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Moved Cr Bill Coomans seconded Cr Lou Nicholson

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Decision Report

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Previous Decisions: May 13 ACM13134, June 13 ACM13199, Nov 24 C24572

Report Purpose

Following Council resolving to not proceed with the construction of the proposed Billabong Road footpath in Goolwa South the Administration are now seeking Council approval to re-allocate the Billabong Road Footpath budget to the next highest priority within the endorsed Footpath Master Plan along Mill Terrace, Middleton.

Recommendation

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Background

Council had planned and budgeted a capital project within the 2024/25 financial year to design and construct a footpath along the entire length of Billabong Road, Goolwa South with the intent to connect Beach Road to Barrage Road. Council considered the engagement results at the 18 November Council Meeting and resolved to receive the engagement submissions only, with the intent that the footpath would not be progressed. However, this was not formally resolved by Council.

Based on limited Council support for this project being evident, Council Administration is seeking formal endorsement to remove the proposed Billabong Road footpath from the 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget (Capital Program). Then in turn re-allocating the budget, being \$62,000, to Mill Terrace, Middleton. This being the next highest priority footpath on the endorsed Footpath Master Plan, as aligned to the Council's Pathways Prioritisation Guidelines.

Discussion

Subject to the resolution of Council the removal of the Billabong Road footpath project from the 2024/25 capital program and budget provides the opportunity to bring forward the next highest priority footpath within the Footpath Master Plan. This being the construction of a 1.5m wide concrete footpath connecting to the existing pathway near the Tennis Court on Ellensford Terrace through to the Encounter Bikeway on Mill Terrace, Middleton.

This proposed footpath will reduce the known and perceived risks pedestrians face when walking from the existing footpath on Ellensford Terrace and around the "blind" corner that adjoins Mill Terrace.

Photos looking east and north at the corner joining Ellensford Terrace and Mill Terrace.



The capital works will also include the construction of a 1.5 m wide concrete footpath from the Mill Terrace pedestrian bridge to the Mill Terrace Southern section providing improved mobility access for those coming to/from the town centre.

In addition, the proposed footpath provides a safer alternative pedestrian facility to the Middleton Town Centre if the Mill Terrace pedestrian bridge is closed and to the beach for those staying in the Middleton Caravan Park.

Plan of the proposed Mill Terrace footpath project.



The estimated cost to construct the new footpath can be achieved using the current Billabong Road footpath budget amount. Construction of this footpath can be completed prior to the end of this financial year, due to no consultation being required as there are no properties fronting the proposed extent of the footpath.

Financial Implications

In accordance with the Alexandrina Council's Adopted Budget / Long Term Financial Plan, the financial implications of adopting this recommendation have been assessed as low, given the reallocation of adopted capital budget.

Risk Implications

In accordance with Alexandrina Council's Risk Assessment Matrix, the risk of adopting this recommendation has been assessed as low. given that the community have disagreed with the implementation of a footpath along Billabong Road and the construction of the Mill Terrace Footpath provides both actual and perceived risk reduction.

Attachments

Nil