



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

12th July 2005

**DSS1 2005 / 2010 TRANSPORTATION
INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC PLAN
FILE: * NJT**

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the 2005/2010 Transportation Infrastructure Strategic Plan.



The 2005/2010 Transportation Infrastructure Strategic Plan (TISP) is presented to Council for adoption. The document sets out a direction for works based on approved existing funding trends, and existing programming. A copy of the Plan will be provided to Councillors, accompanying this business paper.

As part of this Strategic Plan, Council will need to consider the included Regional Road Block Grant Program and the Town Improvement Programs.

The following details are listed as highlights:

1. Regional Roads

As previously reported, Council has received advice from the Roads and Traffic Authority, that the Regional Road Block Grant Funding for 2005/2006 has been increased from \$1,087,000 to \$1,116,000.

Under the Ex-3x3 Program a further \$122,000 is provided for works on required roads.

The proposed program of works for the 2004/05 Regional Roads Block Grant Program has been included in the TISP for adoption.

2. Local Roads

A number of programs of works have been listed for adoption as listed below:

Town Improvement Programs

In order to provide for a more efficient utilisation of available funds, Council resolved on 12th April 2005:

That the funding allocated for the Town Improvement Program be distributed as a proportion of net rate income for each town/village but that the funding for the smaller villages of Frederickton, Gladstone, Smithtown, Stuarts Point and Hat Head be pooled to provide funding for a capital project on a five year rotational basis.

Net Rate Revenue has been used to calculate the break up of funding provided. The 5 villages of Frederickton, Gladstone, Smithtown, Stuarts Point and Hat Head have been pooled to provide funding for projects at one village only, on a five year rotational basis.

Projects listed in 2006 / 07 and subsequent years are proposed projects only and will be confirmed annually by Council.

- **Gravel Resheeting Program**

Projects to the amount of the available funding (\$770,000) have been listed for adoption.

3. Ancillary Road Facilities

Capital Projects listed have been reviewed and reflect current concerns. These projects can vary due to changes in demographics and increased traffic loadings at different locations.

No funding has been provided in 2005 / 06 for capital works.

The Traffic Facilities funding for 2005/06 has increased marginally from \$123,000 to \$126,000. From within this funding Council will again set aside an amount of \$30,000 to continue the upgrade of warning signs on arterial roads.

4. Bridges

The limited funding provided will only allow work to be undertaken on Dunbars Bridge (Nulla Nulla Creek Road) and Billybyang Creek Bridge (Hickeys Creek Road) in 2005 / 06.

5. Car Parking

Funds have been reallocated from 2004 / 05 to develop a Bus and Caravan Parking area in Stuart St.

Resealing of Stuart St (West) carpark in Kempsey will be undertaken.

6. Footpaths and Cycleways

PAMP

The priority of PAMP projects has been adjusted to reflect current concerns and are listed for adoption.

7. Cycleways

No funds have been provided in 2005 / 06 for the construction of cycleways.

Council's Works Program is dependent upon the adoption of the 2005 / 2010 TISP.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS

- ***Environmental Implications***

There are no environmental implications from the following recommendation.

- ***Social Implications***

Social implications from this report are improvements to transportation infrastructure for the benefit of the community.

- ***Economic (Financial) Implications***

The economic implication from this report is the expenditure of funds available on projects sought by the community.

- ***Policy or Statutory Implications***

There are no policy or statutory implications.

- ***Director's Review***

The projects listed reflect community input in technical determinations and Council is asked to support the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the 2005 / 2010 Transportation Infrastructure Strategic Plan be adopted.

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