

8 CONTRACT 18/37 - BLACKSPOT TREATMENT MAIN DRAIN SOUTH ROAD, BUNYIP

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RECOMMENDATION

That:

- the tender submitted by Safety Barrier Solutions to undertake the works associated with Contract 18/37 - Blackspot Treatment at Main Drain South Road, Bunyip be accepted for the contract sum of \$513,898.70 (Excl. GST);
- The remaining Tenderers be advised accordingly; and
- The common seal of the Council be affixed to the contract documents.

Attachments

1 Confidential Memorandum - Circulated to Councillors only 3 Pages

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Main Drain South Road, Bunyip was identified as a high priority for safety improvements having been the site of several serious crashes as well as a fatality. The road has a default 100km/hr limit and the north side of the road abuts Bunyip River and has no guardrail. Council was successful in obtaining funding for this project under the Federal Blackspot program.

This report provides consideration for the appointment of a contractor to undertake works to install approximately 3.6 kilometres of guardrail mostly on the Bunyip River side, with some on the residential side where appropriate. The proposed works involve guardrail installation, earthworks, vegetation removal and associated works.

The tender submitted by Safety Barrier Solutions, a Pakenham based company, is considered the most advantageous for Council, providing the best value for money and they have delivered excellent service and outcomes on previous guardrail projects within Cardinia.

BACKGROUND

Main Drain South Road, Bunyip has been the site of several serious vehicle accidents in recent years including one fatality and several near fatalities. To provide a safer environment, a proposal was developed to install guardrail on the Bunyip River side from Evans Road to Little Road, a distance of 3.6 kms. Some guardrail will also be installed in short sections on the residential side, opposite the Bunyip River. All crashes have been the result of loss of control on sections of the

road, with drivers either colliding with property fences on the south side, or into the Bunyip River on the opposite side.

Tenders were advertised on 24 August 2019 and closed on 17 September 2019.

Ten (10) tenders were evaluated against the stipulated weighted criteria of Compliance with Contract and Specifications, Capability and Relevant Experience, Capacity, Past Performance, Project Plan and Quality Systems. Non weighted criteria such as OH& S, Financial Viability, Risk and Insurance were also considered.

To provide best value for money, it is recommended that contract 18/37 be awarded to Safety Barrier Solutions for the sum of \$513,898.70 (Excl. GST).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The works have been developed in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plans.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

These projects are consistent with efforts to "maintain all Council roads in a safe and functional condition in accordance with the Road Management Act 2004" and "upgrade local roads to improve safety" as established in the Council Plan, 2016-2020.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Consultation has been undertaken with Melbourne Water who manage Bunyip River. Affected property owners and commuters are to be notified of the works prior to commencement.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this project has been made available through a successful grant under the Federal Blackspot Program. The recommended tender by Safety Barrier Solutions is within the funding available to deliver this particular contract.

CONCLUSION

The tender submitted by Safety Barrier Solutions for the Blackspot Treatment at Main Drain Road South, Bunyip is considered to be the most beneficial to Council and it is recommended that Contract 18/37 for \$513,898.70 (Excl. GST), be accepted.