

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Tender for the supply of pavers for Bondi Junction. (A03/1913)

Report dated 14 September 2004 from the Director, Public Works and Services requesting Council endorse an approach to procure and authorise the calling of tenders for the supply of pavers for various projects in Bondi Junction over the next 5 to 10 years.

Recommendation: That Council:

1. Endorses the approach and authorises the calling of open public tenders.
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Purpose of Report

To propose an approach to secure the supply of pavers for all current and future Bondi Junction public domain works that is consistent in colour, strength, performance and aesthetics, thus simplifying the process required for future replacement or restoration as required.

Background / Introduction

In 1999 Council adopted the Design Framework and Technical Manual for Bondi Junction public domain improvements.

Some key objectives listed in the Technical Manual are:

- Make elements of the public domain functional, attractive and coordinated in design, materials and finish.
- Choose component, which provide long term value for money and are of robust and durable construction.

The recommended pavers for Bondi Junction commercial area are described in this document as a 'reconstituted stone paver with a honed finish', listing a brand name, Urbanstone or equivalent. The colours gun metal and golden gun metal are listed as the preferred colour choices from Urbanstone's catalogue.

Analysis

Since the re-construction of Oxford Street Mall, public domain improvements by Westfield and other developers have made it obvious that several manufacturers of paving products have the capacity to manufacture reconstituted stone paving products. However their point of departure is in varying colour, strength, manufacturing process and thus performance of their product.

Being cognitive of providing a commercial advantage to one manufacturer Officers are concerned that as the public domain improvements is a staged process, referred to above, Council runs the risk of having inconsistent footpaths should pavers be sourced on a project to project basis.

The proposed approach is to call for tenders for the supply of pavers for the entire Bondi Junction public domain improvements that would be in keeping with the key objectives of the Technical Manual. As part of the tender process it is envisaged that manufacturers would be requested to supply a sample of the preferred colours.

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The criteria in assessing the proposed tenders would be as follows but may include others:

- Guarantee of consistency of colour over the extended period.
- Performance of paver (i.e. point load capability & strength)
- Price of pavers. (price quoted at 2004 and possibly linked to CPI for future years)
- Warranties made available to Council.
- Corporate capacity to maintain supply.

Council officers have considered options and proposals to secure a uniform technically and aesthetically consistent paver that could be sourced over an extended period of time.

Financial

The cost of supply and delivery from one manufacturer to another differs significantly. This has the potential to add significant cost to larger projects, which Council may engage in Bondi Junction, at present Oxford Street West.

Management Plan

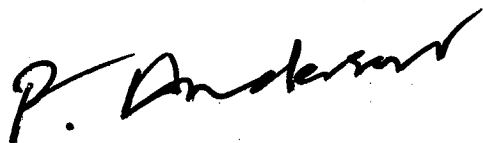
Redevelopment of the Bondi Junction public domain is a staged process, as funds become available or private developers reconstruct their buildings or sites. Reconstruction of all footpaths in Bondi Junction commercial area has the potential to take many years to complete.

Consultation

Extensive exhibition of the Technical Manual and the Design Framework took place. To remain faithful to the community's endorsement of the documents it is important to ensure those outcomes can be delivered over the medium to longer timeframes.

Timeframe

It is proposed to resolve this paver issue in time for the Oxford Street West works to meet the deadline of November 2005.



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