

**ITEM 18. TENDER - TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION - ELIZABETH STREET WATERLOO AT ALLEN AND SHORT STREETS****FILE NO: S044479****TENDER NO: 0649****SUMMARY**

This report provides details of the tenders received for the construction of traffic signals on Elizabeth Street, Waterloo at the intersection of Allen and Short Streets, and recommends that Council accept the tender submitted by Company "A".

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the lump sum tender offer of Company "A", as described in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report, for the construction of traffic signals on Elizabeth Street, Waterloo at the intersection of Allen and Short Streets; and
- (B) Tender Evaluation Summary, Attachment B, remain confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(D) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**ATTACHMENTS****Attachment A:** Site Map**Attachment B:** Tender Evaluation Summary (confidential)

## BACKGROUND

1. The Zetland Area Traffic Study was conducted in 2004 and included the recommendation that traffic signals be installed on Elizabeth Street, Waterloo at the intersection of Allen and Short Streets to provide for the safe movements of pedestrians and cyclists across Elizabeth Street.
2. Elizabeth Street is a busy four lane Regional Road at this location and has a history of near-misses as students from a nearby English Language College cross to/from a bus stop on the western side. The Principal raised the safety issue with the City's Road Safety Officer and a proposal for a marked pedestrian crossing was developed, but ultimately refused by the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) as unworkable on a multi-lane road.
3. On 11 April 2005 Council endorsed in principle, with some minor qualifications, the Zetland Area Traffic Study and the '*traffic management plan – preferred option*' and resolved, in part, to obtain Roads and Traffic Authority approval and contribute funds towards the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Elizabeth Street, Short Street and Allen Street.
4. During the Traffic Study process there was widespread community consultation and support for the installation of the signals.
5. The RTA initially refused to approve signals at the subject location on the grounds that they would be too close to the existing signalised intersections at Elizabeth/Bourke and Elizabeth/O'Dea Streets and would lead to increased traffic congestion. Several alternative proposals were investigated, but were found to be either unworkable or not as safe as traffic signals and eventually the RTA gave its consent.
6. A formal traffic signal design has been prepared, with provision for the proposed bicycle route No 11 (Kensington to Sydney Airport) which runs along Allen and Short Streets. The RTA has formally approved the design.

## INVITATION TO TENDER

7. Tender documentation was prepared and advertising commenced on 12 September 2006 and closed on 24 October 2006.
8. Tenderers were asked to provide a lump sum tender price for the construction of the traffic signals on Elizabeth Street, Waterloo.

## TENDER SUBMISSIONS

9. Three submissions were received from the following organisations:
  - CNJ Electrical Services
  - Task Engineering Pty Ltd
  - Wispkhan Pty Ltd

**TENDER EVALUATION**

10. The aim of the Tender Evaluation Process is to assess the capability of each tenderer to provide the best value and quality services and to identify the preferred tenderer.
11. A Tender Evaluation Panel was established and submissions were assessed in accordance with the evaluation criteria as agreed by the Evaluation Panel:
  - (a) Tender Price / Schedule of Quantities
  - (b) Compliance with Specification / Team /Resources
  - (c) Service Provision / Methodology / Program
  - (d) Occupational Health and Safety
  - (e) Financial and commercial trading integrity
12. The relative rankings of the tenders as determined from the total weighted score is provided in the confidential *Attachment B - Tender Evaluation Summary*.
13. All members of the Tender Evaluation Panel have signed Pecuniary Interest Declarations. No pecuniary interests were noted.

**PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT**

14. The City will ensure that performance standards are monitored during construction by:
  - (a) attending weekly site meetings and inspection of works with the Contractor and consultant Project Manager;
  - (b) undertaking Quality Assurance Inspections;
  - (c) ensuring that the Contractor delivers all necessary OH&S Plans, work method statements, inspection and test plans and certificates of compliance as specified in the tender documents for Council review; and
  - (d) monitoring Contractor's program and assessing monthly progress claims.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

15. Sufficient funds are available in the 2006/2007 Capital Works Budget for the signal construction works.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

16. 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.
17. Information provided by tenderers which is commercial-in-confidence has been protected and will not be disclosed in accordance with section 10A(2)(D) of the Local Government Act 1993. A consistent standard for all tenderers has been used in assessing any request for confidentiality by a tenderer.

**CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES**

18. The following details the programme to be followed for the construction of the traffic signals:

Council Resolution:	11 December 2006
Contract Award and commencement of works on site:	early January 2007
Commission traffic signals:	April 2007

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