7.4.1 PROJECT C09502 - HUGHESDALE LATM DELIVERY - PROJECT BUDGET VARIATION EXCEEDING CEO DELEGATION

Responsible Manager:	Andrew Andonopoulos, Manager Capital Works
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Approves an increase of \$110,000 to the budget for Project C09502 Hughesdale LATM Delivery, bringing the adopted budget from \$385,000 to \$495,000.

(*Please note that all dollar figures are GST Exclusive unless stated otherwise)

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

To achieve delivery of the 2023/24 Capital Works Program

BACKGROUND

This project is for delivery of Stage 1 Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) works endorsed at the 28 June 2022 Council meeting. The project scope includes the construction of a raised school crossing and two road humps in the proximity of Oakleigh Grammar, realignment of the Neerim Road / Dandenong Road service road intersection, construction of a traffic island at the Euston Road / Warrigal Road intersection & preparation of design plans and documentation for the Stage 2 LATM construction works.

DISCUSSION

Council has conducted a public tender for the detailed LATM works package. The tender closed on 1 November 2023 and Council received six submissions. The evaluation panel has completed their review of submissions with the preferred and most cost-effective contractor identified. The anticipated project expenditure exceeds the adopted project budget by \$110,000. All six submissions were above the adopted budget.

The increased cost of this project is due to high costs associated with significant traffic management required to undertake construction along Department of Transport & Planning (DTP) controlled main roads (Dandenong Road & Warrigal Road) and the cost associated with an increase in scope to incorporate the resurfacing of the (Dandenong Road) service road in

conjunction with the intersection realignment project at Neerim Road and Dandenong Service Road.

The tender will be awarded subject to formal Council approval to increase the Project Budget. The preferred project delivery commencement timeframe is December to enable the raised school crossing and road hump works near Oakleigh Grammar to be completed during the December/January school holidays with the balance of works completed in the new calendar year (anticipated May 2024). The preferred tenderer has confirmed their ability to meet the above timeframes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In line with Council's Financial Delegation Limits (Item 4.1 Delegation Manual), Council must approve variations to Projects that are greater than 10% of the approved budget.

The adopted budget for this project is \$385,000 and requires additional funding of \$110,000 to successfully deliver the works. The revised budget for Project C09502 – Hughesdale LATM Delivery will be \$495,000 subject to Council's approval of the recommendations within this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Not Applicable

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA was not completed because this agenda item is not a 'policy', 'program' or 'service'.

CONCLUSION

That Council approves the recommendations contained within this report.

ATTACHMENT LIST

Nil