

**FAR NORTH COLLECTOR
ROAD – Grant Funding
Approved by the Australian
Government (SA18.142)**

Extract from: Extra Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 June 2018

RESOLVED* (Clr Gash / Clr Wells)

MIN18.486

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3. A further report be provided to Council on whether the timetable can be brought forward.
4. Council ask Ann Sudmalis, Member for Gilmore, to attend a Councillor Briefing to explain the grant funding for the Far North Collector Road project.
5. The General Manager (Assets & Works) consider expediting this project.

CARRIED

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HPERM Ref: D18/135648

Group: Assets & Works Group

Section: Asset Management

Attachments: 1. Proposed Far North Collector Road Network-concept alignment - context - project coverage (Concept Plan submitted with approved Project Proposal Report) Report)

Purpose / Summary

To allow Council to vote and authorise the grant funding approved by the Australian Government for the Far North Collector Road project.

Recommendation

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Options

1. Adopt the recommendation
2. Not accept the recommendation

Implications: Not accepting the grant funding offer will mean Council will have to identify another source of funding for the Far North Collector Road project

Background

On 23 April 2018 Council was advised verbally by RMS that the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport had approved the \$13.8M funding for the Council's Far North Collector Road project, based on the details in the approved project proposal report (submitted by Council), and advice in writing would be forthcoming.

On 28 May 2018 RMS provided Council with a copy of the approval form signed by the Deputy Prime Minister (signed 16 April 2018), however advised Council that the “RMS funding letter is currently undergoing review/approval”.

Given that the Federal Government has approved the allocation of funds in accordance with the approved project proposal report, this report is provided for Council to vote and authorise the approved funds, given the project is proposed to commence (with survey design and initial land acquisitions in 2018-19).

Pending receipt of the RMS letter, any funding conditions provided by RMS can be dealt with as operational matters, similar to all other grant funded projects administered by RMS.

Financial Year Cash flow

Extract from the approved project proposal report;

Milestone	2017/18 Australian Government (\$m)	2018/19 Australian Government (\$m)	2019/20 Australian Government (\$m)	2020/21 Australian Government (\$m)	2021/22 Australian Government (\$m)	2022/23 Australian Government (\$m)
Survey/Design/Project Development	\$0	\$200,000	\$100,000			
Land Acquisition	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$1,500,000			
Tender/ Contract award/Start Up				\$500,000		
Project completion				\$2,700,000	\$6,200,000	
Submission of a satisfactory Post Completion Report						\$100,000
Total	\$0	\$2,700,000	\$1,600,000	\$3,200,000	\$6,200,000	\$100,000

Community Engagement

The Far North Collector Road project was approved as part of the adopted Nowra Bomaderry Structure Plan (NBSP) "preferred road network", and the NBSP was subject to extensive community consultation during its development.

Following the media release by Ann Sudmalis 10 May 2017 (announcing funds for the Far North Collector Road) Council received several enquiries from the public and in response an update on the project was placed on the Council website, with an indicative concept alignment, and remains today.

The indicative concept alignment on Council's website (shown as Attachment 1) is similar to the alignment that was adopted as part of the NBSP by Shoalhaven City Council on the 24th October 2006 and ultimately endorsed by the NSW Government on the 25th Feb 2008.

Initial discussions were also held with several affected property owners, and further community engagement will be undertaken as part of the project development and delivery.

A community engagement strategy is yet to be formulated but will be determined as early as possible by the project team.

Policy Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

The Far North Collector Road project is 100% funded by the Federal Government.

Risk Implications

N/A