

#### 4.4 CONTRACT FOR OAKLEIGH ACTIVITY CENTRE - PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS (PART A) (KW:CF2019004)

Ward: OAKLEIGH

Responsible Director: Simon Hill

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council:*

- 1. Accepts the tender from Urban Civil Construction Group Pty Ltd to undertake pedestrian improvement works within the Oakleigh Activity Centre (Part A) for the fixed lump sum price of \$325,633.00 (GST inclusive).*
- 2. Notes that the anticipated total project expenditure is \$449,496.25 (GST inclusive) for the improvement works (including the contingency amount, service authority adjustments, lighting improvements and project management fees); and.*
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract documents and approve any contract variations that are contained within the project budget.*

##### **INTRODUCTION**

The project consists of the provision of various safety improvements for pedestrians within the Oakleigh Activity Centre. Funding is to be provided from the Victorian Government's \$100 million Safe Cyclists and Pedestrians Fund which is a joint TAC/VicRoads Safe System Road Infrastructure Program (SSRIP).

This project provides the opportunity to deliver an upgraded and safer environment for pedestrians at key locations with funding provided from the TAC.

##### **BACKGROUND**

In late July 2017, VicRoads advised Council that it wished to investigate bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements within Monash.

On 31 May 2018 the State Government announced that a range of proposed projects were proceeding and Council was asked to tender the nominated projects with a view to design and complete the works as a major priority.

The Oakleigh Activity Centre has been identified as one of a number of activity centres around Melbourne which has a need for safety improvements based on a history of crashes with 44 reported crashes between 2011 and 2015, of which 23 involved pedestrians and/or cyclists.

**DISCUSSION**

The project consists of the provision of various safety improvements for pedestrians within the Oakleigh Activity Centre. For management purposes the delivery of the works were grouped into three parts.

The proposed works are:

**Oakleigh Activity Centre - Part A – CF2019004**

- Hanover Street/Chester Street – raised platform, kerb outstands & zebra crossing.
- Hanover Street north of Portman Street – raised platform at existing signalised zebra crossing.
- Hanover Street/Portman Street – at-grade zebra crossing.
- Station Street/Portman Street – raised platforms on 2 legs of roundabout (at existing zebra crossings).

**Oakleigh Activity Centre - Part B**

- Haughton Road/Johnson Street – raised intersection and relocated signalised zebra crossing.

**Oakleigh Activity Centre - Part C**

- Hanover Street / Burlington Street – raised platform on northern leg and two new signalised zebra crossings. These works completed September 2018.
- Eaton Mall traffic signal changes at Portman Street and Chester Street (giving priority to pedestrians) completed earlier by VicRoads.
- Chester Street and Portman Street line marking changes to narrow appearance of road around Oakleigh Market.

This report relates to the works described in Part A.

The State Government's expectation is that Part A works commence by November 2018.

**Scope of works**

The works proposed under the Part A contract include the construction of raised pavement treatments at various intersections and streets, improved pedestrian crossing facilities, installation of drainage pits and pipes, line marking and signage works.

**CONSULTATION**

Council, on behalf of VicRoads, undertook the initial community engagement with traders and residents seeking feedback on a plan of suggested pedestrian safety improvements within the Oakleigh Activity Centre. A notice was distributed to approximately 600 properties in the area and feedback was also sought via the Council website. Council has received a very low response rate but these were generally supportive of the project.

***SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS***

This project provides the opportunity to deliver an upgraded and safer environment for pedestrians encouraging sustainable transport to and within the Oakleigh precinct, including significant safety improvements in the vicinity of the Oakleigh Railway Station.

***ANALYSIS***

A public notice seeking tender submissions was placed in The Age newspaper on 21 July 2018 and at the close of tenders the following six contractors had submitted tenders with lump sum prices ranging between \$325,633.00 and \$861,779.00 (GST inclusive):

- Urban Civil Construction Group Pty Ltd
- Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd
- Allgood Contracting Pty Ltd
- Parkinson Group (VIC) Pty Ltd
- CDN Constructors Pty Ltd
- Bitu-mill (Civil) Pty Ltd

Submissions were evaluated in accordance with the criteria set out in the tender documents with price (60%) and non-price qualitative items (40%), including assessment for occupational health and safety (OH&S), environmental and works management systems, previous experience and demonstrated quality of works for similar projects.

All tenders passed the mandatory selection criteria.

Given the high pedestrian and vehicular activity within the Activity Centre, particular attention was given to the works and traffic management methodology. As such, the two highest ranking tenderers, Urban Civil Construction Group Pty Ltd (Urban Civil) and Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd (Blue Peak) were requested to clarify the delivery time frame and works methodology including traffic management for the works. Both tenderers have experience in working in busy areas.

Interviews were conducted with both Urban Civil and Blue Peak.

During the interview with Urban Civil they clarified their works methodology to ensure pedestrian and public safety and indicated that night works will be undertaken where necessary to minimise inconvenience to road users. Urban Civil indicated that they could commence works in October 2018 and complete all works within a timeframe of ten weeks which satisfies the delivery time frames of Council and the State Government.

An on-site assessment of works carried out for other Council's verified that Urban Civil's works are of a satisfactory standard.

Based on the final evaluation scores, Urban Civil Construction Group Pty Ltd was considered to offer the best overall value.

***FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS***

Based on the tender price of Urban Civil Construction Group Pty Ltd's submission, the anticipated total project cost (GST exclusive) is estimated to be:

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Fixed lump sum price (GST inclusive)	325,633.00
Less GST Amount	\$29,603.00
Fixed lump sum price (GST exclusive)	\$296,030.00
Service Adjustments	\$15,000.00
Lighting improvements	\$12,000.00
Contingency Sum	\$48,454.50
Design and Project Management Fees	\$37,148.45
Total Expected Project Cost (GST exclusive)	\$408,632.95

Street lighting improvements associated with these works are to be delivered outside of this contract.

This project is fully funded by VicRoads and this has been confirmed in writing. Council is to incur the expense initially which will then be reimbursed by VicRoads. A design and project management fee will be charged to cover Council's costs.

#### ***IMPLEMENTATION***

Upon Council awarding the Contract, the necessary documentation will be executed and the works undertaken.

#### ***CONCLUSION***

The Evaluation panel recommends that the tender from Urban Civil Construction Group Pty Ltd offers Council best value.