



**MEETING:** ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
**DATE:** 22 November 2023

**DEPARTMENT:** INFRASTRUCTURE  
**OFFICER:** Kathryn Johnson, Director Infrastructure

<b>REPORT ITEM:</b>	15.3.2
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	STATE BICYCLE FUND 2023/24

<b>Timeframe</b>	2023/24		
<b>Budget Impact</b>	State Bicycle Fund - \$200,000 LRCI Phase 4B - \$320,558 (to be confirmed)		
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	<b>Primary Risk Type(s):</b>	Financial / Infrastructure	
	<b>Inherent Risk:</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Consequence</b>
		Possible	Minor
	<b>Controls:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Selection of projects aligned with Council's Community Plan and Asset Management Plans.</li> <li>▪ Community support for projects.</li> <li>▪ Management of projects in order to deliver in accordance with grant funding conditions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Residual Risk:</b>	Unlikely	Minor	Low
<b>File Reference</b>	7.41.7.1		

<b>STRATEGIC REFERENCE:</b>	
<b>Theme</b>	Our Lifestyle
<b>Goal</b>	Infrastructure
<b>Strategy 3.2.1</b>	Township road networks support pedestrian, cycle and vehicle use.

<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>
<p><b>That Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ acknowledge the successful funding application to the 2023/24 State Bicycle Fund for the extension of the shared path network along Three Chain Road from Simpson Road to Afford Road and accepting the grant funding of \$200,000;</li> <li>▪ acknowledge that the request for an exemption has been submitted to allocate the LRCI Phase 4B funding of \$320,558 towards the extension of the shared path network along Three Chain Road from Simpson Road to Afford Road as Council's contribution to the project as required by the 2023/24 State Bicycle Fund Guidelines;</li> <li>▪ note that a further consideration report will be brought back to Council should the request for the exemption of the LRCI Phase 4B funding be rejected; and</li> <li>▪ delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the funding deed on behalf of Council.</li> </ul>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council has recently been advised that the funding application to the 2023/24 State Bicycle Fund was successful. The grant funding will enable the extension of the shared path network along Three Chain Road from Simpson Road to Afford Road.

It is proposed to allocate the LRCI Phase 4B funding to this project as the required co-contribution towards the State Bicycle Fund. However, advice has been received that the shared walking and cycling path is not eligible for the LRCI as the focus on Phase 4B is roadworks. An exemption has been sought.

If the exemption is not approved, it is proposed to swap a roadworks project from the current capital works program to be funded by the LRCI Phase 4B which will release Council funding to contribute towards the construction of the shared cycling and walking path.

Subject to Council accepting the \$200,000 from the 2023/24 State Bicycle Fund, it is proposed to commence the procurement process before the end of the calendar year as the grant funding must be acquitted by 30 June 2024.

Public consultation would also be undertaken regarding the alignment of the cycling and walking path with directly affected residents as well as the wider community.

**DISCUSSION**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 June 2023, Council endorsed the submission of a funding application to the 2023/24 State Bicycle Fund to extend the shared path network along Three Chain Road from Simpson Road to Afford Road.

Council also endorsed the allocation of the LRCI Phase 4B funding as the required co-contribution towards the 2023/24 State Bicycle Fund as follows:

LRCI Phase 4B	\$320,558
State Bicycle Fund	\$200,000
<b>Total Project Funding</b>	<b>\$520,558</b>

Advice has been received that the funding application to the 2023/24 State Bicycle Fund was successful.

Further, advice has recently been received that the shared walking and cycling path is not eligible for the LRCI as the focus on Phase 4B is roadworks. The recommendation that this funding be allocated to the shared walking and cycling path was premature as the funding criteria was not clear at the time this was reported to Council. However, an exemption has been sought to have the shared walking and cycling path considered as roadworks as it is technically widening the pavement of the service road along Three Chain Road.

If the exemption is not approved, it is proposed to swap a roadworks project from the current capital works program to be funded by the LRCI Phase 4B which will release Council funding to contribute towards the construction of the shared cycling and walking path. A further report will be brought back to Council should the request for the exemption be rejected.

Subject to Council accepting the \$200,000 from the 2023/24 State Bicycle Fund, it is proposed to commence the procurement process before the end of the calendar year as the grant funding must be acquitted by 30 June 2024.

Public consultation would also be undertaken regarding the alignment of the cycling and walking path with directly affected residents as well as the wider community.

**PREVIOUS REPORTS**

28 June 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda Item 15.3.1



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### STATE BICYCLE FUND APPLICATION 2023-2024

Dear Kathryn,

I refer to the Port Pirie Regional Council's (Council) application to fund cycling initiatives through the 2023-24 State Bicycle Fund and, I am pleased to advise that your application has been successful for the following projects:

Description of Project	Total Project Cost	Approved Funding
Installation of a 3m wide shared path along Three Chain Road from Simpson Road to Afford Road as a continuation of existing shared path.	\$520,558	\$200,000

This funding continues to develop the strong partnership of State and Local Government working together to encourage cycling in our community.

To secure funding Council is required to enter into a formal Funding Deed. Please advise the appropriate Council officer to contact Alex Sabohanian at the Department for Infrastructure and Transport regarding the Funding Deed. Alex can be contacted on (08) 7133 1633, or via email at [alex.sabohanian@sa.gov.au](mailto:alex.sabohanian@sa.gov.au)

I look forward to the successful completion of your projects and continuing the collaboration with Council to improve the conditions for cyclists in South Australia.

Yours sincerely,

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 Planning Lead