



TOWN OF CLAREMONT

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER, 2015

Stephen Goode

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date:

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TOWN OF CLAREMONT
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
1 DECEMBER, 2015
MINUTES

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

His Worship the Mayor, Mr Jock Barker, welcomed members of the public, staff and Councillors and declared the meeting open at 7:00PM.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barker

Cr Karen Wood

West Ward

Cr Peter Edwards

West Ward

Cr Peter Browne

West Ward

Cr Jill Goetze

South Ward

Cr Paul Kelly

South Ward

Cr Chris Mews

South Ward

Cr Bruce Haynes

East Ward

Cr Alastair Tulloch

East Ward

Cr Kate Main

East Ward

Mr Stephen Goode (Chief Executive Officer)

Mr Saba Kirupanather (Executive Manager Infrastructure)

Ms Katie Bovell (Governance Officer)

Seven member of the public

Two members of the press

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

NIL

4 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

NIL

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

NIL

6 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

**Ms Sonya LeFevre, 1/9 Victoria Avenue, Claremont.
Re: Item 13.2.5, Tree Removal – Victoria Avenue.**

Spoke against the officer recommendation and requested the tree be removed and replaced with a hedge.

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

8 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

NIL

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved Cr Browne, seconded Cr Main

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on
17 November 2015 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED(209/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

**10 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING
MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Item 17.1.1, Lease of Claremont Infant Health Centre - Portion Lot 848
(Reserve 21710) Stirling Highway, Claremont.

11 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

NIL

12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

NIL

13 REPORTS OF THE CEO

13.1 CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

13.1.1 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2015

File Ref:	FIM/0062-02
Attachments:	Statement of Financial Activity to 31 October 2015 Infrastructure report October 2015
Responsible Officer:	Les Crichton Executive Manager Corporate and Governance
Author:	Edwin Kwan Finance Officer
Proposed Meeting Date:	01 December 2015

Purpose

Report presents the Statement of Financial Activity for the month ending 31 October 2015. The Annual Revised Budget column within the statements incorporates all budget amendments, including 2014-15 carry forward projects, approved by Council since adoption of 2015-16 Budget in June 2015.

Background

The Monthly Financial Report is presented in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Discussion

The Financial Statements to 31 October 2015 summarise operations for the first four months of the 2015-16 financial year.

The closing surplus of \$11,293,979 compares favourably against the budgeted surplus of \$10,621,303. The \$672,675 variance is comprised of operating revenue \$72,262 under budget, operating expenditure \$431,675 under budget, capital works \$327,263 under the year to date (YTD) forecast, and non-operating (capital) income under \$14,000.

Operating revenue - \$72,262 under budget

- \$48,438 increase in interest is due to the timing against budget forecasts for instalment interest on rates together with higher interest earnings derived from investment holdings.
- \$24,608 under in fees and charges within special event parking and the aquatic centre.
- \$96,798 under in rates revenue due to an interim reduction of valuation (and resultant rate refund) pending property redevelopments. This will be recouped on completion and revaluation of these properties.

Operating expenditure - \$431,675 under budget

- \$391,108 of variance is due to timing difference across materials and contracts services (\$294K), office expenses (\$24K), consultancies (\$63K) and maintenance (\$9K).
- \$38,503 of other expenditure is under the budget due to timing of overheads allocations to infrastructure works.

Capital expenditure – \$327,263 under budget

As detailed within the capital works schedules (note 10), the capital expenditure comprises;

- \$13,542 under budget in infrastructure works. Attachment 2 provides further detail on the projects and variance explanation.
- \$224,577 under budget in land and building is mainly due to timing of Claremont Park toilet project.
- \$90,572 under budget on transfers to reserves due to timing of interest income on reserve investment.

Capital income – \$14,000 under the budget

- Delay in the scheduled sale of EMCG vehicle.

Past Resolutions

Ordinary Council Meeting 3 November 2015, resolution 197/15:

That Council note the Financial Statement of Activity for the period 1 October 2015 to 31 October 2015.

Financial and Staff Implications

Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation.

Policy and Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Publicity

N/A

Strategic Community Plan

Governance and Leadership

We are an open and accountable local government that encourages community involvement and strives to keep its community well informed.

- Provide and maintain a high standard of governance, accountability, management and strategic planning.
- Maintain long term financial stability and growth.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Tulloch

That Council notes the Financial Statement of Activity for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 October 2015.

**CARRIED(210/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

13.2 INFRASTRUCTURE

13.2.1 CYCLING FUNDING 2016-17 AND 2017-18

File Ref:	GAS/00077
Attachments:	Funding Application
Responsible Officer:	Saba Kirupanather Executive Manager Infrastructure
Author:	Margaret Brophy Asset/Technical Officer
Proposed Meeting Date:	1 December 2015

Purpose

For Council to provide funding to support Department of Transport grant applications for 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Background

The Department of Transport is allocating funding for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years. They have invited applications from local government for 50% funding of a shared path project and/or a bike plan. The submission and map sent to the Department is attached.

Discussion

Bike Plan Funding 2016-17

The existing bike plan, whilst not endorsed by Council, was developed by Cardno in 2011 and has been used as a guide for cycling infrastructure, grant funding applications and Council budget. The plan is now considered out of date due to change in design standards and increased demand from cyclists. The minimum amount considered for funding a bike plan is \$60,000 requiring a contribution in cash or kind of \$30,000 from Council. The scope of this work is included in a separate report.

Bike Path Funding 2017-18

Three projects were also listed for co-funding with Department of Transport of which one may be selected for a detailed application. The projects had a minimum funding requirement of \$50,000 for a small council for either shared path, protected bike lane or intersection improvement. Those submitted were;

- Graylands Road east - shared path Alfred Road to Shenton Road
- Stirling Highway south – missing links Bay Road to Goldsworthy Road and Bay View Terrace to Freshwater Parade
- Bindaring Parade north – shared path Osborne Parade to The Esplanade

These routes were selected based on traffic volume, providing a safe cycling environment, school links and the Perth Bike Network (PBN).

If selected Bindaring Parade and Stirling Highway align with replacing slab footpaths with in situ concrete.

Past Resolutions

There are no past resolutions directly relevant to this item.

Financial and Staff Implications

The funding application is for two financial years, 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The Bike Plan will require a Council contribution of \$30,000 in cash and in kind.

The shared path is subject to the Department of Transport selection but at most will require a contribution of \$125,000 from Council. The asset management recommendation for annual expenditure on footpath renewal is \$341,000.

Policy and Statutory Implications

Australian Standards and Austroad standards.

Publicity

Consultation with all relevant stakeholders will be an important component to develop a bike plan.

Strategic Community Plan

Liveability

We are an accessible community, with well maintained and managed assets, and our heritage preserved for the enjoyment of the community.

- Clean, usable, attractive, accessible streetscapes and public open spaces.
- Maintain and upgrade infrastructure for seamless day to day usage.

Environment

Create opportunities for varied transport options that reduce carbon emissions and other impacts of a growing town

Urgency

Projects are for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 budgets.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Supports grant submissions to Department of Transport for 50% funding of;
 - a. Development of Claremont Bike Plan 2016-21 (\$60,000) in 2016-17
 - b. One shared path project (\$250,000) in 2017-18 financial year selected from
 - Graylands Road east - shared path Alfred Road to Shenton Road
 - Stirling Highway south – missing links Bay Road to Goldsworthy Road and Bay View Terrace to Freshwater Parade
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- Bindaring Parade north – shared path Osborne Parade to The Esplanade.
2. Includes for consideration, provision of \$30,000 in the 2016-17 draft Budget, and provision of \$125,000 in the 2017-18 draft Budget, being 50% of the total cost of the projects in 1 above.

ALTERNATIVE MOTION

Moved Cr Mews, seconded Cr Haynes

That Council

1. **Supports grant submissions to Department of Transport for 50% funding of;**
 - a. **Development of Claremont Bike Plan 2016-21 (\$60,000) in 2016-17**
 - b. **One shared path project (\$250,000) in 2017-18 financial year selected from**
 - **Graylands Road east - shared path Alfred Road to Shenton Road**
 - **Stirling Highway south – missing links Bay Road to Goldsworthy Road and Bay View Terrace to Freshwater Parade.**
2. **Includes for consideration, provision of \$30,000 in the 2016-17 draft Budget, and provision of \$125,000 in the 2017-18 draft Budget, being 50% of the total cost of the projects in 1 above.**

Reason: The Bindaring Parade project is not necessary and has not been requested by residents of the street.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Mews

That the following words be deleted from the recommendation -

‘Graylands Road east - shared path Alfred Road to Shenton Road’

Reason: Included in bike plan that council did not accept.

LOST

For the Amendment: Crs Haynes and Mews.

Against the Amendment: Mayor Barker and Crs Tulloch, Goetze, Main, Wood, Browne, Edwards and Kelly.

The Mayor agreed to a request to consider each item separately.

RETURN TO THE ALTERNATIVE MOTION

That Council

- 1. Supports grant submission to Department of Transport for 50% funding of;**
 - a. Development of Claremont Bike Plan 2016-21 (\$60,000) in 2016-17**

CARRIED(211/15)

For the Alternative Motion part 1a: Mayor Barker and Crs Edwards, Goetze, Browne, Mews, Main and Kelly.

Against the Alternative Motion part 1a: Crs Tulloch, and Haynes.

- 1. Supports grant submission to Department of Transport for 50% funding of;**
 - b. One shared path project (\$250,000) in 2017-18 financial year selected from**
 - Graylands Road east - shared path Alfred Road to Shenton Road**
 - Stirling Highway south – missing links Bay Road to Goldsworthy Road and Bay View Terrace to Freshwater Parade.**

LOST

For the Alternative Motion part 1b: Mayor Barker and Crs Haynes and Mews.

Against the Alternative Motion part 1b: Crs Tulloch, Edwards, Goetze, Main, Browne, Kelly and Wood.

- 2. Includes for consideration, provision of \$30,000 in the 2016-17 draft Budget, and provision of \$125,000 in the 2017-18 draft Budget, being 50% of the total cost of the projects in 1 above.**

**CARRIED(212/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

PRIMARY MOTION (PART 1b)

Moved Cr Goetze, seconded Cr Edwards

That Council

- 1. Supports grant submissions to Department of Transport for 50% funding of;**
 - b. One shared path project (\$250,000) in 2017-18 financial year selected from**
 - Graylands Road east - shared path Alfred Road to Shenton Road**
 - Stirling Highway south – missing links Bay Road to Goldsworthy Road and Bay View Terrace to Freshwater Parade**
 - Bindaring Parade north – shared path Osborne Parade to The Esplanade.**

CARRIED(213/15)

For the Motion: Mayor Barker and Crs Goetze, Main, Wood, Browne, Edwards, Kelly, Tulloch and Haynes.

Against the Motion: Cr Mews.

13.2.2 REVIEW OF CLAREMONT BIKE PLAN

File Ref:	RDS/00295
Responsible Officer:	Saba Kirupanather Executive Manager Infrastructure
Author:	Saba Kirupanather Executive Manager Infrastructure
Proposed Meeting Date:	1 December 2015

Purpose

Report recommends review of the current draft Claremont Bike Plan and preparation of an updated Claremont Bike Plan for 2016-21 based on the proposed program and detailed scope of works.

Background

The Town currently has a draft Claremont Bike Plan which was prepared by Cardno in March 2011.

The draft Claremont Bike Plan has not been formally adopted by Council and is now outdated. A review is therefore necessary to update the Bike Plan.

An updated Bike Plan is required to be prepared and approved by Council for implementation of projects; to improve the bike network including shared paths in and around the Town. The Bike Plan will assist with the preparation of budget requirements especially for grant application where funding assistance is required to upgrade and maintain bike and shared paths to current community needs.

Prior to undertaking the formal review and preparation of an updated Bike Plan for the period 2016-21, a detailed program together with a detailed scope of works and indicative costs is proposed for Council's acceptance.

Discussion

The current draft Bike Plan was undertaken in 2011 and since then there has been significant changes to the Perth Bike Network (PBN), local shared paths in the Town of Claremont area and changes to design standards.

With the increasing population of cyclists and the completion of major land developments, especially the Claremont on the Park (North East Precinct) development, there will be an increased demand for a better and improved shared path and bike path network.

To facilitate a detailed review of the current draft Claremont Bike Plan and the preparation of an updated Claremont Bike Plan, a program together with a detailed scope of works including time line and cost estimate is presented below.

Purpose and Objective:

- To influence peoples' travel mode decisions from cars to bikes and other modes of transport through provision of an easier, safer and more enjoyable experience. The facilities could include path connectivity, bike racks, shower and storage cabinets, trees and benches along the way, water fountains etc.

Scope of Works

- Review the current draft Claremont Bike Plan (2011) and prepare a draft Claremont Bike Plan (2016-21) for Council approval;
- Review current Perth Bicycle Network (PBN) and audit local shared path network to link with PBN;
- Update Local Travel Smart Map as a guide for walking, cycling and public transport in Claremont;
- Prepare a five year and beyond action plan, including cost estimates.

Key TasksStage 1

- Review current draft Bike Plan (2011)
- Assess current status of capital works and remedial works as listed in draft Bike Plan
- Review PBN and local shared path network
- External stakeholders (major government agencies) engagement – Main Roads WA, Department of Transport (BikeWest), Department of Planning (DoP), Public Transport Authority(PTA) and surrounding Local Governments
- Survey questionnaire/feedback and consultation with bicycle user groups, local senior and primary schools in and around Claremont including UWA Campus, Claremont Football Club, Royal Agricultural Society WA, businesses in Town Centre, Swanbourne shopping precinct, shops at Ashton Avenue and Davies Road, Local Sports and Recreation Clubs (golf, tennis, cricket, hockey, bowling, fitness, pool), Bethesda Hospital and any other major traffic generators
- Workshop with Councillors and external stakeholders (major government agencies)
- Collate information and prepare a draft Claremont Bike Plan (2016-21) for endorsement by Council prior to public advertising.

Stage 2

- Evaluate feedbacks/comments from public advertising
- Collate and analyse all information and prepare the final draft Claremont Bike Plan including a 5 year implementation plan
- Prepare a report to Council for endorsement of the final draft Claremont Bike Plan for 2016-21 (prepare report for the first Council meeting in October 2016)
- Inform community and other relevant stakeholders of Council's adoption of Claremont Bike Plan for 2016-21 via letter drops, website and Town Talk
- Undertake grant applications for funding of capital works.
- List first year of capital works and remedial works in 2017-18 Budget.

Proposed Timeline

Stage 1: 30 June 2016 - 18 August 2016

Stage 2: 18 August 2016 – 20 October 2016

A breakdown of the indicative costs, to undertake the review of current draft Bike Plan, and preparation of an updated Bike Plan, utilising external consultant(s) is provided below:

Review current draft Bike Plan	\$ 7,000
Audit bike network	\$17,000
Stakeholders/interest groups engagement	\$10,000
Workshop for Councilors & government agencies	\$ 5,000
Update draft Bike Plan/prepare Council Report	\$ 3,000
Public advertising	\$ 6,000
Sub-total cost (Stage 1)	\$48,000
Review of feedbacks/comments from advertising	\$ 2,000
Finalise draft bike plan & prepare council report	\$ 3,000
Sub-total cost (Stage 2)	\$ 5,000
Internal Administration costs	(part of operation)
Stationary and letter drops	\$ 2,000
Travel Smart mapping	\$ 5,000
TOTAL COSTS	\$60,000

The review of the current draft Claremont Bike Plan is timely and necessary, and it is therefore recommended that the proposed scope of works as described above for Stages 1 and 2 be undertaken to review the current draft Bike Plan and prepare an updated Bike Plan for 2016-21 for adoption by Council.

Past Resolutions

There are no past resolutions directly relevant to the item.

Financial and Staff Implications

Resource requirements are not budgeted under the current budget.

The total estimated cost to prepare the Claremont Bike Plan 2016-21 is \$60,000. The Council funding is 50%, hence, Council could consider \$30,000 in the 2016-17 draft budget.

Policy and Statutory Implications

Town of Claremont's Functional Road Hierarchy

Western Australian Bicycle Network Plan 2012-2021 (Draft)

Metropolitan Transport Strategy (1996)

Bike Ahead: Bicycle Strategy for the 21st Century (1996)

Connecting Claremont (2009)

Publicity

Three weeks of consultation period via local community papers, website and Town Talk.

Strategic Community Plan**Liveability**

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- Clean, usable, attractive, accessible streetscapes and public open spaces.
- Maintain and upgrade infrastructure for seamless day to day usage.

People

We live in an accessible and safe community that welcomes diversity, enjoys being active and has a strong sense of belonging.

- Maintain, effectively manage and enhance the Town's community facilities in response to a growing community.
- Develop a strategy for services and facilities for an ageing population.

Urgency

N/A

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Tulloch

That Council

- 1. Accepts the program, together with the detailed scope of works and tasks, to prepare Claremont Bike Plan 2016-21, as described in the report; and**
- 2. Includes for consideration in the 2016-17 draft budget \$30,000 towards preparation of Claremont Bike Plan 2016-21, with the remaining \$30,000 be funded by the Department of Transport.**

Cr Mews left the Chambers at 7:53 PM.

Cr Mews returned to the Chambers at 7:54 PM.

EQUALITY

For the Motion: Crs Goetze, Browne, Main, Wood and Kelly.

Against the Motion: Mayor Barker and Crs Tulloch, Haynes, Edwards, and Mews.

CASTING VOTE FOR

CARRIED(214/15)

13.2.3 RILEY ROAD FOOTPATH REMOVAL

File Ref:	RDS/00237
Attachments:	Letter to residents Map of response locations
Responsible Officer:	Saba Kirupanather Executive Manager Infrastructure
Author:	Margaret Brophy Asset/Technical Officer
Proposed Meeting Date:	01 December 2015

Purpose

Report recommends the removal of slab footpath on the south side of Riley Road.

Background

In line with Council resolution on 4 August 2015 to remove poor condition footpaths in streets with low vehicle numbers, a letter was sent to 58 owners and occupiers in Riley Road where the southern footpath has been identified as poor condition due to vertical and horizontal displacement. (Attachment 1)
Thirteen responses were received (Attachment 2).

Discussion

The letter to residents recommended the southern path be removed based on:

- It is non continuous due to a missing link between Stone and Loton Roads.
- Average weekday traffic is 285 vehicles per day.
- There is no school, shopping centre or transport hub within 400m

Of the 58 letters sent out there were 7 responses in favour of removal, 5 against and 1 ambiguous.

Of these responses

- Two were from the block where there is no footpath on the southern side.
- Seven were from the northern side of the street.

The footpath runs in front of 18 houses of which 4 responded to the questionnaire. Three were against the proposal and one in favour. The small response may or may not be indicative of the majority view and is of little value to assist Council's decision making. A map of the road and response locations is attached (Attachment 3).

It is recommended to remove the slab footpath on the southern side of Riley Road as the condition of the path is very poor, path is not continuous, volume of vehicle traffic is very low and not close to school, shopping centre, age care facility or transport hub.

Past Resolutions

Ordinary Council Meeting 4 August 2015, Resolution 141/15:

That Council:

1. *RE-AFFIRMS the Town of Claremont Footpath Policy LV125 to have footpaths only on one side of local roads and informs residents and owners of properties in affected areas; and*
2. *APPROVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY the re-allocation of unallocated budget of \$157,640 to:*
 - 2.1. *Replace slab footpaths on:*
 - 2.1.1. *Stirling Road East, Shenton Rd to Stirling Park – Condition 5;*
 - 2.1.2. *Shenton Rd North, Shenton Pl to Stirling Rd – Condition 4;*
 - 2.1.3. *Fraser St South – Streetscape;*
 - 2.1.4. *Langsford Street from Stirling Hwy to Gugeri St (in addition to funds already allocated); and*
 - 2.2. *Remove slab footpaths on:*
 - 2.2.1. *Prospect Rd South – Condition 5;*
 - 2.2.2. *Riley Rd South – Condition 5;*
 - 2.2.3. *Mary St East – Condition 4;*
 - 2.2.4. *Fraser St North – Streetscape.*

Carried by an absolute majority (no dissent)

Financial and Staff Implications

Reduction of the number of footpaths within the Town will result in some reduction in the long term financial requirements for footpath renewal and in addition reduce the risk of injury from footpath faults.

Policy and Statutory Implications

Aligns with Footpath Policy LV125

Publicity

Advice letter to residents

Strategic Community Plan

Liveability

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- Maintain and upgrade infrastructure for seamless day to day usage.

Governance and Leadership

We are an open and accountable local government that encourages community involvement and strives to keep its community well informed.

- Focus on improved customer service, communication and consultation.
- Maintain long term financial stability and growth.
- Provide responsive and responsible leadership.

Urgency

The footpath is in poor condition so requires replacement or repair if not removed.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the removal of the slab footpath on the south side of Riley Road.

MOTION TO DEFER

Moved Cr Kelly, seconded Cr Wood

That the item be deferred.

Reason: To seek further comment from the community and to clarify comments.

**CARRIED(215/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

13.2.4 SECOND AVENUE LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

File Ref:	RDS/00240
Attachments:	Single Lane Lengthened Slow Point Single Lane Slow Point Examples of LATM
Responsible Officer:	Saba Kirupanather Executive Manager Infrastructure
Author:	Marty Symmons Engineering Technical Officer
Proposed Meeting Date:	17 November 2015

Purpose

Council is to consider changes to the Second Avenue road to reduce the number of crashes in the mid block (between the intersections - Graylands Road and Ashton Avenue).

Background

Residents of Second Avenue have contacted Council to raise concerns over road safety. The main concern was the difficulty exiting properties from the south side of Second Avenue between Graylands Road and Ashton Avenue.

Second Avenue is classified as a local access road carrying an Average Weekday Traffic volume (AWT) of 1000 vehicles per day in total. The 85th percentile speed is 48.6km/h (the speed at or below 85% of vehicles travel). These are within acceptable levels (volume 3000 per day and speed 50km/h).

Second Avenue has numerous multiple dwellings, some constructed recently, resulting in times where on-road parking is full, temporary traffic management is in place, and construction vehicles and supply trucks have been using the street.

In the last five years there have been fourteen crashes reported on Second Avenue between Graylands Road and Ashton Avenue, including these intersections. Eleven of those reported were major incidents. Six were mid block, with the majority of the mid block crashes occurring over a 50 metre section at the crest, between house numbers 60 to 64.

Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) treatments have been approved for the intersections by the Council. This report is to address the mid block safety issues.

Discussion

The road environment is one of the three elements that contribute to road crashes, the other two being driver behaviour and individual vehicle characteristics. Counts show traffic to be within normal acceptable levels in Second Avenue, and over individual vehicle characteristics, such as un-roadworthy or illegally modified vehicles, the Town has no control.

In Second Avenue driver sight lines are substandard due to

- The narrow width and steep slope of the southern verge, making properties on the south side lower than the road
- On-road parking
- The longitudinal grade of Second Avenue, which includes a steep crest.

First Avenue is a road which runs parallel to Second Avenue. It has similar vertical grade and crest, and also intersects with both Graylands Rd and Ashton Ave; yet has only had three reported crashes within the last five years.

The differences between the road environments on these two streets are

- The width of the southern verge
- The severity of the vertical grading of the lots to the south
- On road parking is not permitted on the crest of First Avenue.

Options (Attachments 1-3) to improve the safety on Second Avenue are

- Removing some on-road parking
- Install speed cushions (speed humps/speed plateaus) to lower speeds
- Median Islands
- Bi directional slow points at 100m intervals (Austroads guidelines)
- Single lane lengthened slow point
- Road Closure.

All of the above options will result in the loss of either some or all on-road parking. If crash numbers are to be reduced some loss of parking needs to be accepted despite its unpopularity with the local residents.

There is no evidence of poor driver behaviour which would recommend that expensive LATM treatments are required.

An initial treatment should be the removal of on-road parking between house numbers 60 to 66 to provide better sight lines for vehicles driving over the crest and exiting these properties. Crash data can then be reassessed in twelve months and two years to determine if the number of mid block crashes (in between Graylands Road and Ashton Avenue intersections) have been reduced.

Past Resolutions

Ordinary Council Meeting 18 August 2015, Resolution 149/15:

That Council:

1. *APPROVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY the reallocation of \$8,000 for the construction of refuge islands at the intersections of Second Avenue with Graylands Road and Ashton Avenue, to be funded from the savings of the “end of 2014-15 financial year budget review”; and*
2. *APPROVES the submission of nominations for both Australian Government Black Spot Funding Program and State Black Spot Funding Program for the construction of proposed roundabout treatment and associated works at the intersection of Second Avenue and Ashton Avenue in the 2016-17 financial year.*

Reason: Council does not support this installation of speed cushions in this street as they do not address the actual traffic problems of this street.

Financial and Staff Implications

The cost of trial treatment could be accommodated could be accommodated within the existing budget.

Policy and Statutory Implications

Austrroads and Australian Design guidelines and Main Roads WA design guidelines.

Publicity

Public consultation with local residents.

Strategic Community Plan**Urgency**

To commence public consultation process in the new year

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Goetze**That Council:**

- 1. Approves the installation of No Stopping on road regulatory controls on both sides from house number 58 to house number 66 on Second Avenue.**
- 2. Crash data to be reassessed in twelve months and two years to determine if the number of mid block crashes (in between Graylands Road and Ashton Avenue intersections) has reduced.**

**CARRIED(216/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

13.2.5 TREE REMOVAL - VICTORIA AVENUE

File Ref:	CUS/00090-02
Attachments:	Proposal One(a) Proposal One(b) Proposal Two
Responsible Officer:	Saba Kirupanather Executive Manager Infrastructure
Author:	Jackie Parker Supervisor Parks and Environment
Proposed Meeting Date:	1 December 2015

Purpose

Report recommends request to remove mature verge tree in Victoria Ave not be supported.

Background

In February/March 2015, the verge adjacent 9 Victoria Avenue was identified for tree planting. Three trees were planned for this location. Due to a small number of Erythrina's available and delay in obtaining stock, this location was removed from the 2015 planting list and placed on the 2016 planting list.

In August 2015, the Town received a request from an owner/occupier at 9 Victoria Avenue to remove a mature verge tree.

In September 2015, the Town distributed letters to all owner/occupiers at this location requesting feedback on the removal of this mature tree.

By October 2015, all resident responses were received and collated.

Discussion

The verge tree in question is an Agonis tree, approximately 30 years old, around five meters tall, and in fair health.

The verge tree was requested to be removed based on the following points:

- Safety issue due to close proximity of the cross over;
- Visual obstruction due to the large trunk;
- Lack of amenity value;
- Lack of health and vigour; and
- Damage from previous termite activity.

At the time the request was received by the Town, it was determined consultation with the remaining owner/occupiers was required. A letter was sent requesting feedback on the tree removal as well as the Town's intent to install five new trees in the next winter tree planting season. The Town has recently reviewed the proposed planting for this location, and proposing four new trees (instead of five).

The Town received a joint response from six owner/occupiers, and a further two separate responses.

In summary, all respondents were supportive of the tree removal. Two respondents were strongly opposed to planting of additional trees.

Proposal One (a) – Removal and Replacement of Verge Trees

It is believed that four trees could be planted on this verge as a result of removing the mature Agonis tree, following the Town's regular spacing of between eight and ten metres. This is identified as good opportunity to achieve a very attractive avenue of trees. In line with Council Policy, mature trees are seldom approved for removal without additional trees being planted in compensation. Please see Attachment 1.

Proposal One (b) – Retention of Mature Agonis and Installation of Verge Trees

While the mature Agonis tree is in close proximity (one metre) to the crossover, the Town does not perceive this to be of any more concern than many locations throughout the Town. An alternative crossover exists within the complex exiting on to Bay View Terrace for resident use.

On-road parking is currently permitted either side of the crossover at 9 Victoria Avenue (Victoria Avenue frontage) which may contribute to the issue of visual obstructions.

Mature trees are considered particularly valuable in this location due to the significant gaps within the streetscape on Victoria Avenue. This proposal supports the Town's original intention to install three trees on the verge during the 2016 winter planting program and retain the mature Agonis tree. Please see Attachment 2.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Proposal One

Advantages:

- Once trees are established they present a low ongoing cost to the Town;
- Provide shade and protection to pedestrians;
- Contribute to the existing streetscape;
- Comply with the Town's Street Tree Masterplan;
- As trees pass through stages of maturity it will allow for river views above/below the canopy; and
- Tree species for this street is deciduous therefore allowing views during autumn and winter.

Disadvantages:

- Loss of river views;
- Perceived or actual visual obstructions.

Proposal Two – Removal and Replacement with Hedge

An alternative proposal for the verge of 9 Victoria Avenue is a hedge planting, rather than tree planting. Several hedging plants could be considered for this location to grow to 500mm and span the length of the verge (50m).

Please see Attachment 3.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Proposal Two

Advantages:

- Protect river views;
- Add to amenity of street;
- Create a focal point for this intersection; and
- Compliment the trees when in flower within the streetscape.

Disadvantages:

- Ongoing maintenance costs;
- Supplementary water may be required increasing costs to Town;
- Conflicts with the Town's Street Tree Masterplan; and
- Will not provide shade/protection for pedestrians.

An inspection was undertaken on the mature Agonis tree. It was found that the tree did not present a hazard to pedestrians/motorists, and was in an acceptable condition. Due to a second crossover (Bay View Terrace frontage), residents at this location have the option to choose an alternative exit route.

In line with Council Policies, the tree in question does not meet the criteria for removal.

As many Erythrina's are already established along Victoria Avenue, the installation of new Erythrina trees will provide a significant contribution to the existing Streetscape.

As Erythrina's are deciduous and may be pruned to allow for views of the river, a new avenue of tree planting in this location is seen to be a very good outcome.

Financial and Staff Implications

Proposal One (a)

Removal of mature verge tree	\$ 900
Purchase and installation of four new trees	\$ 1,400
Watering and maintenance of four new trees over two years	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
Total:	<u>\$10,300</u>

Proposal One (b)

Purchase and installation of three new trees	\$1,050
Watering and maintenance of three new trees over two years	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total:	<u>\$7,050</u>

Proposal Two

Removal of mature verge tree	\$ 900
Purchase and installation of hedge (50m)	\$1,500
Annual maintenance of hedge (each year – on going)	\$2,200

Policy and Statutory Implications

Consideration should be made to the Town's following Policies:

Tree Promotion EN304;
Street Trees EN305; and
Tree Preservation EN306.

Publicity

Not applicable.

Strategic Community Plan**Liveability**

We are an accessible community, with well maintained and managed assets, and our heritage preserved for the enjoyment of the community.

- Clean, usable, attractive, accessible streetscapes and public open spaces.
- Provide a responsible and well managed urban environment, with sustainable development outcomes.

Environment

We are a leader in responsibly managing the build and natural environment for the enjoyment of the community and continue to provide sustainable, leafy green parks, streets and outdoor spaces.

- Provide education and communication on leading practices to the community.

Urgency

Not applicable.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority decision of Council required.

Moved Cr Edwards, seconded Cr Haynes

That Council approves the retention of the mature Agonis tree outside 9 Victoria Avenue and installation of three new trees in the 2016 winter planting program in the Victoria Avenue frontage.

Cr Mews gave notice that if the motion was defeated he would move an alternative motion for removal of the Agonis tree and planting of a hedge.

AMENDMENT**Moved Cr Kelly, seconded Cr Edwards**

That in the recommendation, the word 'retention' be replaced with 'removal' and the word 'three' replaced with 'four'.

**CARRIED(217/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

THE AMENDED PRIMARY MOTION WAS PUT

That Council approves the removal of the mature Agonis tree outside 9 Victoria Avenue and installation of four new trees in the 2016 winter planting program in the Victoria Avenue frontage.

**CARRIED(218/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

14 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON

Mayor Barker attended a function on melanoma research and the opening of Miss Chow's restaurant in Claremont Quarter.

Cr Tulloch commented on the impressive work in Avion Way.

Crs Main and Goetze attended WALGA Elected Member Training.

Cr Wood attended a presentation on Responsible dog ownership.

15 ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NIL

16 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION OF MEETING

NIL

17 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**MOTION TO CLOSE DOORS****Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Mews****That in accordance with Section 5.23 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* the meeting is closed to members of the public with the following aspects of the Act being applicable to this matter:**

(c) A contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

**CARRIED(219/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

Mayor Barker adjourned the meeting at 8:26PM.

Mayor Barker reconvened the meeting at 8:27PM.

Mayor Barker**Cr Karen Wood****Cr Peter Edwards****Cr Peter Browne****Cr Jill Goetze****Cr Paul Kelly****Cr Chris Mews****Cr Bruce Haynes****Cr Alastair Tulloch****Cr Kate Main****West Ward****West Ward****West Ward****South Ward****South Ward****South Ward****East Ward****East Ward****East Ward****Mr Stephen Goode (Chief Executive Officer)****Mr Saba Kirupanather (Executive Manager Infrastructure)****Ms Katie Bovell (Governance Officer)**

17.1 CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE**17.1.1 LEASE OF CLAREMONT INFANT HEALTH CENTRE - PORTION LOT 848
(RESERVE 21710) STIRLING HIGHWAY, CLAREMONT**

File Ref: COP/00146
Responsible Officer: Les Crichton
Executive Manager Corporate and Governance
Author: Peter Scasserra
Coordinator Property and Leasing
Proposed Meeting Date: 01 December 2015

Purpose

It is proposed that the following item be considered in closed session.

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Mews

That Council

- 1. Request Ministerial approval to lease of the premises relating to portion of Reserve 21710.**
- 2. On approval,**
 - i) Prepare lease documents to lease the premises to Claremont Bright Beginnings Incorporated for a term of 2 years with the Town.**
 - ii) Charge a nominal rental amount of \$500.00 per annum plus outgoings plus GST.**

**CARRIED(220/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

MOTION TO OPEN DOORS

Moved Cr Haynes, seconded Cr Main

That the doors be opened.

**CARRIED(221/15)
(NO DISSENT)**

The doors opened at 8:29PM.

THE MAYOR READ ALOUD THE RESOLUTION MADE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

18 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Annual Electors' General Meeting, 8 December 2015 at 6:00PM.
Ordinary Council Meeting, 15 December 2015 at 7:00PM.

19 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the presiding member declared the meeting closed at 8:30 PM.

Confirmed this day of 2015.

PRESIDING MEMBER