

9.2 INFRASTRUCTURE

9.2.1 Road Management Plan Review

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Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report

The author of this report and officers/contractors providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989

Summary

A revised Road Management Plan and service standards (Version 5: 2014), together with an updated Public Road Register (Version 5: July 2013), have been prepared for Council's consideration. Copies of both documents are tabled for information and identification purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Road Management Plan (Version 5: February 2014) and the Public Road Register (Version 5: July 2013) be adopted.

*23/14 **CRS WILLIAMS/FURLANETTO** : That the Recommendation be adopted.*

CARRIED

Background

Council resolved to undertake a review of the 2012 Road Management Plan at its meeting of 16th April 2013.

Public notice of the review was given stating the purpose of the review and inviting submissions for Council's consideration. Public notices were placed in the local papers and in accordance with Section 302 of the Road Management (General) Regulations 2005, a notice of intention to review the Road Management Plan was placed in the Government Gazette.

An officer working party comprising Director Asset Services, Manager Engineering, Manager Project and Works and Works Superintendent examined the submissions and prepared a review report for Council consideration at its meeting of 26th June 2013. Council adopted the report as amended.

Legislative Requirements

The Road Management (General) Regulations 2005 require a Local Government Act 1989 Section 223 consultation process for the revision of a Road Management Plan, excepting where the standard proposed has no detrimental effect on road users.

The draft documentation, relative to the 2012 Road Management Plan, contains no specific reduction in either frequency of inspections or service levels.

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The revised document features:

Regional Collaboration

The structure of the document has been standardised across Strathbogie, Greater Shepparton and Moira Councils as an early Shared Services project. Each Council has retained the levels of service previously adopted unless changed as a consequence of the 2013 review.

The outcome of Strathbogie's review has been incorporated with one exception as follows:

- The intervention level for corrugations has been reduced from, 100mm to 75mm for Class 1 and Class 2 unsealed roads
- The opportunity for users to undertake improvements at their cost has been extended to all road classes (formerly Class 0 only)
- The road classes of "fire access" and "Class 0" have been amalgamated to one class "Class 0, Fire Access".
- The removal of regrowth on priority 1 & 2 bushfire access routes has been targeted "as resources permit".
- The word "4WD" has been removed from the description of a fire truck
However;
- The recognition of a previous agreement where Council has provided gravel to assist landowners to maintain a gated section of road has not been able to be written into the plan because the road is in fact a private easement of way and not a road.

Additional roads created during the year, transferred to Council or otherwise brought under Council's control as public highway, have been included or upgraded in status as per Council direction.

- Baker Lane	Dwellings
- Beacon Lane	" "
- Coulter Lane	" "
- Davey Road	" "
- Elloura Drive	Subdivision and dwellings
- Lakeside Drive	" "
- Library Lane	Library access
- Weibye Track	Dwellings, and
- Freeway Frontage Roads	Updated to Class 1

The Chief Executive Officer has prepared a Certificate under Section 304 of the Regulations to the effect that the standard -

- Is higher than that previously determined;
- Deals with administrative changes; and
- Deals with roads which have had a change of name or for which Council has become the co-ordinating road authority.

Should Council adopt the draft documentation, it can immediately be made available as a public document. The Regulations also require this report, which summarizes the review, to be displayed.

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It is anticipated that Council will consider updating the Road Register annually in July and conduct a further review of the Road Management Plan within 6 months of the election of the next incoming Council.

Alternative Options

The author and other officers providing advice in relation to this report have considered potential alternative courses of action. No feasible alternatives have been identified.

Risk Management

The author of this report considers that there are no significant Risk Management factors relating to the report and recommendation.

Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan.

Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Best Value, National Competition Policy and Competition and Consumer Act requirements.

Financial / Budgetary Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no capital or recurrent budget considerations. The proposed changes can be accommodated within the draft 2014/2015 Budget.

Economic Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant economic implications for Council or the broader community.

Environmental / Amenity Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant environmental or amenity implications for Council or the broader community.

Community Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant community or social implications for Council or the broader community.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

The author of this report considers that the recommendation does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

Legal / Statutory Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council.

Consultation

Community consultation occurred for the Road Management Plan review as described earlier in this report.