

Budget Adjustment Request – Capital Project P.02273 – 108th Street Over Circle Drive Overpass

ISSUE

This report is to seek approval to move funds currently in the Bridge Major Repair Reserve to Capital Project P.02273 to allow for the City of Saskatoon (City) to repair damage to the 108th Street Overpass from an over-height vehicle collision.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council approve a budget adjustment of \$850,000 to Capital Project P.02273 – 108th Street Over Circle Dr Overpass; and
2. That the budget adjustment be funded from the Bridge Major Repair Reserve.

BACKGROUND

The 108th Street Overpass was struck in the northbound direction by an over-height vehicle causing significant damage to the superstructure, with the most severe damage on the south girder. The damage from the impact was identified by City staff on February 4, 2022, although no vehicle collision report was received through normal reporting channels. The structure has been inspected and can support its own loading and two-way traffic; however, due to the extent of the damage, the eastbound curb lane on 108th Street directly above the impacted girder has been closed until the repairs can be completed. Currently eastbound through traffic and eastbound to northbound left turn traffic are sharing the same lane.

The City is self-insured for traffic-related impacts on its bridge and overpass structures and covers any costs not recovered from the individuals or insurance policy associated with the collision.

Typically, with a major impact on a structure a vehicle is identified and the Administration works to recover the costs with the driver's insurance company. In this case, the vehicle was not identified at the time of the impact. Administration has filed a police report, however, at the time of writing this report the vehicle has not been identified.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The 108th Street Overpass impact repairs have been tendered following the City's procurement policy using the request for quotation solicitation documents. Three proponents submitted competitive quotations and those bids are being evaluated in accordance with standard procedures. However, quotations are over the initial estimated amounts and cannot be covered by the available budget within Capital Project P.02406 - Minor Bridge Repairs. Therefore, a budget adjustment is required to reallocate funding to allow the contract to be awarded and the repair work to proceed.

At present, if the party responsible is not identified or does not come forward, the City would have no ability to seek to recover these costs through an insurance claim. Normally, if private property is damaged through a hit-and-run, there would be an insurance fund that SGI maintains that could satisfy the claim. However, under the rules in place, which have been codified by the Province of Saskatchewan, municipalities are not able to make a claim for damages to this fund and it is left to the municipality to make good on the damages that have been sustained.

The Administration will report the damage to SGI with the intent that the party can be identified, although there remains the possibility that the City will not recover any costs to repair the damage from this impact to the 108th Street Overpass.

The Administration recommends a budget adjustment of \$850,000 from the Bridge Major Repair Reserve to Capital Project P.02273 – 108th Street Over Circle Drive Overpass to allow for the award of Contract No. 22-0048 and to capture the costs associated with the impact. The Administration will continue to pursue the recovery of the costs for the impact and, if costs are recovered, the capital project funding will be returned to the Bridge Major Repair Reserve.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is sufficient funding in the Bridge Major Repair Reserve; however, the impact on the 108th Street Overpass and the associated costs, if not recovered, will impact the overall bridge program. Projects planned within the next 10 years will be reassessed with potential delays to accommodate this priority repair. Implications to the long-term rehabilitation program will be updated within the Bridges and Structures Asset Management Plan and reflected within the multi-year business plan and budget documentation in future years.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

If the budget adjustment is approved, the Administration will move forward with awarding Contract No. 22-0048 for repair costs to 108th Street Overpass and continue to pursue recovery of the costs.

Report Approval

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