

CONWAY STREET, KILMORE - INCLUSION OF ROAD UPGRADE WORKS IN 2019 / 2020 CAPITAL PROGRAM (CONT.)

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Attachments: *1. Footpath Concept*

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's endorsement for the inclusion of additional funds in the 2019 / 2020 Capital Works program to fund road upgrade works for Conway Street in Kilmore to complement the construction of new footpaths in Conway Street that recently received State Government funding.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the inclusion of road upgrade works in Conway Street in the 2019/2020 Capital Works Budget.

BACKGROUND

In response to ongoing community concern for the safe movement of pedestrians (specifically school aged children) in the Kilmore-Lancefield Road and Conway Street precinct, the State Government recently granted funds to VicRoads for the delivery of new footpath infrastructure throughout this precinct.

The proposed footpath infrastructure to be delivered as part of this initiative is shown indicatively on the plan shown in Attachment 1.

The total value of this footpath improvement project is approximately \$1.0M and is proposed to be funded on a 2:1 basis. Council's funding contribution (\$330,000) towards this project is proposed to be made using previous budget allocations made towards footpath and pedestrian safety improvements in this precinct, along with savings forecast from the 2019 / 2020 Footpath Missing Link program.

Council's available funding towards this footpath project is shown in the table below.

Source	Budget Description	Budget No.	Available Budget
Mitchell Shire Council	Kilmore-Lancefield Road Missing Link Footpath	18030	\$134,000
Mitchell Shire Council	Conway Street pedestrian safety improvements	19018	\$80,000
Mitchell Shire Council	Forecast savings from 2019/2020 Missing Link Footpath Program	Various	\$118,000

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Total	\$330,000
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ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

While the recent State Government commitment towards pedestrian safety in this precinct is a welcome addition to Councils ongoing efforts to improve footpath infrastructure throughout Kilmore, it does present Council somewhat of a challenge with regard to any future upgrade plans for Conway Street.

In a typical road construction sequence, footpaths are constructed as part of the final stages of road development. This ensures there is a seamless integration between the road carriageway infrastructure and the footpaths.

The construction of footpaths ahead of a future upgrade of Conway Street to meet its ultimate design width will challenge the overall build quality of the infrastructure outcome due to both road construction activities and the need to install underground drainage as part of the road construction outcome. This is not to say that it cannot be achieved, it just makes it a bit harder.

Being of the view that Conway Street ranks among the top priorities for road infrastructure upgrades, it is the officer's recommendation that upgrade works to Conway Street between Kilmore-Lancefield Road and the Kilmore CFA be brought forward to compliment these new footpath works.

This will provide the Kilmore community with vastly improved road environments and reduce the total amount of disruption otherwise caused through two separate infrastructure projects in this location.

Detailed design works for this section of Conway Street are currently being prepared. Should Council support this proposal, these works will be tendered early in 2020 with the view that construction will be completed prior to the end of the 2019 / 2020 financial year.

CONSULTATION

No community consultation has been undertaken associated with the contents of this report. Should Council support the inclusion of these road upgrade works in the 2019 / 2020 Capital Works budget, the project will be identified in the Q2 Budget Report ensuring full visibility of Councils decision to promote these works into the 2019 / 2020 Budget.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The total value of road upgrade works required for Conway Street is estimated to be \$750,000 exclusive of the value of footpath construction works.

Should Council support the inclusion of these road upgrade works in the 2019 / 20 Capital Works budget, it is proposed that \$750,000 be made available in the 2019 / 2020 financial year. Consequently, the available funds in 2020 / 2021 Capital Works Program will be reduced.

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POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Kilmore Structure Plan identifies Conway Street as a key collector road for the Kilmore Township. Conway Street, together with the future John Street link road will form a key strategic route and alternative to Sydney Street for local traffic movement.

The future upgrade of Conway Street to a collector road standard is supported by the Kilmore Structure Plan.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk Ranking is determined using [ROHS201-G1- Corporate Risk Matrix](#). Risk is identified as Low, Medium, High or Very High.

Risk	Risk Ranking	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
Construction of footpaths in Conway Street in isolation will compromise the quality of future road upgrade construction activities.	Low	Support the promotion of the Conway Street upgrade to the 2019/2020 Capital Works program to compliment footpath works.	Requires additional funding to be brought forward from 2020 / 2021 budget.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL)

No sustainability implications are identified with the contents of this report.

CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

The rights protected in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* were considered in preparing this report and it's determined that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

No implications are identified with the contents of this report.

OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

CONCLUSION

The recent award of State Government funding to VicRoads for the construction of new footpaths on Conway Street presents an opportunity for Council to consider complete road upgrade works in Conway Street between Kilmore-Lancefield Road and the Kilmore CFA to achieve the ultimate configuration of Conway Street.

It is the officer's recommendation that road upgrade works for Conway Street be promoted to the 2019 / 2020 Capital Works program to achieve a holistic road infrastructure outcome and reduced community disruption.

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Council Meeting Attachment

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

16 DECEMBER 2019

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Attachment No: 1

Footpath Concept

