

**ITEM 18. TENDER - BOURKE STREET CYCLEWAY STAGE 1  
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**SUMMARY**

This report provides details of the tenders received for Bourke Street Cycleway Stage 1, Woolloomooloo, Cowper Wharf Road – Corfu Street.

The Bourke Street cycleway design was endorsed by Council on 15 December 2008 and will be a separated cycleway along the western side from Cowper Wharf Road in Woolloomooloo to Philip Street in Zetland. From Phillip Street to Elizabeth Street, the footpaths will be redesignated to shared foot and cycle paths on both sides of the road. The project is divided into three sections: the first section relates to this Tender and is from Cowper Wharf Road – Corfu Street in Woolloomooloo. The Cycleway implementation will also incorporate some streetscape upgrade works.

This report recommends that Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'B' for Bourke Street Cycleway Stage 1, Woolloomooloo, Cowper Wharf Road – Corfu Street.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'B' for Bourke Street cycleway Stage 1, Woolloomooloo, Cowper Wharf Road – Corfu Street; and
- (B) Tender Evaluation Summary and Project Forecast Cost, being Attachments B and C respectively to the subject report, remain confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment A:** Liveable Green Network and Cycleway Design Plans – Stage 1

**Attachment B:** Tender Evaluation Summary (Confidential)

**Attachment C:** Project Forecast Cost (Confidential)

**BACKGROUND**

1. On 2 April 2007, Council adopted *The City of Sydney Cycle Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2017* (the 'Strategy'). The Strategy establishes a long-term vision for cycling in the City of Sydney and aims to encourage and increase cycle participation. *Sustainable Sydney 2030* incorporates this adopted Plan into its larger vision for the City, as a key action for achieving both: *Integrated Transport for a Connected City* and *A City for Walking and Cycling (Liveable Green Networks)*.
2. Bourke Street has been designated as a regional cycle route in the 1999 RTA Action for Bikes plan, the 2004 South Sydney Bike Plan and the City of Sydney Cycle Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2017.
3. The Bourke Street Cycleway has been identified as an important route and as one of the first projects to be implemented under the Cycling Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2017. Bourke Street is a preferred route for cyclists because it:
  - (a) provides a main north-south link through the Local Government Area;
  - (b) provides a key connections with the wider network in surrounding Local Government Areas;
  - (c) connects to a number of other cycle routes and destinations;
  - (d) aligns with the ridgeline and has a gentle grade which is pedestrian and cycle friendly; and
  - (e) has reduced vehicle volumes and is a low speed traffic environment.
4. The route is located on Bourke Street from Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo, to Elizabeth Street, Waterloo. The Bourke Street Cycleway will provide a continuous separated cycleway and shared footpath link between the Green Square Urban Renewal Area to Sydney Harbour, the CBD and eastern suburbs.
5. The City of Sydney appointed GTA Transport Consultants in March 2008 to help develop the Concept Plan for the Bourke Street Cycleway. The scope of the services included concept design, community consultation, design development, construction documentation and construction stage services.
6. Community consultation ran from 26 March – 6 June and, during that period, information leaflets were distributed to 22,000 City residences, a project web page was created and four community meetings were held.
7. Eight hundred and forty nine (849) submissions were received via email, mail or feedback forms during the consultation period. Six hundred and thirty eight (638) were in support of the project and 182 raised issues or opposition. Twenty nine (29) responses did not state a preference, or were undecided.
8. Key stakeholders such as the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) and the State Transit Authority (STA) have been consulted on the project. The RTA has worked closely with the City of Sydney in informing the design at intersections.

9. A scoping report was adopted by Council on 15 December 2008. This report provided information on the detailed design and outcomes of the consultation. The detailed design was adopted in order to proceed to tender for construction of the project.
10. This tender is for the construction of Stage 1 which is from Cowper Wharf Road to Corfu Street, Woolloomooloo. It includes construction, streetscape works and improvements to lighting and footpaths. It also includes traffic calming measures identified as part of the City East Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Scheme. Liveable Green Network and Cycleway Design Plans for Stage 1 are enclosed as Attachment A.

### **INVITATION TO TENDER**

11. The tender was advertised in The Sydney Morning Herald and The Daily Telegraph on 17 March 2009. The tender period closed on 9 April 2009. The tender period lasted 3 weeks and 2 days.

### **TENDER SUBMISSIONS**

12. Four tender submissions were received by the closing date and time.
13. The submissions were received from the following organisations:
  - AWJ Civil Pty Ltd
  - Ford Civil Contracting Pty Ltd
  - GMW Urban Pty Ltd
  - Kingston Civil Construction
14. No late submissions were received.

### **TENDER EVALUATION**

15. All members of the Tender Evaluation Panel have signed Pecuniary Interest Declarations. No pecuniary interests were noted.
16. The relative ranking of tenders as determined from the total weighted score is provided in the Confidential Tender Evaluation Summary – Attachment B.
17. All submissions were assessed in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria being:
  - (a) tendered price;
  - (b) key personnel/subcontractors;
  - (c) communications;
  - (d) plant & equipment;
  - (e) complaints and enquiry procedures;
  - (f) proposed program;

- (g) proposed methodology;
- (h) quality and operational plan;
- (i) experience in works/services of similar nature/references;
- (j) environmental management;
- (k) Occupational Health & Safety; and
- (l) financial and commercial trading integrity / Insurances.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT**

18. The City will ensure that performance standards are achieved during construction through:
- (a) quality assurance inspections undertaken by the head consultant;
  - (b) review of all necessary project and construction management plans, including project specific safety plans, work method statements, inspection and test plans and traffic and pedestrian management plans etc. provided by the contractor;
  - (c) monthly review of construction program and progress;
  - (d) ensuring that approved traffic and pedestrian management plans are adhered to; and
  - (e) day-to-day liaison (including weekly site meetings) and inspections with contractor.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

19. There are sufficient funds allocated for the delivery of Stage 1 within the current year's capital works/operating budget.
20. Further details on the complete project forecast costs are contained in confidential Attachment C.

### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

21. 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.
22. 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**

23. The critical date for project delivery is:

- (a) Contract awarded to contractor June 2009

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

24. The Bourke Street project and the Concept Plan have had a community information program that started in February 2008 and included:

- (a) media release on 11 February 2008 announcing that a report to Council would appoint a tender to design the cycleway project was released and reported by commuter and community newspapers including The City News and MX;
- (b) 22,000 Invitation to Comment brochures, detailing the route map and project concept letterboxed in late March 2008;
- (c) a phone number of a project liaison officer was provided to answer project enquiries and provide information;
- (d) project liaison officer undertook extensive number of one on one meetings, door knocks and phone conversations;
- (e) invitation to comment period extended from 24 April to 6 June 2008;
- (f) extensive coverage and discussion of the project in local and metropolitan newspapers during April and May 2008.
- (g) on 15 May another letter and seven detailed route maps covering the Bourke Street design and promoting community information events were distributed to the Woolloomooloo, East Sydney, Darlinghurst, Surry Hills, Redfern and Waterloo areas (500 metre adjacent to the Bourke Street route). Approximately 22,000 invitations and concept plans were distributed;
- (h) three community information sessions and one community workshop (4 events) were held on 24 May 2008 and facilitated by an independent professional community consultant at the Mary McDonald Activity Centre Woolloomooloo, SCEGGS Great Hall Darlinghurst, The Ron Williams Activity Centre Redfern and The Medina on Crown Street, Surry Hills;
- (i) the purpose of this day was to provide detailed information for the community on sections of the route. Staff and consultants were available to clarify the concept plan components and receive feedback. Public consultation meetings were attended by approximately 190 people across the four locations;
- (j) dedicated City of Sydney project web page with information; and
- (k) local residents were door-knocked and local businesses were met along Bourke Street to describe the concept plan, provide project information and receive feedback.

25. Consultation will continue throughout the construction process. The community will be kept abreast of works being undertaken either via project updates on the Bourke Street web page in the City of Sydney website or by notices hand delivered to affected residents and stakeholders along the street.

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