

**ITEM 12. TENDER – COLBOURNE AVENUE AND LYNDHURST STREET
IMPROVEMENTS - GLEBE**

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SUMMARY

This report provides details of the tenders received for improvements to Colbourne Avenue and Lyndhurst Street, Glebe.

The works will formalise the existing temporary road closure at the intersection of Bridge Road and Colbourne Avenue to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, revitalise the street and immediate infrastructure, and provide landscaped seating areas.

Community consultation took place in August 2013 and in February 2014, with the design amended to incorporate feedback from the community.

The concept plan and formalisation of the road closure was approved by the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee in July 2014 and Council in November 2014.

This report recommends that Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'A' for the construction of the Colbourne Avenue and Lyndhurst Street improvements, Glebe.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'A' for Colbourne Avenue and Lyndhurst Street improvements works; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Concept Plan

Attachment B: Tender Evaluation Summary (Confidential)

(As Attachment B is confidential, it will be circulated separately from the agenda paper and to Councillors and relevant senior staff only.)

BACKGROUND

1. Currently, the intersection between Colbourne Avenue and Bridge Road Glebe has an informal road closure comprising concrete barriers, a traffic island planted with a single tree and on-street parking.
2. In June 2013, an initial landscaping proposal for Colbourne Avenue, between Bridge Road and Lyndhurst Street, was advertised to residents. Following community feedback, the proposal was revised to close the section of road at the intersection and reconfigure the car park spacing to increase the landscaped area.
3. In July 2014, the Local Pedestrian and Traffic Calming Committee approved the closure of this section of Colbourne Avenue under section 116 of the Roads Act 1993.
4. The permanent closure of this intersection was also approved by Council in October 2014.
5. The project is part of Council's strategy to green the City and improve the amenity of local streets and the site presents an opportunity to increase tree canopy cover in Glebe with in-road tree planting.
6. Following assessments of the condition of existing street infrastructure during the design development, upgrades to existing lighting and stormwater infrastructure were incorporated into the design.
7. The scope of works includes:
 - (a) new landscaping areas including garden beds, furniture and the planting of 15 trees;
 - (b) high quality material finishes including brick paving, glazed brick seating walls and sandstone kerbing;
 - (c) new lighting and stormwater infrastructure;
 - (d) provision of a bike link between Bridge Road and Colbourne Avenue to connect in with a future bike path along Bridge Road; and
 - (e) narrowing of the carriageways at the intersection of Colbourne Avenue and Lyndhurst Street to reduce vehicle speed and improve pedestrian safety.
8. The project's final Concept Plan can be viewed in Attachment A.

INVITATION TO TENDER

9. The tender was advertised in The Sydney Morning Herald and The Daily Telegraph newspapers on Tuesday 25 August 2015. In addition, the Tender was advertised online via Tenderlink, the City's e-tendering portal from 25 August and closed on 1 September 2015.

TENDER SUBMISSIONS

10. Seven submissions were received from the following organisations (listed alphabetically):

- CA & I Pty Ltd
- Celtic Civil Pty Ltd
- Civil Works NSW Pty Ltd
- Ford Civil Pty Ltd
- North Shore Paving Co P/L
- Quality Management and Constructions Pty Ltd t/a QMC Group
- Sydney Civil Pty Ltd

11. No late submissions were received.

TENDER EVALUATION

12. All members of the Tender Evaluation Panel have signed Pecuniary Interest Declarations. No pecuniary interests were noted.
13. The relative ranking of tenders as determined from the total weighted score is provided in the confidential Tender Evaluation Summary – Attachment B.
14. All submissions were assessed in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria being:
- (a) the lump sum price and schedule of prices;
 - (b) demonstrated experience, capability and qualifications;
 - (c) demonstrated capacity and allocation of resources;
 - (d) proposed project program and staging;
 - (e) the proposed methodology;
 - (f) Work Health and Safety; and
 - (g) financial stability and financial position of the tenderer including insurances.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

15. The City will ensure that performance is met and monitored through:
- (a) reviewing program and work method statements;
 - (b) reviewing samples and product data;
 - (c) attending regular inspections of the works;
 - (d) conducting weekly site meetings with the contractor; and
 - (e) ensuring the works are in accordance with the contract documents such as Architectural and Contract Drawings, Specifications, Contract Preliminaries and General Requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

16. There are sufficient funds allocated for the project within the current year's capital works budget and future years' forward estimates.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

17. The tender has been conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the City's Contracts Policy.
18. Attachment B contains confidential commercial information of the tenderers and details of Council's tender evaluation and contingencies which, if disclosed, would:
- (a) confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and
 - (b) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
19. Discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because it would compromise Council's ability to negotiate fairly and commercially to achieve the best outcome for its ratepayers.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

20. The works are planned to commence in January 2016 and be completed by June 2016.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

21. In June 2013, an initial landscaping proposal for Colbourne Avenue was advertised to residents. Following this consultation, the City revised the landscaping plan to close Colbourne Avenue between Lyndhurst Street and Bridge Road and to include this area as part of the landscaping project.
22. In February 2014, the City readvertised the road closure proposal and landscaping plan to residents in accordance with section 116 of the Roads Act 1993. The City also consulted local businesses in the area. One hundred and ninety-two letters were distributed, with three responses received supporting the proposal and four responses, including an 11 signature petition, opposed to the proposal.
23. Submissions supporting the proposal believed the proposal would beautify and create better amenities within the area.
24. Submissions opposing the proposal were concerned about the loss of parking, traffic changes and opposition to the bike lane. There were also concerns that the provision of seating areas could encourage antisocial behaviour.
25. The final design, despite resulting in the loss of two on-street parking spaces, meets the community expectations for additional landscaping as well as significantly improving pedestrian safety and local amenity. Furthermore, the loss of on-street parking can be adequately offset with parking in the streets immediately surrounding the site.

26. The City also consulted the NSW Police on the proposed landscaping plan. The Police have provided their support to the proposal as it activates a public space, making it more desirable for pedestrian and cyclists to use. They do not believe that anti-social behaviour would increase as a result of the proposed landscaping improvements in the street.
27. A Traffic Management Plan was prepared for the road closure and approved by Council in July 2014.

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