

ITEM NO.	C.13/0823	FILE REF.	350.6
SUBJECT	Budget Amendment – Road Maintenance		
OFFICER	Manager Infrastructure & Works		
DATE OF REPORT	30 August 2023		

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Amend the 2023/24 Budget by increasing the expenditure allocation in account 1390120 Materials & Contracts, Job No. ZA02 Routine Road Maintenance Outside Unsealed by \$12,500, from \$2,500 to \$15,000 for dry hire of a grader
2. Fund the additional allocation of \$12,500 via the 2023/24 budget review.

Summary/Purpose

An additional unbudgeted materials & contracts amount of \$12,500 allocated to routine road maintenance is required for grader dry hire. This will allow time-critical winter grading to continue while a Shire grader is out of service for unplanned maintenance.

Background

The Shires 2013 Volvo grader is currently out of service due to unplanned maintenance. It is currently nonoperational with an expected 2-week timeframe to address a known fault. There is an additional undiagnosed fault that the (outsourced) mechanic is optimistic will not be significant.

Shire teams are currently performing winter grading, a process whereby material graded off during summer maintenance is pulled back in and compacted to reform the road. This process is critical for maximising road performance over the annual cycle. This activity can only practically be carried out while there is optimal ground moisture, presenting a relatively short period between winter rains (too wet) and long dry season.

Officer Comment

In order to maximise the amount of winter grading performed during the current good conditions, a replacement grader is planned to be dry-hired for 2-weeks at an estimated cost of \$15,000. This is a maximum estimate and will be refined through a procurement process.

The current (draft) budget account for winter grading is shown below:

1390120 ROAD MAINTENENCE
ZA02 ROUTINE ROAD MAINTENANCE OUTSIDE UNSEALED

01	Salaries	\$137,068
99	Overheads	\$169,964
98	Plant Operation Costs	\$125,985
11	Materials & Contracts	\$2,500
	Job Total	\$435,517

As indicated, there is a shortfall of \$12,500 in materials & contracts needing to be met to fund the grader hire. The necessary funds could not be included in the 2023/24 draft budget due to the grader break-down occurring on the 29th of August.

Statutory Environment – Not applicable

Integrated Planning

- Strategic Community Plan
 - Outcome 14 Effective governance and financial management.
 - Objective 14.1 Achieve excellence in organisational performance and service delivery

- Corporate Business Plan - Nil
- Long Term Financial Plan - Nil
- Asset Management Plans - Nil
- Workforce Plan - Nil
- Other Integrated Planning - Nil

Policy Implications - Not applicable

Budget Implications

At such an early stage of the financial year, it is not possible to identify any areas of potential savings. The shortfall of \$12,500 on account 1390120, Job No. ZA02 Routine Road Maintenance Outside Unsealed will need to be funded by savings identified during the 2023/24 budget review.

Whole of Life Accounting - Not applicable

Risk Management - Not applicable

Voting Requirements – Absolute Majority