



Council report

Meeting date:	June 15, 2021
Title:	Connecting Links Program: Garafraxa Street bridge
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Recommendation

That council receive report CAO – Connecting Links Program, Garafraxa Street bridge for information.

Executive summary

West Grey has received a provincial grant to complete rehabilitation work for the Garafraxa Street bridge in Durham. No bids were submitted for this project to begin in 2021. Staff is working with the Ministry of Transportation to finalize a revised schedule that meets the grant's substantial completion date requirement of December 31, 2022. The tender will be re-issued in the fall of 2021 to invite bids for the work to begin mid-July 2022

Background and discussion

West Grey successfully secured provincial funding of \$710,234 for rehabilitation work for the Garafraxa Street bridge in Durham. This bridge is part of the provincial Connecting Links Highway 6 system and the grant was awarded under the Connecting Links program.

The work will address failing structural components and reinstate a proper level of safety. Specifically, the scope of work includes repairing concrete, waterproofing the membrane, repairing asphalt pavement, protecting the concrete structure from further deterioration due to road salt, replacing sidewalks and curbs, repairing the abutments, wing walls and retaining walls and replacing railings to meet current safety requirements.

A tender for work to commence this year was issued, however, there were no bids received by the closing date of May 28, 2021. Staff is working with the Ministry of Transportation to finalize a revised work schedule that still meets the substantial completion deadline of December 31, 2022 and final reporting date of February 28, 2023. A new tender will be issued in fall 2021 with the revised construction start date being after the Canada Day 2022 long weekend, and to accommodate the Durham Homecoming celebration.



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Given there will be no construction to the bridge this summer, staff will be installing bridge flower baskets as originally planned. The baskets will be installed before the end of June. As well, recreation staff will be exploring the potential for a summer aquatics program at the wading pool.

Legal and legislated requirements

Municipal Act, 2001, as amended

West Grey Bylaw No. 59-2020 - Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement:

90% of eligible costs up to \$710,234

Project shall be completed no later than December 31, 2022

Financial and resource implications

Ninety per cent of the project cost, \$710,234, was awarded through the grant. The estimated costs submitted with the grant application was \$789,149. The public works' budget included tax levy funding for our 10% share of the project.

Staffing implications

Not applicable.

Consultation

Director of Finance

Director of Administration/Clerk

Attachments

None.

Next steps

Finalize the revised timelines with the Ministry of Transportation officials, update the tender document for a September release, and prepare for a construction start date of mid-July 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

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