

## 6.2.4 Extension of the Construction of Urban and Rural Roads Panel

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### Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. That Council approve the extension of CT20-10 Construction or Urban and Rural Roads for three (3) years, expiring 14 April 2026.
2. Extend current delegated authority to the CEO to accept tenders for contracts associated with relevant capital works delivered under this panel.

### Attachments

Nil

### Executive Summary

The establishment of the Construction of Urban and Rural Roads Panel has enabled the procurement process for construction to be streamlined and thus enabling continuity of works and the ability of contractors to take advantage of quick response to tie down supply prices.

This process is proving to be very effective in the Capital Works area.

### Background

Expressions of Interest were sought for the establishment of a panel of Construction Contractors for the federally funded 'Sealing of Unsealed Roads in the Dandenong Ranges and Surrounds', Council's Strategic Roads Program, Intersection Construction and Councils Capital Works programs to:

- streamline procurement across the Community Infrastructure Delivery team,
- ensure Cardinia has access to competitively priced construction contracts throughout the life of the Better Local Roads and other capital works programs, and
- ensure compliance with councils Procurement Policy relating to the public tender of works for procurement of services.

The contract focused on the establishment of a panel of contractors for construction of works as part of these programs.

That report of 14 April 2020 provided consideration for the establishment of a panel of Contractors to undertake road construction works required under these three programs and Councils capital works program for a period of three (3) years with extension options of three (3) years and four (4) years.

The contractors in this panel are invited to tender for selected works based upon ability, experience and availability to satisfactorily complete projects on behalf of the community.

Previous work under this contract has included the following delivered projects:

1. Construction of Main Drain Rd
2. Construction of Boundary Drain Rd
3. Construction of McGregor/Soldiers/Hobsons Rds
4. Construction of LL & Armytage Rds
5. Construction of Beaconsfield Emerald Rd widening
6. Construction of Princes & Chrichton Ave
7. Construction of Station St/Anzac Ave/Heros Ave
9. Construction of Beenak East Rd
10. Construction of Armstrong Rd
11. Upgrade of Princes Hwy/Glismann Road intersection
12. Upgrade of Princes Hwy/O'Neil Road intersection

Current projects under this contract:

1. Construction of Andrews Crt and Christians Ave
2. Construction of Gembrook Rd Service Rd/Redwood Rd/ Blackwood Lane
3. Construction of Caroline Ave/Boronia Cres
4. Construction of Naughton Ave/Carawa Ave
5. Upgrade of Timbertop Blvd/Pink Hill Blvd intersection

### **Policy Implications**

The establishment of the Contractors panel has ensured compliance with councils' procurement policy.

### **Relevance to Council Plan**

#### **5.1 We practise responsible leadership**

5.1.1 Build trust through meaningful community engagement and transparent decision-making.

The establishment of the contractors panel is greatly assisting Council's capacity to deliver new infrastructure projects in relation to the construction programs in accordance with Councils policies and guidelines.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

The Contractors Panel has established a mechanism to enable Council Officers to engage with Contractors to deliver cost effective projects with consideration to the use of recycled materials.

### **Consultation/Communication**

Internal assessments are undertaken to identify the ability, experience and availability of contractors required to satisfactorily complete projects on behalf of the community.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

The selection of contractors to submit tenders for any particular project is based on capacity, capability and availability of the contractor, as well as price, and subject to relevant program budgets.

It is recommended that Council extend the current delegated authority to the CEO to authorise contracts and works associated under this panel.

**Conclusion**

It is recommended that CT20/10 - Construction of Urban and Rural Roads Panel be extended for a period of three (3) years with a final optional extension of four (4) years and all relevant delegations be extended for this period.