

Package 3:

- Schoolhall Street @ Abbeygate Street, Oakleigh
- Schoolhall Street @ Hatter Street, Oakleigh
- Macrina Street @ Nonna Street, Oakleigh East
- Macrina Street @ Albany Road, Oakleigh East
- Connell Road @ Heath Avenue, Oakleigh
- Proposed schedule
 - o Design: August 2024
 - o Funding application: August 2024
 - o Public consultation: August 2024
 - o Procurement: September 2024
 - o Construction: January 2025

Package 4:

- Oak Hill Road @ Wortley Avenue, Mount Waverley
- Montana Avenue @ Wilma Avenue, Mulgrave
- Pullyn Street @ Belmont Avenue, Clayton
- Oakern Street @ Leonie Avenue, Mount Waverley
- Oakern Street @ Bales Street, Mount Waverley
- Proposed schedule
 - o Design: August 2024
 - Funding application: September 2024
 - o Public consultation: October 2024
 - o Procurement: February 2025
 - o Construction: July 2025

Package 5:

- Burlington Street @ George Street, Oakleigh
- Burlington Street @ Henry Street, Oakleigh
- Kendall Street @ Joy Street, Mount Waverley
- Kendall Street @ Pamay Road, Mount Waverley
- Illuka Crescent @ Lemana Crescent, Mount Waverley
- Oakern Street @ Bales Street, Mount Waverley
- Proposed schedule

o Design: December 2024

Funding application: January 2025

Public consultation: February 2025

o Procurement: February 2025

o Construction: July 2025

The delivery of the mini-roundabouts program is expected to be completed in Quarter 4, 2025/26. The final number of mini-roundabouts that will be delivered is subject to actual tender prices and available budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Currently, there is no allowance for this project within the adopted 2024/25 capital works budget. This is a fully externally funded project with \$2,000,000 provided through the Victorian Government's Safe Local Roads and Streets (SLRSP).

It is proposed that project C09386 – Mini Roundabout Traffic Movements Safety Program be approved as a multi-year project and will be delivered across 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years with an approximate spend of \$1,550,000 in the first financial year and \$450,000 in the second financial year. The income will also be receipted each year.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications to this report.

CONSULTATION

The Transport Engineering Team has conducted public consultation in July 2024, and the construction works are planned to commence in Quarter 3, 2024/25.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no social implications to this report.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no human rights implications to this report.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA was not completed because this policy/program/service does not have a 'direct' and 'significant' impact on the community.

CONCLUSION

That Council approves the recommendations contained within this report.

ATTACHMENT LIST

Nil