

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

July 7, 2020

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Range Road 205 funding agreement

Recommendation from Administration

That Wheatland County Council approve entering into the funding agreement with Alberta Transportation for the 50% cost share of constructing Range Road 205 from Hwy 564 to Township Road 250.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

Report

Division: Division 7

Wheatland County originally planned to construct RR 205 from Hwy 564 to Township Road 250 in 2020. An application was made to the province for STIP funding in November 2019 to meet the November 29th deadline.

After further budget deliberations in the months following it was determined that construction of Range Road 205 should be deferred until 2021 to verify if the large expansion to the Torxen gas plant was to be completed. While the road is poor condition with marginal sight line issues, the traffic counts are minimal at approximately 60 vehicles per day. Torxen has reported that the project has been delayed until 2021 at the earliest.

Council will further consider the construction of this road during the 2021 budget deliberations. By entering into this agreement the county is not obligated to continue on with the project if financial conditions change. The funding would also not be transferrable to other projects.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

N/A

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Through the road re-construction program the County strives to provide safe and reliable transportation networks to all residents within Wheatland County.

Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

General

Cost sharing agreement would be entered into between the County and Alberta Transportation.

Organizational

N/A

Financial

The County would be responsible for funding 50% of the costs of construction, engineering and landowner payments on this project. The estimate cost of these is approximately \$2.25M.

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

This project would require wetland assessments and potentially compensation paid to Alberta Environment.

Follow-up Action / Communications

N/A

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Range Road 205 Funding Agreement.docx
Attachments:	- Wheatland STIP Agreement RRP RR205.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Michael Ziehr

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Brian Henderson