

McCallum Park Active Area

Project Update

Summary

The McCallum Park Active Area was announced as a Federal Government commitment in the lead up to the previous Federal election. This long standing strategic project has undertaken a partial detailed design that is required to be amended to meet the requirements of the funding strategy which will be supported by two potential grants which consist

- The Federal Investing in Our Communities Grant (**IIOC**) valued at \$2.500million
- State Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund 2024-2025 Forward Planning Grant (**CSRFF**) valued at approximately \$1.000million

The project currently has \$150,000 of Municipal Funds in the McCallum and Taylor Reserve specifically to meet the upcoming activity on the project.

A transfer of reserve funds is now being requested to allow the revised and final DBCA development approval and final detailed design documentation to proceed once the outcomes of the Grants are known. The projected timeline will plan to commence construction in the 2024-2025 period.

Background

The Town has received a non-competitive and closed grant invitation in February 2023 for the IIOC grant.

As supported at the August 2023 Council Meeting, a CSRFF application has also been submitted on 29 September 2023 for grant funding of \$996,249 (ex GST). This submission was on the basis that the funding from IIOC to be accounted as the two-thirds contribution to the CSRFF. The timing of the outcomes from the CSRFF application is likely to be February 2024.

The budget of the previously design had escalated from the original costings. Given the objective to maintain the core active area infrastructure for skating and the pump track, a review exercise was undertaken to meet the target budget of \$2.500million IIOC Grant Application, with an additional scope to create a potential \$3.500million Active Area with the additional \$0.150million currently in municipal reserve.

Current Situation

The Town of Victoria Park submitted the IIOC application on 9 August 2023 based on the design contained in Appendix 1. This revised design allowed for the core elements of the McCallum Park Active Area to be retained as per the June 2020 Council Endorsed Concept Design whilst meeting the proposed funding limits.

The reduced IIOC scope allows for future additional elements but reduces the scale and complexity of the central plaza area, a reduction in carparking and event concrete areas, and retains a larger amount of existing trees and turf.

An overarching schedule indicates that the Town will be able to deliver the Active Area in line with the proposed Causeway Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge completion in late 2024, creating a local and regional destination and will assist in the activation of the full McCallum Park area with both the bridge and Active Area.

To undertake the works the next high level steps require a development approval to be submitted to the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions as the area falls within the Swan Canning Planning Control Area, and then the preparation of the final set of detailed designs to incorporate into a construction tender.

Task	Timing
Undertake Design to support a DBCA Development Approval	November - December 2023
Submit DBCA Development Approval	January - June 2024
Undertake Detailed Design	March - May 2024
Tender the Active Area Construction Package	June 2024
Approve Contract Award	August 2024
Undertake Construction works	August - Late 2024
Active Area Works Completed	Late 2024

Next Steps

The intended approach is to transfer funds of \$100,000 from the McCallum Reserve for the purposes of the design activities which are necessary to support the project timeline and specifically the revised design, as noted above. With this the Town will be positioned to deliver a significant project with far reaching benefits.

Appendix 1 - McCallum Park Active Area - Original Concept Design and Amended Grant Design



Original Concept Design



Amended Grant Design