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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Engineering Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 7 June 2012  
**Report Author:** Steve Elkington, Transportation Project Engineer  
**Subject:** **Surplus Funds – Low Traffic Road Seal Extension Account**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform the Engineering Services Committee of an expected under-spend of funds in Council's Low Traffic Road Seal Extensions Account. It is requested that these funds be declared surplus and returned to Council's General Account.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That this report be received and that unspent funds identified in Council's non-subsidised roading account for Low Traffic Road Seal Extensions be declared surplus.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives this Report, RESC12-06-04 and;**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee approves the unspent funding from the 2011/12 Low Traffic Road Seal Extension Account to be declared surplus and returned to Council's General Account as noted in the report, RESC12-06-04.**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 In 1991 Council developed a policy entitled “*Sealing Low Trafficked Roads*”.
- 1.2 The policy enabled residents living next to a gravel road to seek a solution to the problem of road dust. Residents would apply for and contribute to the sealing of a nominated length of roadway.
- 1.3 The policy essentially required the contributing residents to pay 50% towards the cost based on a set square metre rate.
- 1.4 In recent years the policy was revised allowing residents to have sealed a minimum length of isolated gravel road section whereas previously the policy had required the seal to be extended from the end of existing seal.
- 1.5 Each year Council had set aside funding for applications from residents. Council funds the sealing of these road sections from General Rates.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 Council has received only a few applications under the Low Trafficked Road Sealing Policy over recent years, with no applications received in the current 2011/12 financial year.
- 2.2 Generally where road dust is a nuisance for residents they have been applying for Land Use consent to apply refined oil to the road. In the last financial year since 1 July 2011, five consent applications were lodged.
- 2.3 In the 2011/12 financial year the allocation for seal extensions under the policy is \$133,348. The proportion of this to be recovered from applicants is approximately \$71,089.

- 2.4 The difference between the allocation of \$133,348 and that recoverable is \$62,259, less some expenditure to date leaving a sum of \$60,574. The small amount spent to date was a carryover from sealing Orion Street in Collingwood last financial year.
- 2.5 For the 2011/12 financial year Council has not received any applications. Further to this there is little time between now and the end of the financial year to accept and construct any seal extensions.
- 2.7 For the 2012/13 financial year and beyond there is no allocation in Council's Long Term Plan for funding Low Trafficked Roads Sealing applications.

### **3. Summary**

- 3.1 Considering the time period between now and the end of June 2012, it is unlikely that Council will receive any applications under the Low Trafficked Road Sealing Policy or be able to construct the seal due to time constraints or suitability of climatic conditions.
- 3.2 Therefore the unspent funds are now declared surplus.

### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 That the Engineering Services Committee receives this report and approves the surplus unspent funding being declared now.

### **5. Draft Resolution**

- 5.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives this Report, RESC12-06-04 and;**
- 5.2 THAT the Engineering Services Committee approves the unspent funding from the 2011/12 Low Traffic Road Seal Extension Account to be declared surplus and returned to Council's General Account as noted in the report RESC12-06-04.**