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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The purpose of this report is to update Council and revise a number of transport related programs within the 2017/18 Major Works Program, particularly in relation to grant funding and specific projects.
- This report recommends that the program Budgets for the Road Renewal Program, Road Upgrade Program and Kerb and Gutter (renewal) Program be revised in line with confirmed funding offers.

**REPORT**

A number of funding agreements have been realised since the development of the Draft 2017/18 Annual Capital Works Program that informed the Budget adopted by Council on 19 June 2017, as well as a number of key projects that impact on the Program allocations. These include:

**1. Road Renewal Program - Roads to Recovery increased funding allocation**

The Federal funding program 'Roads to Recovery' has confirmed expectation that Wollondilly will be spending a majority of the final two years (of the five year cycle) within 2017/18. This increases the grant funding allocation to Road Renewal by \$592,596 (and effectively takes the Roads to Recovery offer for 2018/19 to near zero).

It is recommended that this be added to the Road Renewal program to commence early investigations into a number of key regional road projects that will inform, in part, the 2018/19 program. These projects include Silverdale Road between (Ridgehaven and Warradale Road), Finns Road, Woodbridge Road, Menangle Road (between Finns and Woodbridge Road) and Thirlmere Way (Oaks Road to Bell Street). It is noted that early delivery of some works on these projects may be pursued dependant on the outcome of the site investigations in 2017/18 as a first stage for further works in 2018/19.

It should also be noted that Council has commenced a substantial review of its five year rolling roadworks program, in respect to its recently adopted Asset Management Strategy, to inform the remainder of the 2018/19 program.

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**2. Road Renewal Program - update project estimate for Blaxland Crossing Bridge Bearing Remediation**

Following Council's resolution of 5 June 2017 to negotiate with interested parties for the revised specification, an updated cost estimate has been prepared and is recommended to be introduced at this time. The total Project estimate is \$950,000 (which includes completion of design, associated Council works to implement traffic management and the contract), which includes contribution from Penrith City Council of \$517,000, \$154,550 of Wollondilly Shire Council Restricted Cash (which was allocated from the residual funds from 2016/17) and \$278,450 of funds from 2017/18.

**3. Road Renewal Program - re-phased funding of works at Werombi Road**

Council commenced a road reconstruction project as part of its 2016/17 Program on Werombi Rd. The commencement of this project was delayed significantly by adverse weather throughout Autumn. The works commenced in June 2017 and will continue through July and likely be completed in August. The project estimate is recommended to increase by \$500,000 from Restricted Cash (which was topped up from the Werombi Rd project residual funds from 2016/17).

Road Renewal Program Summary - increased program estimate from \$8,536,595 to \$9,821,491.

**4. Road Upgrade Program - Picton Transport Feasibility Studies**

It is recommended that Council introduce a project to pursue detailed feasibility assessments of a number of concepts suggested for Picton CBD as part of the Draft Picton Town Centre Transport Master Plan to confirm feasibilities and priorities. These concepts will improve capacity and connectivity through or past the Picton CBD and are all potentially challenging and resource intensive. As such, the feasibility assessment is aimed to confirm the concepts to pursue. It is recommended to introduce \$90,000 of Development Contributions Restricted Cash linked to the adopted 2011 Development Contributions Plan, specifically the nominated project of 'Prince St - Construct new bridge or second crossing'.

Road Upgrade Program Summary – increase the program estimate from \$2,354,625 to \$2,444,625.

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**5. Kerb and Gutter (Renewal) - introduction of Mine Subsidence Board funding for Abelia St Tahmoor**

Through negotiations with the Subsidence Advisory NSW, Council has secured a funding offer of \$672,000 for the reconstruction of predominately Kerb and Gutter plus sections of road pavement and nearby transport infrastructure (such as footpaths). These works are scheduled to commence early in the financial year.

Kerb and Gutter (renewal) Program summary - increase program estimate from \$215,000 to \$887,000.

**CONSULTATION**

Roads to Recovery Board, Roads and Maritime Service, Mine Subsidence Board

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Program estimates to be amended as per this report

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council revise the program budgets within the 2017/18 Major Works Program for:

- Road Renewal Program to \$9,821,491 (includes additional funds from Roads to Recovery - \$592,596, contribution from Penrith City Council - \$517,000, and funds from Restricted Cash \$154,550)
- Road Upgrade Program to \$2,444,625 (includes increased funding from Restricted Cash - \$90,000)
- Kerb and Gutter (renewal) Program to \$887,000 (includes funds from Subsidence Advisory NSW - \$672,000).