

EOI6105 6909 CEMENT CREEK ROAD, EAST WARBURTON - BRIDGE6105

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The author(s) of this report and the Responsible Officer consider that the report complies with the overarching governance principles and supporting principles set out in the Local Government Act 2020.

CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is to be considered at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

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SUMMARY

This report summarises the evaluation process and seeks Council approval for the award of the contract for the upgrade of the Cement Creek Road Bridge in East Warburton.

The Evaluation Panel recommends the tender from JTX Civil Contracting Pty Ltd T/As Jotomex Civil Contracting (Jotomex) be accepted for a lump sum contract amount of \$1,284,549.35 GST exclusive (\$1,413,004.29 GST inclusive).

The works include replacing the bridge deck to increase load capacity and adding pedestrian accessway.

The project will provide improved safety for the community accessing the Cement Creek Redwood Forest (Yarra Ranges National Park).

RECOMMENDATION

That

- 1. Council appoint JTX Civil Contracting Pty Ltd T/As Jotomex Civil Contracting (Jotomex) to EO16105 6909 Cement Creek Road, East Warburton Bridge for a total lump sum price of \$1,284,549.35 exclusive of GST including provisional items (\$1,413,004.29 inclusive of GST).**
- 2. The Director, Environment and Infrastructure be delegated authority to sign the contract documents.**
- 3. The confidential attachments to this report remain confidential indefinitely as they relate to matters specified under section 3(1) (g)(i), (g) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2020.**

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

There are no related Council decisions relevant to this item.

DISCUSSION

The Cement Creek Road Bridge in East Warburton crosses the upper reaches of the Yarra River and provides access to the Cement Creek Redwood Forest (Yarra Ranges National Park).

In recent years the popularity of the Redwood Forest has increased dramatically. The increased traffic including tourist buses has necessitated the need to upgrade the bridge.

The proposed works include replacing the bridge deck to increase load capacity and adding pedestrian accessway.

This project will provide improved safety for the community accessing the Cement Creek Redwood Forest (Yarra Ranges National Park).

On 1 April 2022, Council invited three (3) pre-qualified suppliers from the Road Construction and Associated Works Panel to submit their pricing for the upgrade of the Cement Creek Road Bridge in East Warburton

The tender process remained open for 35 days, closing 6 May 2022 and two (2) submissions were received

The Evaluation Panel assessed the submissions and determined that the submission of JTX Civil Contracting Pty Ltd T/As Jotomex Civil Contracting (Jotomex) be accepted.

The confidential attachment details the tender evaluation process.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The total cost of the lump sum contract for the bridge construction is \$1,284,549.35 GST exclusive (\$1,413,004.29 GST inclusive), including all provisional items.

The project is funded via three (3) sources:

- The federal, Roads to Recovery Program;
- The federal Bridge Renewal Program; and
- The Victoria State Government.

The lump sum contract amount submitted by the tenderer is less than the provided funding and is within budget estimations. The budget also includes upgrading to Cement Creek Road as a separate project.

APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES

This report contributes to the following strategic objective(s) in the Council Plan:

Quality Infrastructure and Liveable Places:

- Upgrading and renewing the bridge is required to meet future needs of the community.

Vibrant Economy, Agriculture and Tourism:

- The bridge provides access to a major tourist destination of the region.

RELEVANT LAW

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to have in place a Procurement Policy for facilitating works and services throughout the municipality. This tender has been facilitated in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Social Impacts

The recommended tenderer has a successful history of recruiting local staff and utilising local sub-contractors.

Environmental Impacts

As part of the design process for the project, environmental issues were studied, with the design selected to minimise impacts on the environment.

As part of the contract the successful tenderer will be required to prepare and adhere to a Construction Environmental Management Plan for the duration of the project.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As part of the design process for the project, consultation was carried out between various stakeholders including Park Victoria and Melbourne Water.

COLLABORATION, INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The design for the upgrading of the Cement Creek Road bridge involved an assessment of the structural capacity of the current road bridge and includes a combination of material types to extend the life and functionality of the current timber deck bridge and incorporates a new pedestrian walkway attached to the original structure.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risks have been considered as part of the project design, contract terms and conditions, and evaluation process.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No officers and/or delegates acting on behalf of the Council through the Instrument of Delegation and involved in the preparation and/or authorisation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest as defined within the *Local Government Act 2020*.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPORT

1. EO16105 6909 Confidential Attachment for Council Report