

FIVE YEAR ROAD PLAN

Funding for road projects comes from a number of sources. Five main sources are included in this road plan and, whilst there may be opportunities to access funds from other sources from time to time, it would be unrealistic to incorporate projects into this plan on the basis of utilising funds from sources that are unlikely to eventuate. These main sources are as follows ;

Block Grant – an annual lump sum made available by the State Government through the RTA for Council to undertake works (maintenance and development) on regional roads. The total available funds shown below is not equal to the Block Grant as much of this allocation needs to be retained for routine maintenance activities, such as grading, patching, resealing etc, which are not included in this plan.

REPAIR Programme – a dollar for dollar programme made available by the State Government through the RTA for Council to undertake works (development or rehabilitation) on regional roads. Council is not assured of gaining funds from this programme, however, on the basis of past performance it has been included as the prospects are at least reasonable. There is an upper limit of \$350,000 to be granted and matching funds are normally taken from the Block Grant.

Timber Bridge Replacement Programme – this state programme has been reintroduced by the State Government, however there is no information available at present which would allow the programme to be included in this plan with confidence. The plan will need to be reviewed, if and when an approved project from this programme becomes known.

FAG (Road Component) Grant – is made available annually by the Commonwealth Government for expenditure on local roads. The size of the grant is determined by a formula and, like the Block Grant, the total available funds is not equal to the grant, as it too must take into account routine maintenance activities.

Roads to Recovery Grant (2) – this is a four year programme which commenced last year. It is made available by the Commonwealth Government for expenditure on roads of any category, however the Commonwealth would prefer to see it spent on local roads.

Strategic Regional Programme – Council has received an allocation of \$2.1 million for Regional Road No 457, which must be matched with \$900,000 from Council's own funds. Subsequent to this advice, Council has also received \$2.8 million for both Regional Road No 329 and Regional Road No 333. In each case, these funds need to be matched with \$1.2 million from Council's own funds. The grant funds have already been made available to Council, however the plan has been prepared as if the funding is made available at the time it is spent.

Year One – 2007/08

Assumed Available Road Funds - \$3,838,000

Comprising

Block Grant - \$550,000

REPAIR Programme - \$300,000

FAG (Road Component) Grant - \$200,000

Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Strategic Regional Programme - \$1,950,000

Projects

- 1. Regional Road No 333 (seal Monkey Scrub towards Carinda) - \$1,300,000
(assumes \$300,000 from REPAIR Programme)**
- 2. Regional Road No 457 (south of Little Weir) - \$1,500,000**
- 3. Shire Roads (reforming of selected road lengths) - \$538,000**
- 4. Sealing of village streets in Burren Junction - \$200,000**
- 5. Shire Road No 120 – Construction of new bridge over Milchome Creek
(Epping Bridge) - \$300,000**

Year Two – 2008/09

Assumed Available Road Funds - \$6,138,000

Comprising

Block Grant - \$1,000,000

REPAIR Programme - \$300,000

FAG (Road Component) Grant - \$300,000

Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Strategic Regional Programme - \$3,700,000

Projects

- 1. Regional Road No 333 (seal Monkey Scrub to Castlereagh River) - \$1,300,000 (assumes \$300,000 from REPAIR Programme)**
- 2. Regional Road No 329 (seal unsealed length between Rowena and Burren Junction) - \$4,000,000**
- 3. Shire Road No 103 (Selected lengths from Burren Junction towards Pilliga – seal for dust suppression) - \$250,000**
- 4. Shire Road No 120 - Construction of new bridge over unnamed watercourse (1st Epping Bridge) - \$200,000**
- 5. Shire Roads (reforming of selected lengths) - \$388,000**

Year Three – 2009/10

Assumed Available Road Funds - \$4,388,000

Comprising

Block Grant - \$800,000

REPAIR Programme - \$300,000

FAG (Road Component) Grant - \$300,000

Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Strategic Regional Programme - \$2,150,000

Projects

- 1. Regional Road No 333 (seal Castlereagh River to Shire Road No 38) - \$1,400,000 (assumes \$300,000 from REPAIR Programme)**
- 2. Sealing of village streets in Cumborah - \$200,000**
- 3. Regional Road No 202 (gravel resheeting of selected lengths) - \$150,000**
- 4. Shire Road No 101 (gravel sheeting of selected lengths) - \$150,000**
- 5. Shire Roads (reforming of selected lengths) - \$638,000**
- 6. Regional Road No 7716 (gravel sheeting of selected lengths – Pilliga end) - \$350,000**
- 7. Regional Road No 457 (seal Little Weir to State Border) - \$1,500,000**

Year Four - 2010/11

Assumed Available Road Funds - \$1,388,000

Comprising

Block Grant - \$350,000

FAG (Road Component) Grant - \$200,000

Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Projects

- 1. Shire Roads (reforming of selected lengths) - \$388,000**
- 2. Regional Road No 426 (gravel sheeting of selected lengths) - \$350,000**
- 3. Sealing of village streets in Carinda - \$200,000**
- 4. Shire Road No 79 - replace timber deck at bridge over Pagan Creek - \$200,000**
- 5. Shire Road No 103 (Selected lengths from Burren Junction towards Pilliga – seal for dust suppression) - \$250,000**

Year Five - 2011/12

Assumed Available Road Funds - \$1,588,000

Comprising

Block Grant - \$550,000

FAG (Road Component) Grant - \$200,000

Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Projects

- 1. Shire Roads (reforming of selected lengths) - \$438,000**
- 2. Shire Road No 112 - Construction of new bridge over Wanourie Creek - \$400,000**
- 3. Regional Road No 426 (gravel sheeting of selected lengths) - \$350,000**
- 4. Regional Road No 457 (Selected length from Collarenebri towards Mungindi - seal for dust suppression) - \$200,000**
- 5. Shire Road No 103 (Selected lengths from Burren Junction towards Pilliga – seal for dust suppression) - \$200,000**