

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON MONDAY, 27
MARCH 2006, AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT:

Cr J J Knezevich	Chair
Cr G A Best	
Cr R Butterfield	
Cr J A Stewart	
Cr A L Cominelli	
Cr P J Hart	
Cr G T Wallace	(Deputy for Cr Evert)

APOLOGIES: Cr J Everts

OBSERVERS: Cr L Reynolds (from 7.10pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr W A Bruce	Executive Director Technical Services
Mr G Davies	Manager Technical Services
Mr J Gossmann	Manager Engineering and Design
Mr G Elsegood	Manager Civil Works
Mr J Glassford	Manager Property Services
Mr P Lanternier	Manager Parks
Ms V Carpenter	Minute Secretary

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DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Nil.

QUESTION TIME

Mr Les Guthrie, 9 Mountain View, Kelmscott

Q. Will the City of Armadale consider fabric sun shades over sections of play ground equipment constructed in metal.

The Manager Parks replied that this matter had been looked into but there was a very large problem with vandalism. Sun shades were frequently and easily vandalised. Tree planting to provide shade was a safer option but even trees were subject to vandalism.

DEPUTATION

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 27 February 2006, were confirmed.

**MOVED Cr Hart
MOTION CARRIED**

ITEMS REFERRED FROM INFORMATION BULLETIN – ISSUE NO. 6

The following items were included for information in the “Technical Services” section:

- **Outstanding Matters**
Report on Outstanding Matters – Technical Services Committee T-1
- **Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports**
Technical Services Directorate Works Programme T-2
- **Minutes from Occasional Advisory Committees**
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- **General Information**
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Committee noted the information and no further items were raised for discussion.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

27 MARCH 2006

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****APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEES TO THE BUSHCARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WARD All
FILE REF CTE/ 32
DATE 10 March 2006
REF CRG
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER EDTS

In Brief:-

- A nomination for a vacant position on the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee has been received.
- **Recommend**
That Council appoint Mr Michael Moltoni as a member and Mr Leo Den Hollander as deputy member of the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee.

Tabled Items

Nil.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

3. Communication & Marketing “Our aims are to maintain dialogue to understand community needs and expectations”.

Legislation Implications

Local Government Act 1995.

Council Policy / Local Law Implications

Nil.

Budget / Financial Implications

Nil.

Consultation

- ♦ Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee and Armadale Settlers Common Management Committee.

BACKGROUND

In May 2005 following an ordinary election of Council, new members were appointed to the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee following the advertisement of vacancies. On 7 June 2005 ten of the twelve vacancies were filled, and one Council representative appointed.

Two positions on the Committee remained vacant.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

A nomination for a position and a deputy position on the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee has been received.

With reference to membership of the committee, the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee Terms of Reference state:

“4.2 The Committee shall comprise the following membership:

- (a) A Councillor from the City of Armadale;*
- (b) Up to 12 members drawn from:*
 - i) community groups who have protection and rehabilitation of the natural environment included in the member groups objectives;*
 - ii) individuals with a demonstrated commitment or expertise in protection and rehabilitation of the natural environment;*
 - iii) community groups such as volunteer bush fire organisations, resident and ratepayer groups and service clubs where they have an interest in or expertise in environmental matters.”*

The nominee for a position on this Committee is Mr Michael Moltoni, with Mr Leo Den Hollander nominating as deputy. Mr Moltoni and Mr Den Hollander have previously been members on the committee. Both nominees meet the criteria of membership as described in Section 4.2 of the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee’s Terms of Reference, and have an established record of previous service on both the Armadale Settlers Common Management Committee and Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee

CONCLUSION

A nomination for a position and deputy position on the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee has been received, and a position is vacant on the Committee. Both nominees meet the criteria for membership.

It is recommended that Council appoint Mr Michael Moltoni as a member of the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee and Mr Leo Den Hollander as deputy member to Mr Moltoni.

T15/03/06

RECOMMEND

That Council appoint Mr Michael Moltoni as a member and Mr Leo Den Hollander as deputy member of the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee.

****ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED**

MOVED Cr Best

MOTION CARRIED (7/0)

STRATEGIC PLAYGROUND PLAN

WARD All
FILE REF: RES/1
DATE 24 March 006
REF PL
RESPONSIBLE EDTS
MANAGER

In Brief:

- In July 2005 the Technical Services Committee discussed the importance of playgrounds, the consultation process used to identify the location of playground equipment within parks, the range of park types and their varying usages and needs for a range of equipment, the impact on the Fifteen Year Financial Plan and the contribution the various City departments can make in developing a strategic stance on playground priorities and equipment needs.
- Committee emphasised the value of a Strategic Playground Plan, including the impact on the Fifteen Year Financial Plan
- Recommendation T75/07/05 resolved that a strategic playground plan be presented to Council outlining a development programme including its impact on the Fifteen year financial plan.
- **Recommend**
That the progress report on the matter of a Citywide Strategic Playground Plan be received.

Tabled Items

Playground location map
City of Armadale Playgrounds 2006 Plan.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Physical Infrastructure – Implement long term preventative maintenance and refurbishment programs.

Social Infrastructure – Develop a strategic plan for the provision of recreation services and facilities.

Legislation Implications

General assessment of relevant legislation (eg Local Government Act) has not revealed any restrictions.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

General assessment has not revealed any applicable policies/Local Laws.

Budget/Financial Implications

The estimate of works for provision of new playgrounds, rationalisation of existing playgrounds and refurbishment associated with compliance with Australian Standards across the City has very limited funding within the Fifteen Year Financial Plan.

Consultation

Manager Recreation Services
Manager Community Development
Communicare – Community Development Officers
Consultants - Playright Australia Pty Ltd

BACKGROUND

In 1996 a citywide assessment of Council's 67 playgrounds was carried out in-house which realised an annual budget allocation of \$50,000 would be required to upgrade play equipment. (Funding levels to date have not met the programme's needs for management of these assets). An independent audit and safety inspection of all play equipment within the City was carried out in 2001. Findings from the report identified that much of the play equipment in Council's public open space was in excess of fifteen years of age and in need of major repair or removal.

Parks field staff undertake visual and operational inspections of play equipment within the City during their maintenance operations. Basic playground maintenance is carried out by field staff. Major repair issues are undertaken by the manufacturers. A play equipment database is continuously updated to reflect repairs, maintenance, inspections, audits etc to maintain a record of management practices, important for effective prioritisation of work as well as a basic level of defence if liability claims are made against the City.

COMMENT

The City of Armadale is in the process of developing a strategy for provision and maintenance of a playground management system for the City.

The City has engaged an independent expert consultant to audit all of the existing play structures for safety and compliance with current Australian Standards. The consultants, Playright Australia Pty Ltd, have advised they are unable to commence this project until early May 2006 with the report completed by the end of June 2006 depending on report discovery, draft changes etc. The initial timeframe had been November 2005- February 2006. This was extended due to the limited number of companies with the expertise to carry out the work and the high demand Australia-wide for works of a far higher value than the City's project. The audit covers a list of compliance issues and results in a brief description of maintenance or improvement works required and a photographic record. The audit uses a structured system of identified actions required to meet standards which include:

- compliance modifications required
- general repairs required
- equipment deteriorated – budget for replacement

Audit findings will be prioritised and identified in the City's Five Year Parks Programme. The programme is reviewed annually. Replacement of play equipment on a programmed basis provides for safe and modern facilities. Council may look to reduce the number of playgrounds in the City, thus replacing quantity with quality equipment and facilities based on criteria for provision of playgrounds. The City of Armadale consultants brief "Playground Audit/Rationalisation" is shown at *Attachment "A-1" of the Agenda (see Summary of Attachments – Green Page)*.

CONCLUSION

Playright have conducted compliance audits and safety inspections nationally on over 1500 playgrounds. They are nationally recognised and are well informed on industry and standards.

Playright provide playground and safety training workshops which are specifically designed to meet the needs of government and non-government sectors, involved in the design, operation, purchase, inspections and management of play equipment covering all aspects of playground conformance, audit, safety inspections, liability and risk management.

T16/03/06 RECOMMEND

That the progress report on the matter of a Citywide Strategic Playground Plan be received.

*MOVED Cr Butterfield
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)*

***VEGETATION ALONG THE FENCE LINE OF THE RIVER ROAD CARAVAN PARK
AND RUSHTON PARK***

That the matter of vegetation screening along the fence line of the River Road Caravan Park and Rushton Park be referred to the Technical Services Committee by Cr Butterfield.

Cr Butterfield has provided the following further information to the Committee:

“The issue of the visual pollution emanating from the caravan park on River Road, Kelmscott has been raised by locals and Rushton Park users.

There is currently a cyclone wire fence between Rushton Park and the caravan park. This allows Rushton Park users to view the unsightly state of the site and affords the residents of the caravan park no privacy.

A ‘colourbond’ fence would hide the caravans etc but the cost is prohibitive and such a fence may not be in keeping with area.

A screen using appropriate native species of plants would be a cheaper and more visually pleasing option.”

Cr Butterfield suggested that Committee consider that officers investigate opportunities for appropriate native plant species to be grown as a screen between the caravan park and Rushton Park.

T17/03/06

RECOMMEND

That officers investigate opportunities for appropriate native plant species and cost sharing to be grown as a screen between the caravan park and Rushton Park.

*MOVED Cr Butterfield
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)*

AUSLINK STRATEGIC REGIONAL PROGRAMME

WARD All
FILE ENG/32
DATE 22 March 2006
REF CB
RESPONSIBLE EDTS
MANAGER

In Brief:

- The Auslink Strategic Regional Programme funding has been increased by \$100m to a total of \$250m.
- Available funding of \$127m is in 2 categories Large Projects between \$1m and \$10m and Small Projects under \$1m
- In conjunction with the City of Gosnells a submission will be made under the Larger Project category by the City of Armadale for the upgrade of Ranford Road between Warton Road and Tonkin Hwy.
- **Recommend**
That Council note that in conjunction with the City of Gosnells, the City of Armadale, as the nominated lead council, will be submitting a Road to Recovery Regional Programme funding application for the upgrading of a suitable section of Ranford Road between Warton Road and Tonkin Highway and that further information will be provided to the April Technical Services Committee.

Tabled Items

Auslink Strategic Regional Programme

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Legislation Implications

General assessment of relevant legislation (eg Local Government act) has not revealed any restrictions.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

General assessment has not revealed any applicable Policies/Local Laws.

Budget/Financial Implications

30% of commitment of the estimated project

Consultation

City of Gosnells

BACKGROUND

The Hon Jim Lloyd MP, Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads announced on 10 November 2005 the Australian Government's decision to increase funding for AusLink's Strategic Regional Programme by \$100 million, which now brings the total funding of the programme to \$250 million.

A “snapshot” of the programme guidelines is as follows:

- \$250,000 million in total available funding to 2008/09
- \$127,000 million available through a competitive, merit based process
- Targeted to local government and partnership with local government
- Supporting regional collaboration
- Single calls for competitive bids
- Closing date for applications – 1 May 2006
- Partner funding contributions

Eligible Activities include:

- Construction maintenance works on roads and bridges not on the National and Transport Networks;
- Construction and maintenance for roads in unincorporated areas;
- Construction works on rail projects and inter-modal facilities and not on the National and Transport Networks;
- Application of technology towards the improvement of land transport networks.

Funding

Strategic Regional Programme funds will be allocated under competitive, merit based process. The Australian Government will not allocate set amounts of funds to States and Territories. The funds form a national pool.

Available funding of \$127 million will support two funding categories for large and small projects.

Large Projects – Funding of some \$107 million intended for larger projects of over \$1 million and up to \$10 million.

Small Projects Funding of some \$20 million for smaller projects up to \$1 million.

Partnership funding contributions for larger projects are mandatory. The mandatory contribution requirement is set at 30% of the estimated project cost where the project is for a road that is the responsibility of the local government.

While smaller projects on local government infrastructure will not require a contribution from other parties, priority will generally be given to projects where proponents identify partner contributions.

Where there is a joint submission a nominated lead council must be identified and must be the proponent of the project.

Proposed works must be able to be completed by the first quarter of 2009 with final reports (other than audited statements) to be lodged with the Department of Transport and Regional Services by 20 June 2009.

A number of other administrative requirements are provided in the programme guidelines.

Recommended Project

Following discussions between the City of Armadale and the City of Gosnells senior management, the project agreed as one most likely to attract funding is the upgrading of Ranford Road between Warton Road and Tonkin Highway though the exact section of road has not been fully determined. Broad estimates indicate that the cost of the project would be in the vicinity of \$5 million.

Based on this estimate funding of this project will fall into the “Larger Projects” category where there is a mandatory minimum contribution of 30% required. In this regard the section between Warton Road and Southern River Road estimated at \$5.0 million total cost could be a suitable section for the local government partnership contribution.

In order to add further weight to the submission, both Cities will be seeking additional support (not financial) from within their own municipalities from other government and non-government agencies. The City of Armadale will be seeking support from:

Armadale Redevelopment Authority
Landcorp
Department of Housing
Carey College

As this will be a joint submission between the City of Armadale and Gosnells it has been agreed at staff level that the City of Armadale will be the lead council on this project and will submit the necessary documentation for funding.

T18/03/06

RECOMMEND

That Council note that in conjunction with the City of Gosnells, the City of Armadale, as the nominated lead council, will be submitting a Road to Recovery Regional Programme funding application for the upgrading of a suitable section of Ranford Road between Warton Road and Tonkin Highway and that further information will be provided to the April Technical Services Committee.

MOVED Cr Stewart
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)

SPEED ZONING – WATERWHEEL ROAD, BEDFORDALE

WARD Neerigen
FILE REF: RDW/61
DATE 7 March 2006
REF KP
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER MED

In Brief:

- As a result of a request from Technical Services, MRWA have undertaken a speed zone analysis for the section of Waterwheel Road between 150 metres south of Vellender Road and 90 metres east of Albany Highway, Bedforddale. At present, the speed limit of this section is State Open Speed limit.
- **Recommend**
That Council approves Main Roads Western Australia's proposal to reduce the speed limit from State Open Limit to 70km/h on Waterwheel Road, between 150 metres south of Vellender Road and 90 metres east of Albany Highway, Bedforddale.

Tabled Items

Nil.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Physical Infrastructure

Develop an integrated transport system including safety aspects.

Legislation Implications

General assessment of legislation (eg Local Government Act) has not revealed any restrictions.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Assessment of Policy/Local Law has not revealed any restrictions.

Budget/Financial Implications

Nil.

Consultation

Main Roads Western Australia

BACKGROUND

The Technical Services Directorate has made a request to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) seeking a speed zone analysis to be undertaken on a reconstructed section of Waterwheel Road, Bedforddale which currently is not speed zoned.

A recent response from MRWA to the City advised that the City's request has been assessed and agreed to reduce the speed limit from open limit to 70km/h along Waterwheel Road and to install the speed signs 150 metres south of Vellender Road and 90 metres east of Albany Highway provided as *Attachment "A-2" of the Agenda (see Summary of Attachments – Green Page)*.

CONCLUSION

Council approves Main Roads Western Australia's proposal to reduce the speed limit from State Open Limit to 70km/h on Waterwheel Road, between 150 metres south of Vellender Road and 90 metres east of Albany Highway, Bedfordale.

T19/03/06

RECOMMEND

That Council approves Main Roads Western Australia's proposal to reduce the speed limit from State Open Limit to 70km/h on Waterwheel Road, between 150 metres south of Vellender Road and 90 metres east of Albany Highway, Bedfordale.

MOVED Cr Best

MOTION CARRIED (7/0)

TRAVELSMART OFFICER PROGRAMME

WARD All
FILE REF: ENG/3
DATE 8 March 2006
REF KP
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER MTS

In Brief:

- The Department for Planning and Infrastructure has offered Council a place under the TravelSmart Programme to employ a TravelSmart Officer for a period of 29 months at a salary of \$50,000 per annum with financial contribution to be shared as specified.
- **Recommend**
That Council advise the Department for Planning and Infrastructure that it will not be accepting the offer of a grant for the employment of a TravelSmart Officer for 29 months.

Tabled Items

Nil.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Vision for the City of Armadale to be:

- Clean, green and prosperous

Providing physical infrastructure and caring for the natural environment: Our aims are to:

- Ensure all our activities have a strong focus on sustainability

Legislation Implications

Full assessment of relevant legislation indicates no restriction.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Full assessment of all Policies/Local Laws indicates that none are applicable.

Budget/Financial Implications

Should Council endorse this programme then the financial contribution required will be approximately \$70-75,000 per annum ongoing.

Consultation

Nil.

BACKGROUND

During August/September 2005 with a short notice, the Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) was seeking expressions of interest for Local Governments to partner in two TravelSmart programmes between 2005/06 and 2007/08. The two programmes on offer are the TravelSmart Household programme and the TravelSmart Local Government Officer Scheme.

The City of Armadale submitted an expression of interest to DPI for both programmes subject to Council approval.

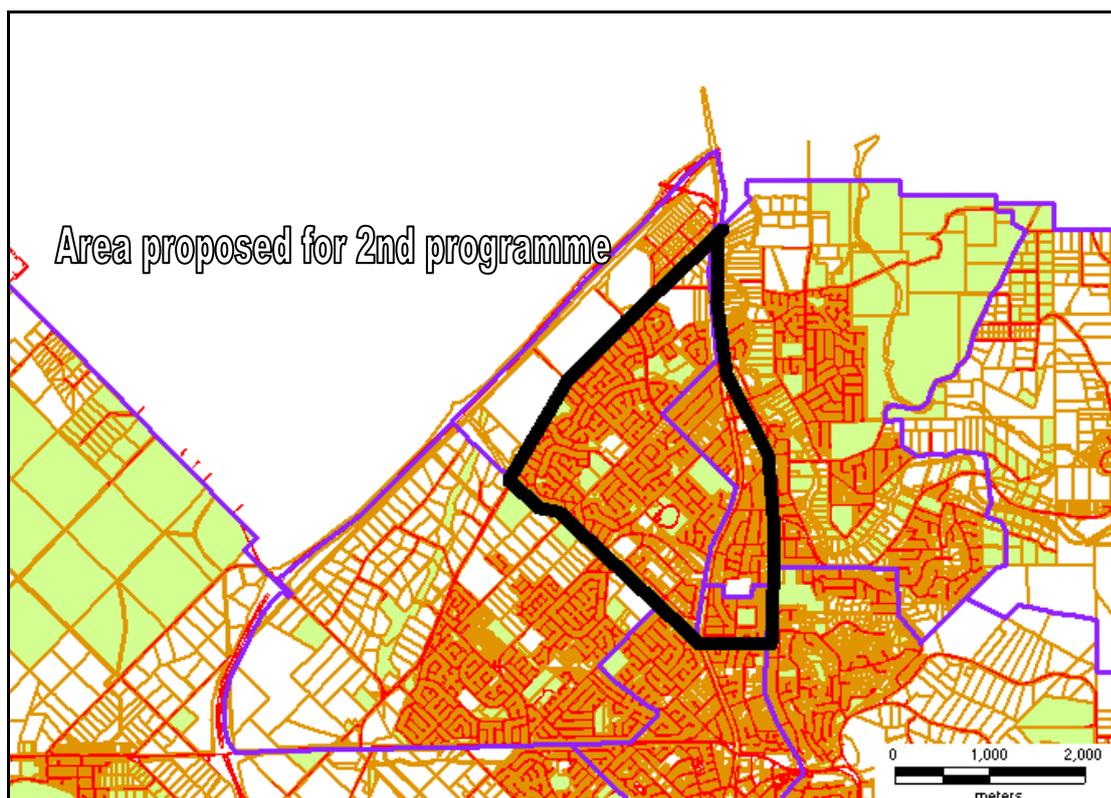
The expression of interest for the TravelSmart Household programme covered the suburbs of Westfield and Kelmscott, bounded by Champion Drive, Lake Road, Albany Highway and Galliers Avenue (refer the locality plan).

TravelSmart Household Programme:

In relation to TravelSmart Household Programme, Council resolved (T125/12/05) at its Ordinary Meeting held on 19 December 2005 as follows;

“That Council enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure to deliver the TravelSmart Household Programme stage3b to 15,100 residents within the City area bounded by Champion Drive, Lake Road, Albany Highway and Galliers Avenue (see plan below) on proviso that Council will not make a direct financial contribution but will fund pathways to facilitate any significant increase in walking or cycling demand”

The Department for Planning and Infrastructure has been informed of Council’s decision and has advised that this does not match the conditions of the grant and is therefore unlikely to be acceptable. A final confirmation is still awaited however.



Locality Plan

TravelSmart Officer Programme:

According to the DPI, it was able to offer six Local Government Authorities a grant to go towards employing a TravelSmart Officer for a period of 29 months at a salary of \$50,000 per annum. The first round of offers was sent out in December 2005, and the City of Armadale was not included in the list. One of the LGAs has been unable to accept the grant

so the DPI is now offering the City of Armadale a place in the programme based on the earlier Expression of Interest.

A TravelSmart Officer, in consultation with the community and government bodies, identifies, develops and implements programmes, strategies and initiatives that encourage and promote sustainable travel options and practices. The TravelSmart Officer engaged through the grant process will be required to meet the following objectives and milestones:

- Participate in the TravelSmart Local Government Officer network and professional development offered by the DPI;
- Develop a TravelSmart Work Plan for adoption by Council;
- Integrate TravelSmart (travel information and behavioural approaches) into the broad transport, land-use planning and community development policies of council;
- Initiate, develop and coordinate community events, programs and displays that promote and encourage sustainable transport especially during Bike and Walk Weeks.
- Work with council employees to develop a Green Transport Plan for the organisation;
- Promote and assist the local community to engage in TravelSmart to School, Walking School Bus, and TravelSmart workplace programs;
- Develop innovations in the promotion of travel alternatives such as walking, cycling and public transport; and
- In addition where applicable TravelSmart Officers are encouraged to participate in local dialogue and visioning processes as part of implementing the Network City Strategy, and to connect with and help progress local sustainable transport issues that arise from these processes

COMMENT

The TravelSmart Officer, in consultation with the community and government bodies, identifies, develops and implements programmes, strategies and initiatives that encourage and promote sustainable travel options and practices.

The TravelSmart Officer is an employee of the respective Local Government; DPI will deliver relevant training and advice when necessary.

The grant is for \$50,000 (+GST) payable in milestone payments;

1. \$20,833 on appointment of a TravelSmart Officer
2. \$16,666 on acceptance of work plan in 6 months time of appointment
3. \$12,500 on acceptance of progress report in 12 months time after submission of work plan

The estimated total cost inclusive of all overhead and transportation costs for employing a TravelSmart Officer on a permanent full time basis is \$70-75,000 per year.

Options

1. **Council employ a TravelSmart Officer on a permanent basis and at the same time enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the DPI to gain financial contribution as specified** – Educating the community regarding travel behaviour is an on going process, therefore it is more beneficial to employ an officer on a permanent basis rather than a short term period.

Employing a TravelSmart Officer on a short-term basis is not recommended because it is likely that any beneficial changes to travel patterns will not be maintained if ongoing re-enforcement is not maintained.

The TravelSmart Officer will be able to work with other City staff on initiatives that result in reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions and programmes such as Walking Bus are acknowledged to be valuable in increasing physical activity resulting in better community health. The City's Fifteen Year Financial Plan allows for an additional two staff per annum. However it is expected that these positions will be utilised for staff who will be employed on tasks that have already been identified by the City as being important to core local government business.

2. **Not to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the DPI to employ a TravelSmart Officer** –This option could be supported on the grounds that there is no direct financial benefit to either the Technical Services Directorate or to the City as a result of travel pattern changes; in fact there could be a negative financial impact due to a demand for extra paths, bus-shelters etc. .
3. **Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the DPI to employ a TravelSmart Officer for a period of 29 months with sharing financial contribution as specified** – This is not a preferred option due to the lack of ongoing impact on the community to promote behavioural change in their travel (see the comments in option 1 above). If this option is chosen the total employment cost for the 29 months, would be approximately \$175,000 of which, the grant would offset \$50,000, leaving a Council contribution of \$125,000.

Financial contribution:

Should this position become fulltime and permanent, it could be classified Level 6 of the Local Government Award. The approximate financial contribution is \$70-75,000 per annum including provision of vehicle.

This cost may covered by either the provision of extra funds by Council or through reducing the funding allocated to a current capital programme eg the path programme.

CONCLUSION

There are potential benefits with the employment of a Travel Smart officer as a permanent position to develop and implement programmes, strategies and initiatives that encourage and promote sustainable travel options and practices. However, at this stage in the development of the City, it does not have the priority of other programmes.

Committee noted that the TravelSmart Programme provided social and environmental benefits to the community but that the cost of the Programme would impact on other programmes of higher priority.

T20/03/06

RECOMMEND

That Council advise the Department for Planning and Infrastructure that it will not be accepting the offer of a grant for the employment of a Travel Smart Officer for 29 months.

MOVED Cr Hart

MOTION CARRIED (7/0)

The Executive Director Technical Services presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Five Year Works Programme

DRAFT TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE FIVE YEAR WORKS PROGRAMME

WARD All
FILE REF: FIN/7
DATE 20 March 2006
REF CB
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER EDTS

In Brief:

▪ **Recommend**

That the Draft Technical Services Directorate Five Years Works Programme as presented to, and amended by Committee, be received and recommitted to April 2006 Technical Services Committee Meeting for recommendation to Council for adoption on 1st May 2006.

Tabled Items

Nil.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Improve the overall financial viability of Council, by:

- 4.1 Implementing financial strategies, including investment, rating and infrastructure funding.
- 4.2 Developing process to measure and allocate costs of Council's services
- 4.3 Developing improved financial management reports.

Legislation Implications

General assessment of relevant legislation (eg Local Government Act) has not revealed any restrictions.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

General assessment has not revealed any applicable Policies/Local Laws.

Budget/Financial Implications

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

BACKGROUND

Council will recall that the Draft Technical Services Five Year Works Programme 2006/7 – 2010/11 was distributed to all Councillors under separate cover on 22 February 2006.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

As the Draft Five Year Programme will now be discussed at this month's Committee Meeting, it is recommended that Councillors bring their Draft copy to this meeting.

The Executive Director Technical Services will provide an overview of the Directorate's requirements for the five years 2006/07 to 2010/11 in line with Council's 15 Year Financial Plan.

Councillors will have the opportunity to discuss in detail any aspects of the Draft Five Year Programme.

It is intended that the Technical Services Five Year Programme will be adopted at the April 2006 Committee meeting.

Committee discussed matters where amended funding would deliver benefits to the community. Particular mention was made of increasing the allocation for new playgrounds by a further \$20,000 and for PAW upgrades where Council or the Department of Planning and Infrastructure determine that requests for closure should be refused. As there have been adjustments to the Directorate's funding allocation as part of the Council's 15 year Financial Planning process which are yet to be factored into the 5 year Works Programme, these matters would be presented to the April meeting of the Technical Services Committee.

T21/03/06

RECOMMEND

That the Draft Technical Services Directorate Five Years Works Programme as presented to, and amended by Committee, be received and recommitted to April 2006 Technical Services Committee Meeting for recommendation to Council for adoption on 1st May 2006.

MOVED Cr Stewart

MOTION CARRIED (7/0)

****BUDGET VARIATION – RAILWAY AVENUE UPGRADE**

WARD All
FILE REF: RDR/2
DATE 27 March 2006
REF GE
RESPONSIBLE EDTS
MANAGER

In Brief:

- Budget variation required to provide funding for upgrade of Railway Avenue.
- **Recommend**
That Council, pursuant to Section 6.8 of the Local Government Act 1995:
Authorize the budget variation as follows :
Job Number 81.5980.8112 be reduced from \$1,025,000.00 to \$846,200.00.
Job Number 81.4.8117 be increased from \$89,467.00 to \$268,267.00.

Tabled Items

Nil.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

If no comment – state Nil

Legislation Implications

General assessment of relevant legislation (eg Local Government Act) has not revealed any restrictions.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

General assessment has not revealed any applicable Policies/Local Laws

Budget/Financial Implications

Budget variation

Consultation

Nil.

BACKGROUND

Council was successful in gaining part funding of a rehabilitation grant for Railway Avenue, Lake Road to Westfield Road from the Local Government Road Fund for 2005/06. Council has also been advised the balance of the grant will be funded in 2006/07.

Whilst the rehabilitation grant will provide sufficient funds to bring the road up to a high standard there is still a need to undertake improvements to accommodate increased traffic and this cannot be funded from this grant.

The estimated cost of the improvements is \$178,800.00.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

As work is close to commencing on the Lake Road/Railway Avenue junction and will include this improvement on Railway Avenue, a budget variation is required to fund this additional work.

In the current budget Council has funds allocated to match the Armadale Redevelopment Authority projects. Some of these funds now will not be required until early 2006/07 due to projects being delayed. It is suggested that the funding required (ie. \$178,800.00) be used from this area.

T22/03/06 RECOMMEND

That Council, pursuant to Section 6.8 of the local Government Act 1995:

Authorize the budget variation as follows :

Job Number 81.5980.8112 be reduced from \$1,025,000.00 to \$846,200.00.

Job Number 81.4.8117 be increased from \$89,467.00 to \$268,267.00.

****ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED**

*MOVED Cr Best
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)*

2006 INTERNATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

WARD All
FILE REF: ENG/1
DATE 27 March 2006
REF GD
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER MTS

In Brief:

▪ **Recommend**

That Council nominate Councillor _____ as delegate to the 2006 International Local Government Asset Management Conference to be held in Melbourne from 26 and 27 April 2006 inclusive, with costs to be charged to GL 210128.1046.02

Or

If there are no nominations at the Committee or Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 3rd April 2006 then the recommendation be as follows :

That no Councillor be nominated to attend the 2006 International Local Government Asset Management Conference

Tabled Items

Nil.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Communication

Stronger communication links with Government and other groups.

Legislation Implications

General assessment of relevant legislation (eg Local Government Act) has not revealed any restrictions.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Assessment of Policy/Local Law indicates that the following are applicable:

ADM3 – Conferences Seminars and Training

Budget/Financial Implications

The individual cost to attend the conference, which includes airfare, accommodation and full registration is approximately \$1,500.

Consultation

Nil

BACKGROUND

The third International Local Government Asset Management Conference, auspiced by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), which is being held at the Sofitel Hotel Auditorium, Melbourne on April 26 and 27, 2006.

Asset management is now assuming a key function in underpinning local government service delivery, and there is also increasing demand on local government to demonstrate capability in asset management. The new Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) is of great relevance in this regard. Beyond this, there is now a global trend for local government to facilitate community sustainability. This year's event will feature the critical role of asset management

in this process, and speakers from both New Zealand and Australia will explain in detail the process involved and the outcomes to date.

This Conference brings together an impressive array of very high quality presenters, from overseas and around Australia, and will cover a range of issues of direct relevance to Councils including:

- Good practice case studies from numerous Councils (including the Step Program)
- Identifying community service needs and delivering to that standard
- Public Private Partnerships: new perspectives for Councils to consider
- Managing the infrastructure funding gap
- Tendering asset management systems
- Asset management plans for buildings

The Conference will be participatory in nature and attendees will have opportunities to engage in interactive discussion with presenters on a variety of topics. The two days of the Conference will provide essential knowledge for Councillors, CEOs and a range of infrastructure, asset and corporate managers who need to have a strategic understanding of this complex function.

COMMENT

Council has significant interest in the issue of Asset Management as has been highlighted in recent financial planning discussions. As such attendance at the Conference is important for staff closely involved with the issue. In this regard the Asset Co-ordinator will be attending.

Councillors are becoming more aware of the significance of Asset Management and may be interested in attending also. The conference has previously been attended by the Manager Technical Services who has advised that it is a most suitable conference for staff. Whilst the conference would also be beneficial to Councillors it is probable that more short term benefit would be gained by attendance at the recently initiated WALGA Elected Member Training Module on Asset Management.

The individual cost to attend the conference, which includes airfare, accommodation and full registration is approximately \$1,500. Details as follows:

Air fare	\$600
Accommodation	\$300
Conference Fees	\$450
Expenses	\$150
Total	\$1,500

T23/03/06

RECOMMEND

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Or

If there are no nominations at the Committee or Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 3rd April 2006 then the recommendation be as follows :

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*MOVED Cr Knezevich
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)*

At this juncture of the meeting Cr Stewart moved that the meeting be closed to the public under Section 5.23.(2)(c) on the grounds that the matter to be dealt with:-

- involves a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the City and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting,*

The members of the public retired from the meeting.

At 8.25pm the meeting adjourned.

At 8.31pm the meeting resumed Behind Closed Doors

MOTION CARRIED 7/0

RANFORD ROAD UPGRADING – LAND ACQUISITION

WARD Lake
FILE REF: RDR/4
DATE 27 March 2006
REF JG
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER MTS

In Brief:

- In October 2005 the Technical Services Directorate commenced negotiations with land holders along Ranford Road to obtain land, previously set aside under the MRS (for road improvements). To date two of the land holders have not agreed to the Council price offered for the land in question.
- **Recommend**
That Council:
 1. Authorise the compulsory acquisition of portion of Lot 69 and Lot 508 Ranford Road, as shown on Drawing 05-22-00 for road construction purposes;
 2. Accepts dedication of these areas of land as indicated on Drawing 05-22-00 for road widening purposes (construction of dual carriageway) and that Department of Land Information be informed accordingly; and
 3. Indemnify the Department of Land Information and the Minister for Lands against any costs and claims arising from the compulsory acquisition of Part Lot 69 and Lot 508 Ranford Road.

Tabled Items

1. Design Plans (05-22-00) dated July 2005.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Physical infrastructure

Develop an integrated transport system including safety aspects.

Legislation Implications

General assessment of relevant legislation (eg Local Government act) has revealed that Council must comply with the Land Administration Act 1997 (Section 56 and 108,1,b.)

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

General assessment has not revealed any applicable Policies/Local Laws.

Budget/Financial Implications

General land purchase as part of the budgeted road construction.

Consultation

Landholders, Department of Land Administration.

See Confidential Report at Attachment “B1” of the Minutes (see Summary of Attachments – Green Page).

Committee considered the confidential report and recommended as follows:

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RECOMMEND

That Council:

- 1. Authorise the compulsory acquisition of portion of Lot 69 and Lot 508 Ranford Road, as shown on Drawing 05-22-00 for road construction purposes;**
- 2. Accepts dedication of these areas of land as indicated on Drawing 05-22-00 for road widening purposes (construction of dual carriageway) and that Department of Land Information be informed accordingly; and**
- 3. Indemnify the Department of Land Information and the Minister for Lands against any costs and claims arising from the compulsory acquisition of Part Lot 69 and Lot 508 Ranford Road.**

*MOVED Cr Cominelli
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)*

COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

Nil.

MEETING CLOSED 8.40 PM.