



MINUTES OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 9 June 2022

Commencing at 9:00 am

in the Roxy Conference Room

Present

Members: Cr John Coulton (Mayor), Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM, Cr Jim Moore, Cr Geoff Smith, Cr David Coulton, Cr Tiffany Galvin, Cr Chris Matthews and Mr Alex Eddy (Engineering Services Manager)

Staff: Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager), Helen Thomas (Manager Finance) and Thais Simpson

Public: Nil

Visitors: Nil

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1 OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME - MAYOR

2 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Max Eastcott and Lyndon Mulligan.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Minutes of the Public Infrastructure Committee held 10 March 2022 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Dixon OAM)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan, Cr Smith and Alex Eddy

Against: Nil

4 PRESENTATION

5 CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, GIFTS RECEIVED AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

6 ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS

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8 MAYORAL MINUTE

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10.1 May Technical Services Report

File Reference: NA

Delivery Program

Goal: 5. Organisational management

Outcome: 5.1 Corporate management

Strategy: 2.1.1 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Author: Engineering Services Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

NIL

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report is for reception.

TABLED ITEMS

Nil

BACKGROUND

The Monthly Technical Services report has been identified by Council as the process of reporting the activities carried out monthly by the Technical Services Department.

COMMENT

Henry Dangar Bridge – North Star Road

Staff have completed earthworks and stabilisation of the approaches to the Henry Dangar Bridge on North Star Road. Bridge abutments were excavated and backfilled with gabion baskets and no-fines concrete to prevent future failure. The project is funded by TfNSW's Repair Program and includes the reconstruction of approximately 300m of each approach and improvement in the vertical alignment of the road.

Long Street – Gragin Road Intersection

Council contractors AMB Earthworks have completed concrete works on the upgrade of this intersection funded by Phase 2 of the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program. Council staff have completed earthworks on one half of the project, with pavement works and sealing to be completed by 30 June 2022. The project addresses the poor geometry of the intersection by realigning Gragin Road and will replace a large area of failed pavement.

Heavy Patching

Construction staff have completed a heavy patching program on Killarney Gap Road, repairing isolated failures and causeway approaches at Rocky Creek, Hellhole Gully and Back Creek.



MR133 Killarney Gap Road – Glencoe Causeway

Gravel Resheeting

Gravel resheeting crews have carted and laid 1.5km of material out of a gravel pit from 'Getta Getta' and a further 1.5km from a pit at 'Westfield' on Getta Getta Road. These works represent a trial of materials to be used for the Fixing Local Roads upgrade of Getta Getta Road, which will ultimately see the entire road resheeted, with a binder incorporated.

Further resheeting works have started on SR116 The Forest Road as part of the LRCI Phase 2 funding, where Aztech Civil are undertaking a complete gravel resheet, in conjunction with flood damage works.

MAINTENANCE

General maintenance continues on Regional and State roads, including vegetation control, whipper snipping of guide posts and guard rails.

Seal maintenance is ongoing on all State, Regional and Local roads. Crews have completed finalisation works on the HPV Route with signage and drainage, and, sedimentation and erosion control.

Drainage repairs have further been completed on SR13 Oregon Road and MR63 Allan Cunningham Road.

Emergent works have been completed along SR16 Trevallyn Road, SR45 Bereen Road and SR48 Mt Rodd Road.

Maintenance Grading

Maintenance grading has been carried out on SR69 Tucka Tucka Road, SR41 County Boundary Road, SR43 Buckie Road, SR18 Gineroi Road, SR207 Yammacoona Estate Road, SR12 Upper Whitlow Road and SR19 Whitlow Road.

Slashing

During April, slashing has been undertaken on RR7705 North Star Road, SR7 Croppa Creek Road, SR4 Baroma Downs Road, SR5 Croppa Moree Road, HW12 Gwydir Highway, SR283 Airstrip Road, MR63 Fossickers Way, SR11 Horton Road and MR134 Delungra Road.

FLOOD DAMAGE

Work has recommenced on resheeting SR42 Mungle Road, SR16 Trevallyn Road & SR116 The Forest Road, after delays due to wet weather. It is anticipated that another Council Crew will be commencing work on SR68 Goat Road, pending clear weather. Council Staff continue to carry out maintenance on these roads where possible, pulling in gravel from the shoulders and reforming the road. Inclement weather continues to be a significant hold up in delivering flood damage restoration works, by limiting site access and inundating gravel pits. The Bureau of Meteorology's long-range forecast suggests a wet winter for the LGA which will only create further delays.



SR42 Mungle Road Before and After

Aztech Civil Construction have commenced flood damage works on 6km of SR116 The Forest Road. A further 2km section of Buckie Road has been resheeted by Aztech Civil.

DP Earthmoving have replaced a failed apron on SR14 Mosquito Creek Road at Racecourse Creek and repaired a collapsed pipe culvert on SR6 Getta Getta Road.



SR14 Mosquito Creek Road, Racecourse Creek

Along SR16 Trevallyn Road, over 5m³ of concrete has been pumped into the void under the concrete box culvert structure at Noogera Creek, and the temporary load limit on the structure has been removed.



SR16 Trevallyn Road, Noogera Creek

Flood damage work has been completed on the following roads:

- SR67 Agincourt Road
- SR45 Bereen Road
- SR62 Hibernia Road
- SR54 Pinecliff Road
- SR97 Sadowa Road
- SR99 Terregee Road
- SR14 Mosquito Creek Road at Racecourse Creek
- SR21 Terry Hie Road

Crews continue to work on the following roads:

- SR16 Trevallyn Road
- SR42 Mungle Road
- SR234 Bonanza Road
- SR116 The Forest Road
- SR23 Wearnes Road

ENGINEERING ASSETS

TfNSW Natural Disaster Claims

Staff have been working closely with Resilience NSW to process payments for flood damage works. The approval for Council's claim from the November 2021 flooding event remains outstanding. As a result of changes to assessment protocols withing

Resilience NSW, the size of the claim is expected to be lower than figures originally suggested.

Local Emergency Management Committee

There have been no LEMC meetings in May.

Grants projects

The Bingara Tennis Court Upgrade is complete except for some minor modifications to the fence and is expected to be finished in early June.

The Koorilgur Walk walking track is nearly complete, however RFS contractors are currently onsite upgrading many of the fire trails that are part of the track network which is delaying installation of signs and other minor works.

County Boundary Road Reconstruction Project

Staff have commenced negotiations with the three contractors who submitted tenders, which Council rejected. The negotiations to date have been fruitful, with significant savings identified on several items. A revised design is being undertaken, following which contractors will be asked to resubmit a price based on a revised scope and quantities.

Landfills

Landfills continue to operate as normal. New prefabricated site offices for Warialda and Bingara have been installed with final plumbing delayed due to availability of contractors and work is expected to be completed by late May 2022.

Work has commenced on the development of 10year management plans and updated remediation plans with contract surveyors to carry out surveys at each site at each Landfill in May and June 2022.

Competency based training is currently underway for two new permanent Bingara Landfill staff so they can operate Landfill related plant such as the loader, excavator, and compactor in all of the Landfills.

GIS

This month, RFS Sheds in Gwydir shire have been mapped and given rural or urban addresses. Refinement of cemetery data held by Council is continuing with plots being mapped and cemetery data in Authority being audited and cleaned.

New Rural addresses have been captured and inputted to Councils databases. An update of Property House locations is in progress, to map houses in the shire as part of the Rural Address mapping.

ROADS MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACT – WORK ORDERS ISSUED BY TfNSW

All Work Orders issued by RMS and quality assurance schedule of rates projects carried out by Council staff under the Roads Maintenance Council Contract with Transport for New South Wales.

Designs still awaiting approval from TfNSW include 'Wendouree' Rehabilitation, segment 5150, 'Hollymount' Rehabilitation, segment 6120 and 'Upper Bingara North' Rehabilitation, segment 4420, all on MR63 Fossickers Way. This year's heavy

patching program has been completed on MR63 Fossickers Way and HW12 Gwydir Highway scheduled to be completed in June. Further heavy patching works for Reseal Preparation will now be scheduled for next financial year. The TfNSW construction crew that started the 'Hadleigh' Rehabilitation drainage works this month have now finished up, with a view of starting pavement construction by the end of the financial year.

Routine maintenance continues each week undertaking inspections, rest area services, vegetation control and bitumen repairs.

CONCLUSION

The activities carried out by the Technical Services Department are in line with the 2022/23 Management Plan and otherwise directed.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is carried out within the Technical Services Department during the monthly Technical Services team meetings and other relevant persons.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Technical Services Report for May 2022 be received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

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(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr D Coulton)

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For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan, Cr Smith and Alex Eddy

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11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

12 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10.10am.