

### **3 CONTRACT 17/29: BLACKSPOT INTERSECTION TREATMENT - THIRTEEN MILE RD / BUNYIP RIVER RD, VERVALE**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

- Pending the successful outcome of the required land acquisition, the tender submitted by A1 Civil Pty Ltd to undertake the works associated with Contract 17/29 - Blackspot Intersection Treatment at the intersection of Thirteen Mile Road and Bunyip River Road in Vervale be accepted for the contract sum of \$556,714.00 (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**

The intersection of Thirteen Mile Road and Bunyip River Road is a high priority for safety improvements having been the site of several serious crashes as well as a recent fatality. The intersection has a default 100km/hr limit on the Thirteen Mile Road and Bunyip River Roads, with Thirteen Mile Road being the default through road. 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 realign the western leg of Bunyip River Road to provide a safer offset intersection. The proposed works involve pavement construction, drainage installation, guardrail installation, public lighting and associated works. The acquisition of a small parcel of land on the north west side of the intersection is required to enable the works to proceed.

The tender submitted by A1 Civil Pty Ltd is the most advantageous for Council, providing the best value for money while providing excellent service.

It is therefore recommended that Contract 17/29 for the Blackspot Intersection Treatment at the intersection of Thirteen Mile Road and Bunyip River Road in Vervale be awarded accordingly, pending the successful acquisition of the required land.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The intersection of Bunyip River Road and Thirteen Mile Road in Vervale has been the site of many serious vehicle accidents in recent years including one fatality and several near fatalities. To provide a solution to the intersection current layout, a proposal was developed to offset one leg of the intersection, forcing drivers to deviate from the straight intersection and lessen the likelihood of vehicles failing to stop at the intersection while travelling through on Bunyip River Road. The

proposal was put forward as part of the Federal Blackspot program and was successful in receiving funding.

Tenders were advertised on 7 October 2017 and closed on 31 October 2017.

Tenders were evaluated against the stipulated criteria of Compliance with Contract Specifications, Pricing and Value for Money, Prequalification's with VicRoads, Capability and Capacity, Relevant Experience and Past Performance, Quality of Previous Works, Resources Available to Complete the Works, Quality System, Project Plan, OHS, Financial Viability, Risk and Insurance.

To provide best value for money, it is recommended that contract 17/29 be awarded to A1 Civil Pty Ltd for the sum of \$556,714.00 (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 with the community, affected property owners and commuters to notify them of disruptions throughout the construction works will form part of the project planning and delivery after the award of this Contract.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Funding for this project has been made available through a successful grant under the Federal Blackspot Program. \$600,400.00 has been allocated to this project through this program.

The total cost of the intersection realignment at Thirteen Mile Road and Bunyip River Road is \$556,714.00 (Excl. GST). The recommended tender by A1 Civil Pty Ltd is within the funding available to deliver this particular contract.

The remaining funds will be utilised to finalise design fees and land acquisition costs.

### **CONCLUSION**

The tender submitted by A1 Civil Pty Ltd for the Blackspot Intersection Treatment at the intersection of Thirteen Mile Road and Bunyip River Road in Vervale is considered to be the most beneficial to Council and it is recommended that Contract 17/29 be awarded to A1 Civil Pty Ltd for \$556,714.00 (Excl. GST), pending the successful acquisition of required land.