



Committee Report

To: Councillor Milt McIver, Chair and
Members of the Transportation & Environmental Services
Committee

From: Amanda Froese
Director of Transportation & Environmental Services

Date: December 15, 2022

Re: Transfer of Funds from Bruce Road 25 to Bruce Road 6 East

Staff Recommendation:

That the 2022 budget be amended to include funding for Capital project TS-2021-022 Bruce Rd. 6A East of \$900,000 from TS-2021 2021-028 Bruce Rd. 25 Improvements (multi-year).

Background:

The Bruce Road 6 East Phase 1 design is at the 90% complete stage, with the intention to tender in January 2023. Property acquisitions have been completed as well as installation of the relocated telecommunications plants in advance of the construction. The most recent construction estimates are recommending a budget of \$6,000,000 to construct the road, which is greater than the existing approved budget (\$4,755,000). South Bruce is considering constructing Absalom Street East (Bruce Road 6 East) in the urban limits for underground services and this work will connect to the County's project.

Bruce Road 25 work is complete except the roundabout at Bruce Road 33 and Bruce Road 33 currently functions in its existing condition and location. It is recommended that the realignment be delayed until 2027 or the demand is needed to support adjacent developments. Through discussion with the Town of Saugeen Shores and the developer of the lands to the north, the connection of Bruce Street to Bruce Road 33 is potentially 5-years away. The lands to the south are designated Proposed Development but are not in a planning process at this time. By delaying this project, time is available to continue working with landowners on the purchase or expropriation of lands, or even potentially through Development Charges if they exist in the future. With the transfer, funds still exist in the account to continue consultant/legal work on advancing the project (\$320,517). A second account for Bruce Road 33 specifically has \$53,647 for this work as well.

Bruce Road 6 East is considered a higher priority due to the existing condition and cautionary reduced speed limit. The design includes other improvements for safety including paved shoulders and reduced speed limits into Mildmay and through Deemerton. Preliminary design for Phase 2 is completed, and the intention is to continue construction to complete the road from Mildmay east to Grey County including bridge rehabilitation within the next 3 years.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Legal considerations are that staff had been negotiating with landowners to purchase the land required for the realignment, though no agreement had been reached due to cost. Staff have communicated the intention to delay the project to said landowners.

Financial considerations are that funds will be required in future years to complete the Bruce Road 33 realignment and that the construction of Bruce Road 6 East costs will be reduced in the overall project by creating efficiencies with the adjacent project proposed by South Bruce, and for efficiencies in maximizing the length of construction in Phase 1 instead of reducing the scope to meet the lower budget value.

There are no staffing or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

The Corporate Services Department was consulted on the transfer.

Strategic Goals and Elements:

Eliminate our own red tape - All work processes designed for the fewest steps and easiest completion.

Streamline support services - provide services in a holistic manner to the organization

Explore alternative options to improve efficiency, service - look for economies of scale or shared services among our departments and communities, co-ordinate working with other agencies,

Approved for Submission:

Derrick Thomson
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