

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS 2003 – AUGUST 2025

#	Date	Item Title	Confidential Order Details	Item being kept confidential - Agenda/ Attachment/ Minutes	Reason regarding retention or recommend-action to release	Resolution Regarding Action	Last Review Date	Next Review Date	Date Released
267	24 February 2025	Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Grant Program	<u>Section 90 (3) (g) Order</u> 1. Pursuant to Section 90(3)(g) Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public except the Chief Executive Officer; Executive Manager; General Manager Infrastructure, General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services, General Manager Corporate Services, <i>Manager Strategic Projects & Economic Development</i> and Minute Secretary be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 4.1 Confidential Item: Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Grant Program. The Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(g) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda item is information concerning matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not: breach any other legal obligation or duty in that any public statements or reference to the Grant Offer are not made until after the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure has publicly announced the successful projects. The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances to meet the requirement of not making any public statements or reference to the Grant Offer until after the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure has publicly announced the successful projects. <u>Section 91(7) Order</u> 5. Pursuant to Section 91(7) That having considered Agenda Item 4.1 Confidential Item: Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Grant Program in confidence under 90(2) and 3(g) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Act orders that the discussion, report, attachments and all minutes should remain confidential until the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure has publicly announced the successful projects.	Report, attachments and all minutes	The Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(g) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda item is information concerning matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not: breach any other legal obligation or duty in that any public statements or reference to the Grant Offer are not made until after the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure has publicly announced the successful projects. The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances to meet the requirement of not making any public statements or reference to the Grant Offer until	Report, attachments and all minutes should remain confidential until the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure has publicly announced the successful projects.		Within months 12	<i>Report, Attachment and Minutes released on website 14 October 2025</i>

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RELEASED

4. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

4.1 REPORT TITLE: CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: SAFER LOCAL ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

DATE OF MEETING: 24 FEBRUARY 2025

FILE NUMBER: DOC/25/21302

ATTACHMENTS: ATTACHMENT 1 DOC/25/21986 LETTER RE OUTCOME OF SLRIP TRANCHE 1 - MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Key Contact Matthew Dawkins, Manager Infrastructure Planning

Manager/Sponsor Phil Burton General Manager Infrastructure

Executive Phil Burton General Manager Infrastructure

Community Plan 2020-2035:

Economic Prosperity Objective 3.2: Collaborate on investment in new and existing infrastructure assets to underpin a sustainable economy.

Annual Business Plan:

Community Wellbeing: Activity and Movement

Community Wellbeing: Mobility and Accessibility

Purpose:

To advise success from Councils application to the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) for the upgrade of Springs Road East and seek authority to enter into a funding agreement.

Summary – Key Issues:

1. Springs Road East from Bald Hills Road to Heysen Boulevard was submitted to the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) on 30 September 2024.
2. The application was based on current design for road and bridge upgrades to service growth with a construction cost estimate of just over \$11 million (excl. GST) and sought a total of \$5 million (excl. GST) in grant funding with the balance to be paid from revenue raised under the transport deed and transport infrastructure separate rate.
3. Council has been advised that it was successful in making application to the fund and is now required to enter into a funding deed.

Recommendation:**Section 90 (3) (g) Order****1. Pursuant to Section 90(3)(g)**

Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public except (Chief Executive Officer; Executive Manager; General Manager Infrastructure, General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services, General Manager Corporate Services; and Minute Secretary) be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 4.1 Confidential Item: Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Grant Program .

The Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(g) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda item is information concerning matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not:

- breach any other legal obligation or duty**

in that any public statements or reference to the Grant Offer are not made until after the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure has publicly announced the successful projects.

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances to meet the requirement of not making any public statements or reference to the Grant Offer until after the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure has publicly announced the successful projects.

- 2. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to sign the Funding Offer Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program for \$5,000,000 (excl. GST) for the Mount Barker District Council Springs Road East project.**
- 3. That Council endorses an allocation of up to \$3,004,224 (excl. GST) from the Transport Infrastructure Separate Rate reserve towards the Mount Barker District Council Springs Road East project.**
- 4. Notes that the Mount Barker Road Infrastructure Advisory Committee will be meeting in the week commencing 17 February 2025 to also consider their support for allocating funds from the Mount Barker Transport Deeds.**

Section 91(7) Order

5. Pursuant to Section 91(7)

That having considered Agenda Item 4.1 Confidential Item: Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Grant Program in confidence under 90(2) and 3(g) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Act orders that the discussion, report, attachments and all minutes should remain confidential until the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure has publicly announced the successful projects.

Background:

1. The Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) commenced on 1 July 2024 to provide funding to support the delivery of safer and more productive roads across Australia. Funding of at least \$200,000,000 per year will be available under the program.
2. The SLRIP is an application-based merit-assessed funding program, open to all state and territory governments and Local Government Authorities (LGA).
3. Applications closed on 30 September 2024.
4. At its meeting on 8 October 2024, Council retrospectively endorsed application to the SLRIP for an upgrade of Springs Rd East.

Discussion:

5. Council received advice on 24 January 2025 that its application was successful. See Attachment 1. The funding offer must be completed and returned by no later than 24 February 2025.
6. The upgrade of Springs Rd East has been costed at circa \$11,000,000 (excl. GST) and the SLRIP grant will contribute up to a maximum of 45.4% of the total project cost (equivalent to \$5,000,000 excl. GST).
7. The balance of the project cost will be funded from a combination of revenue raised from development contributions sourced under the Transport Deed between the Minister for Transport and Council raised funds from the Transport Infrastructure Separate Rate.
8. A meeting of the Mount Barker Road Infrastructure Advisory Committee is scheduled for the week commencing 17 February 2025 to consider the allocation of funding from revenue raised from the Transport Deeds. The funding required from the State Government is \$3,004,225 (excl. GST).

9. Council's successful application means it will need to enter into a grant funding agreement and deliver the project in full by no later than January 2028. The current Council construction timeline sits well within this schedule.
10. Works may not commence until the funding offer is completed and the agreement approved by the Australian Government.
11. Council may not make any public statements or reference to this funding decision until after the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure has publicly announced the successful projects.

Community Engagement:

Informing only	A media release will be issued once the Australian Government has publicly announced the successful projects.
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Policy:

Not applicable.

Long Term Financial Plan:

Springs Road East is considered in the endorsed Long Term Financial Plan as part of the transport interventions for growth.

Budget:

Springs Road East has budget to advance design during 2024/25.

Statutory/Legal:

A funding agreement will need to be executed.

Staff Resource Requirements:

The grant submission was prepared using internal and external resources. The project submitted includes provision for project management. All remaining design work and construction activity will be undertaken by external consultants and contractors respectively.

Environmental:

Environmental considerations are included in design development.

Social:

The project will improve community road safety and cater for an increase in traffic volumes.

Risk Assessment:

There is a risk that delivery is not completed within the timeframe required. This will be mitigated by ensuring the project delivery model is efficient and adequately supported.

Asset Management:

This project is aligned to Council's asset management plans.

Conclusion:

Council has been successful in its application to Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) for the upgrade of Springs Road East. The grant funding will help deliver critical transport infrastructure identified in transport deeds with developers.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council

Meeting Date	8 October 2024	CM Reference	DOC/24/140221
Title	APPLICATION FOR SAFER LOCAL ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM – SPRINGS ROAD EAST		
Purpose	To seek retrospective endorsement for the application to the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) for the upgrade of Springs Road East.		



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development,
Communications and the Arts**

Mr Andrew Stuart
Chief Executive Officer
Mount Barker District Council

Via: council@mountbarker.sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Stuart

Thank you for your application for funding through the Safer Local Roads & Infrastructure Program (SLRIP). Your interest in this program, which provides funding to safer and more productive roads across Australia, is valued.

I am pleased to advise you that your application for the following project was successful and will receive Australian Government (AG) funding:

- Mount Barker District Council - Springs Road East

Attached to this email is a funding offer for the project setting out the terms and conditions for this funding.

This funding offer needs to be completed and returned by email to SLRIP-applications@infrastructure.gov.au no later than 24 February 2025.

You cannot accept tenders or commence construction of the project until the funding offer has been finalised and you have been advised by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts that construction can commence.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact us at SLRIP-applications@infrastructure.gov.au.

I wish you every success with your project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melony'.

Melony Czajor
Assistant Secretary
Targeted Infrastructure Programs Branch
Road and Vehicle Safety Division

24 January 2025

4. **CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

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Moved Councillor Westwood that Council:

Section 90 (3) (g) Order

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Seconded Councillor Szilassy

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7:46pm Councillor Voogt left the meeting.

Moved Councillor Jones that Council:



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4. Notes that the Mount Barker Road Infrastructure Advisory Committee met in the week commencing 17 February 2025 and provided support for allocating funds from the Mount Barker Transport Deeds.

Seconded Councillor Seager

CARRIED
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Moved Councillor Westwood that Council:

Section 91(7) Order

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Seconded Councillor Jones

CARRIED
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