



## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

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**DSS2                    2006 – 2011 TRANSPORTATION  
INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC PLAN  
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### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the 2006 / 2011 Transportation Infrastructure Strategic Plan.



### **DESCRIPTION:**

The 2006 / 2011 Transportation Infrastructure Strategic Plan (TISP) is presented to Council for adoption. The document sets out a direction for works based on existing funding trends, and existing programming. A copy of the Plan has been provided to Councillors under separate cover. A copy of the plan will be placed on Council's website following its adoption by Council.

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.     RTA Road Related Works Program 2006 / 2007**

Council has received advice from the Roads and Traffic Authority of the following funding allocations:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Block Grant	\$1,144,000
Ex 3X3 Council Determined	\$122,000
Kempsey Road Safety Officer	\$51,000
MR75 Armidale Road at Skillion Flat Reconstruction – Black Spot Program	\$500,000
Bus Stop Remedial	\$30,000
PAMP Implementation	\$20,000

Traffic Facilities Block Grant	\$129,000
Repair program	\$35,000
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The grant of \$500,000 under the State Blackspot Program is for the realignment of a section of Armidale Road (13.8 km – 14.4 km) at the eastern end of Skillion Flat.

A grant of \$35,000 has been received under the Regional Road Repair Program for the rehabilitation of a 360 metre section of the South West Rocks Road immediately west of the Belmore River bridge at Gladstone.

The proposed program of works for the 2006 / 07 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 in the TISP as listed below:

### (i) Gravel Resheeting Program

Projects in the amount of the available funding (\$855,000) have been listed for adoption.

### (ii) Town Improvement Programs

The proposed program of works is based on funding allocated in the 2006 / 07 Budget.

Projects listed in 2007 / 08 and subsequent years are proposed projects only and will be confirmed annually by Council.

Projects proposed for 2006 / 07 for Kempsey Town Improvement Program have been reassessed, as it is considered that the proposed projects have a higher priority.

Funds provided in 2006 / 07 for the Crescent Head Town Improvement Program will allow commencement of work in Skyline Crescent, with an additional \$40,000 from the Roads to Recovery Program. This project was prioritised by the Crescent Head Ratepayers Association.

A detailed design and resource estimate for the project will be carried out this year. The design and

construction of work in Skyline Crescent will be a difficult complex.

In regard to the Stuarts Point Town Improvement Program, the Stuarts Point & District Community Organisation has been asked to provide community input into the proposed program of improvement works in Stuarts Point. Once feedback has been received, a further report will be presented to Council, if it is proposed to amend the program.

### **(iii) Roads to Recovery Program**

Under the Roads to Recovery Program (R2R), the Federal Government is providing \$2,851,628 in additional road funding over the life of the Program (2005 / 06 – 2008 / 09). This equates to \$712,907 per annum.

A supplementary grant of \$712,907 has been provided for 2006 / 07.

The funding for Pavement Rehabilitation in 2006 / 2007 has been reduced in the budget estimate by \$250,000. A program of works has been prepared to target projects that address pavement rehabilitation of existing roads, particularly urban streets.

Two Bridge Replacement Projects have also been listed for consideration under the Supplementary Program.

Funding has also been allocated for improvement works in each of the urban areas, in line with the previous philosophy adopted by Council.

### **3. Ancillary Road Facilities**

Preliminary advice has been received from the Roads and Traffic Authority that Traffic Facilities funding of \$126,000 for 2006 / 07 has not increased from 2005 / 06.

### **4. Bridges**

Projects listed reflect Council's Budget for 2006 / 07 and provide for the upgrading of 6 timber bridges.

Funding has also been provided to undertake necessary major repairs to the footbridge over Back Creek at South West Rocks, and the replacement of the footbridge at Stuarts Point and partial funding for the replacement of the footbridge at Hat Head.

Funds have been provided for the construction of a new two lane concrete bridge over Trial Bay Creek on Collombatti Road, and the construction of a new structure at Woolshed Gully on Armidale Road and the construction of a crossing at Briggs Creek on Five Day Creek Road.

## 5. Car Parking

Bitumen resealing of Stuart Street (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. No funding has been provided for the construction of cycleways in 2006 / 07.

## 7. Traffic Facilities

No funds have been provided in 2006 / 2007 for the installation of traffic facilities.

### **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*

*There are no financial implications from the following recommendation.*

#### ▪ *Policy or Statutory Implications*

*There are no policy or statutory implications.*

#### ▪ *Director's Review*

*The adoption of the Transportation Infrastructure Strategic Plan will allow the Budget and Works Program for 2006 / 2007 to be implemented.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1 That the 2006 – 2011 Transportation Infrastructure Strategic Plan be adopted.
- 2 That the General Manager be authorised to sign the "Agreement for Block Grant of Assistance to Council for Regional Roads 2006 / 2007".

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