

ALTERNATE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BOWLES

ITEM NUMBER: WS028

ITEM TITLE: DEFERRAL OF ROAD PROJECT-LAKE SEPPINGS DRIVE

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VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT:

- 1. Council DEFER the Lake Seppings Drive construction project.**
- 2. Staff INVESTIGATE the construction of a single lane access to affected properties, and advise Council of the cost and suitability.**
- 3. Advise, and request comment from, affected residents of the suitability of a single lane access.**
- 4. Council CONSIDER the amended project with revised costs prior to the 2014-15 budget.**

Councillors Reason:

As indicated in the Officer Report, for many years, residents of Wakefield Crescent have expressed serious concerns and frustration over the constant dust, noise and hooning along Lake Seppings Drive, and have advocated strongly for the construction and sealing of the gravel link on Lake Seppings Drive.

A standard two lane sealed road has proven considerably more expensive than anticipated due to the discovery of waste materials, results of the site survey and identified issues with existing utilities in the preliminary design.

To achieve a reasonable solution for all, investigation into the construction of a single lane sealed access should be considered. This, in effect, may prove to be the most efficient and cost effective resolution for resident's ongoing frustration with the dust, noise and hoons, whilst also providing the through and alternate access to their properties.

Officer Comment (Executive Director Works and Services M Thomson)

The affected residents have been opposed to the construction of a single lane access, favouring a two lane road allowing through access. Given the cost constraints and following recent discussion at Council, it is considered appropriate to further investigate the original suggested option which was to provide a single lane access, closed to through traffic. This option will address the concerns around dust, noise and hooning.

As this option was initially rejected, proper investigation was not undertaken. The City is currently looking at traffic data to confirm that the option is viable and will not adversely affect traffic patterns in the precinct. Once the results of this investigation are known, the appropriate option will be put back to the residents for their comment, and the project will be put forward for budget considerations prior to the adoption of the 2014/15 budget.

Should the project be approved and budgeted, it can be constructed in November 2014.