

## **10 CONTRACT 20/06 - BLACK SPOT PROGRAM SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO PATERNOSTER ROAD, EMERALD**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Accept the tender submitted by Roadside Services & Solutions to undertake the works associated with Contract 20-06 - Blackspot Treatment at Paternoster Rd, Emerald for the contract sum of \$379,597 (Excl. GST).
2. Advise the remaining Tenderers accordingly.
3. Affix the Common Seal of the Council to the contract documents.

### **Attachments**

- 1 Confidential Memorandum - Circulated to Councillors only 3 Pages

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Paternoster Rd, Emerald was identified as a high priority for road safety improvements and there have been several serious car accidents along this section of road. Council was successful in obtaining funding for this project under the Federal Blackspot program. This project targets on reducing the number of crashes and mitigating the level of crash severity.

The works are to supply and install approx. 1km of VicRoads approved guardrail system in various sections along Paternoster Road, Emerald between Bailey Road & Beaconsfield-Emerald Road. Proposed safety barriers will be installed on Council's road reserve, in several sections along the residential frontage to improve road safety in relatively steep and tightly curved road.

Project manager with advice from Council traffic engineers has carried out on-site assessment in consultation with council arborist and Environment team to minimise or avoid extent of tree removal identified by the initial design.

The tender submitted by Roadside Services & Solutions, a Bayswater (Victoria) based company, is considered the most advantageous for Council, providing the best value for money and they have extensive experience for maintenance and new installation projects for safety barrier systems throughout Victoria. Based on company capacity, resources availability and referee check, they are considered capable in the delivery of this relatively small scale guardrail and road safety improvement project.

### **BACKGROUND**

Paternoster Road is major council road which links Emerald and Mount Burnett and is a sealed road. The section of road where this project is located is Bailey Road & Beaconsfield-Emerald Road. There is a long history of loss of control type crashes and head on type crashes in this location.

Further to the east the road flattens, but still curves along the hilltop, which is lined with large trees within the clear zone limiting sightlines around bends, where a number of other crashes have occurred. The road carries an average of 5000+ vehicles per day.

There have been total 5 casualty crashes in the five year period for when the grant application was assessed along this section of road. This crash history meets the program requirements for funding under the Federal Blackspot Program. To address what appears to be the main factors in causing these crashes, the majority of the proposed works are to do with the installation of guardrail along Paternoster Road.

Tenders were advertised on 25 January 2020 and closed on 18 February 2020. An Addendum was issued to contractors with further details and provisional items to submit the tender with alternative methods to avoid tree removal.

The submitted tenders were evaluated against non-weighted criteria and weighted criteria of Compliance with Conditions of Contract and Specifications, Capability and Relevant Experience, Capacity, Past Performance, Project Plan, Quality Systems, OH& S, Financial Viability, Risk and Insurance were also considered.

To provide best value for money, it is recommended that contract 20-06 be awarded to Roadside Services & Solutions for the sum of \$379,579 (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**

A communication plan has been developed to promote this project and its construction timelines, to ensure the local residents and drivers are aware of the works. Affected property owners will also be notified of the works prior to commencement.

## **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The project is fully funded by VicRoads Blackspot Program. The recommended tender by Roadside Services & Solutions is able to be completed within the funding available for this contract.

## **CONCLUSION**

The tender submitted by Roadside Services & Solutions for the Blackspot Treatment at Paternoster Rd, Emerald is considered to be the most beneficial to Council and it is recommended that Contract 20-06 for \$379,597 (Excl. GST), be accepted.