

0.0 LATE REPORT: AWARD OF CONTRACT 828 - COOPERS LANE INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Manager Engineering Services
Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services
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Enclosures: 1. Tender evaluation summary - Confidential

RECOMMENDATION

That Council award Contract 828 – Coopers Lane intersection realignment to Walters Contracting Pty Ltd.

PURPOSE

To determine Council's position in relation to tender submissions received for the realignment and prioritisation of the intersection with Coopers Lane and Andersons Road, Wynyard.

BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary meeting of Council 16 October 2023 Councillor Bramich raised a motion:

That Council undertake the necessary road works to make Coopers Lane the priority road at the junction with Andersons Road.

This MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

Subsequent to this motion a project has been adopted as part of the 2024/25 annual plan and budget to achieve the objectives of this motion.

Provision of these works is to be undertaken by an external contract provider, owing to the expense of the specialist equipment and skills required to deliver the scope of the project.

A call for tenders for the provision of these works was published in the Advocate newspaper and on the Tenderlink website on Saturday 28 September 2024.

DETAILS

The contract operates as a schedule of rates (SoR) contract, based upon the estimated quantities to deliver the scope of the project. Tender price comparison and assessment of each individual tender, based upon pre-defined tender criteria, defines the recommendation to Council to award this contract.

At the close of tenders on 24 October 2024, fourteen (14) contractors had accessed the tender documents via Tenderlink, and three (3) contractors submitted tenders for the works.

The tender submissions were received from;

- The Hardings Group.
- Roadways Pty Ltd
- Walters Contracting Pty Ltd

All three tenderers have demonstrated experience within the industry, have established safety and management systems in place and have been assessed as competent and capable in the performance of the works for which they have tendered. The tenderers have and continue to provide services associated with this contract to other Councils within Tasmania.

As the works associated with this project are deemed low risk and the value of the tender was less than \$250k, a tender evaluation panel was not convened. Each tender was assessed against the range of weighted criteria provided in the tender document by the project manager to derive the recommendation for contract award to Council. All tender submissions have been assessed against the general tender requirements and are deemed as a conforming tender submission.

Generally, the past services provided to the Local Government sector by all tenderers has been considered satisfactory, and they have a clear understanding of the established industry requirements associated with the performance of the works under the contract. Each tenderer has provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate their competence and capability to perform the works, within the nominated timeframes and to the quality required.

Walters Construction Pty Ltd have submitted a conforming tender option with the lowest calculated overall price of \$134,802.50.

In considering all other matters associated with the project and tender submissions received it is recommended that Walters Contracting Pty Ltd be awarded the project with a calculated tender value of \$134,802.50.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 6: Transport and Access
Desired Outcomes
6.2 Our transport and access network is sustainable, affordable and fit for purpose.
Our Priorities
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has an adopted budget of \$90,237 to deliver this project. Tender prices received varied from \$134,802 to \$287,697; the recommended award of tender is \$134,802 and will result in an unfavourable budget variation to deliver this project of \$44,565, it is anticipated that the unfavourable variation for this project can be funded by favourable variances in other projects.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

In the conduct of any contract there are risks to Council, including time delays and poor quality of work. The use of experienced contractors coupled with contract documents will minimise potential risks to Council.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

The tender submitted by Walters Construction Pty Ltd for the realignment and prioritisation of Coopers Lane is considered the best option presented to Council, in taking into consideration all aspects of the tenders submitted. It is recommended that the associated contract be awarded accordingly.