

7.1.7 COLEMAN PARADE, GLEN WAVERLEY - ROAD REHABILITATION AND SHARED PATH

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Approves the inclusion of Coleman Parade reconstruction as a multi-year project commencing in 2024/25 with a project budget of up to \$6M with an expected expenditure of up to \$30,000 in 2024/25 and up to \$5,970,000 in 2025/26.
2. Notes the receipt of an in-principle offer of a funding contribution from Suburban Rail Loop Authority of half the cost of the reconstruction (up to \$3M) of Coleman Parade between Blackburn Road and Myrtle Street.
3. Resolves to write to the CEO of the SRLA seeking a formal agreement of the funding contribution from Suburban Rail Loop Authority towards the reconstruction of Coleman Parade between Blackburn Road and Myrtle Street, as well as confirmation that they will undertake reactive maintenance and repairs during construction of their project and at minimum resurface to make good any damage and restore the road to “as new” condition at the end of the project.
4. Notes that construction is scheduled to commence in July 2025 and be completed by June 2026, taking advantage of an anticipated quieter period of Suburban Rail Loop East activities, following the expected completion of the realignment of Myrtle Street and utility relocation works (August 2025) and ahead of the scheduled commencement of main station construction works in Glen Waverley (from Q2 2026). Note: SRL East timing is indicative only and subject to change.

INTRODUCTION

Coleman Parade is currently assessed as being in a poor condition and requires reconstruction. It is also identified as the primary haulage route for construction traffic exiting the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) East construction site at Glen Waverley. According to the SRL East Environment Effects Statement (EES) it is anticipated that an average of 80 heavy vehicles per day will access the site during the Main Works. On occasions there would be a maximum of 230 heavy vehicles accessing the site per day.

The Victorian Government through the Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) has made an in-principle offer to contribute towards the cost of the reconstruction of Coleman Parade between Blackburn Road and Myrtle Street. This is primarily due to the timing of the significant level of SRL East construction traffic required to use Coleman Parade as a primary haulage route and the risk of ongoing maintenance activities causing disruption to this route due to the current condition of

the road. This funding opportunity comes at an opportune time to undertake the necessary work while minimising disruption for both the SRL East project and the Glen Waverley community.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Sustainable City

Prioritise sustainable transport options, including walking/ cycling paths and public transport.

Enhanced Places

Improve public spaces and local employment by revitalising our employment hubs, activity centres and neighbourhood shops.

Prioritisation of pedestrians and active transport over vehicles.

Good Governance

Ensure a financially, socially and environmentally sustainable organisation.

BACKGROUND

Coleman Parade has been assessed as requiring significant works based on its overall condition assessment with the road pavement being in poor condition and already showing signs of failure. This will continue to deteriorate over time. It is ranked as one of the highest priority roads for reconstruction in the City of Monash based on condition. This, together with its status as a Category 1 (collector) road providing access to the Glen Waverley Activity Centre, makes this one of Council's highest priority roads for reconstruction.

The Victorian Government through the SRLA has offered to co-contribute financially up to \$3M to deliver the Coleman Parade Road reconstruction project in 2025/26 to assist with the maintenance and integrity of the road for haulage activities relating to the new SRL East station at Glen Waverley.

The road reconstruction project will also include the upgrade and completion of a shared path along the Waverley Rail Trail, on the north side of Coleman Parade between Syndal and Glen Waverley railway stations.

Inclusion of the shared pathway upgrade provides Council with an opportunity to deliver this together with the road reconstruction and minimise resident and activity centre disruption, implement at a competitive price, avoid duplication of preliminary costs such as site establishment, site mobilisation, traffic management planning and approvals which will provide cost savings compared to the separate delivery of each project.

The works are expected to start in July 2025, subject to funding and approvals, and take up to 12 months to complete.

DISCUSSION

Coleman Parade reconstruction has been nominated for funding as a non-discretionary renewal project in the 2025/26 Financial Year with a project budget of \$6M, inclusive of a \$3M contribution from SRLA.

It is important to note that with significant work activities expected in Glen Waverley by SRLA over the next six to ten years, the timing for reconstruction of Coleman Parade in 2025/26 takes advantage of a period when their activities will be reduced to reconstruct the road in a coordinated manner.

The timing of the reconstruction aligns with the completion of the SRL East early works south of Glen Waverley Station, comprising utility relocation works and the Myrtle Street realignment, and before significant construction activities for the future Glen Waverley SRL station will rely on Coleman Parade as a haulage route away from the Activity Centre. Reconstruction of the road before significant construction works will also ensure that Coleman Parade will be designed to cater for the increased levels of heavy traffic using this road by the SRL East project.

In order to meet this opportunity for construction delivery during an anticipated quieter period of SRL East construction activities in the vicinity (August 2025 to Q2 2026) it is necessary to commence the tender process at the start of March 2025 and award a contract by the May Council Meeting. This will allow pre-commencement activities including site mobilisation, traffic management and other approvals, community and resident advice and permits to be completed, thereby enabling construction to commence in July 2025. As noted previously, the expected construction timeframe for the road reconstruction is 12 months.

Following Coleman Parade's reconstruction, it is expected that SRL East would undertake reactive maintenance and repairs of the road during construction to ensure the condition is maintained to a high standard. When SRL East construction is complete at Glen Waverley, it is expected that SRLA would undertake at minimum, pavement resurfacing to make good any areas of the road pavement damaged through their construction activities (beyond normal expected wear and tear) to restore the road to "as new" condition. We have sought confirmation that this would be the case, and we would seek for this to form part of any formal agreement. This is in line with the process for all local roads that SRL East uses for construction traffic where a dilapidation survey is undertaken by the project that documents its preconstruction condition to enable identification of reinstatement requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost estimate for this project is up to \$6M inclusive of a \$3M funding contribution from SRLA. As detailed above, the project is identified as the highest priority road reconstruction project based on asset condition and is budgeted for within the long-term capital works financial plan.

The bulk of expenditure will be in the 2025/26 financial year with minimal expenditure in 2024/25 for the procurement and awarding stage. The expected expenditure in 2024/25 is \$30,000.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications to this report.

CONSULTATION

It is proposed to consult with affected residents, and inform the broader community, on the project in early March 2025.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Upgrading the Waverley Rail Trail as part of this road reconstruction project will provide improved access for people of all ages and abilities to walk and cycle with positive health, social and recreational benefits.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Providing improved walking and cycling infrastructure supports equitable and inclusive transport options for all people. Cycling can also be accessed by people who cannot afford the cost of accessing a private vehicle and by people who are unable to drive a private vehicle.

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

It is considered that progressing the reconstruction of Coleman Parade between Myrtle Street and Blackburn Road due to its poor condition will ensure that it will be able to cater for the increased levels of heavy traffic using this road by the SRL East project. Delivery of the Coleman Parade reconstruction during an anticipated quieter period in SRL East construction activities in the vicinity (August 2025 to Q2 2026) will also result in a coordinated approach to construction in Glen Waverley and reduce disruption to the community.

ATTACHMENT LIST

Nil