



## **CAPITAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

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**TO:** Council

**DATE:** July 27, 2021 **DIVISION:** 7

**FILE:** N/A **APPLICATION:** N/A

**SUBJECT:** Budget Adjustment – Twinning of Secondary Highway 566 in East Balzac

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

To support highway network improvements, the County has been working with Alberta Transportation on a plan for the twinning of Highway 566 from Range Road 293 to Range Road 290 as shown in Attachment 'A'. The County's interest in this section of the highway is primarily related to supporting existing and future growth in East Balzac.

The estimated cost to complete the project is \$16.5 million. Alberta Transportation and Rocky View County have come to a cost sharing agreement for the project reflecting a 75% / 25% split, with the Government of Alberta funding 25% of the project (\$4,125,000) and Rocky View County funding 75% (\$12,375,000) of the project.

Administration is requesting a budget adjustment of \$16.5 million to proceed with execution of the project, with the County's portion to be funded out of the Transportation Offsite Levy Reserve.

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:**

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2010, Alberta Transportation commissioned a Functional Design and Access Management Study for Highway 566 from Highway 722 to Highway 9. Specific to the East Balzac Area Structure Plan, the study recommended the current Highway 566 be widened to accommodate future growth. Currently Highway 566 is twinned from Highway 2 east to Range Road 293.

Current development as well as future planned growth in the East Balzac Area Structure Plan have resulted in a significant increase in traffic volumes on Highway 566. Traffic volumes on Highway 566 exceed 6000 vehicles per day. Additionally, Highway 566 is designated by the Province as a High Load Corridor from Highway 9 to Highway 772. To support the network, the County has been working with Alberta Transportation on a plan for the widening of Highway 566 from Range Road 293 to Range Road 290. The scope of the widening would involve twinning to the south of the existing highway and encompass the associated intersection improvements.

The County's Regional Transportation Off-site Levy Bylaw collects funds for the twinning of Highway 566 as part of Special Area #1. If approved by Council, the County would enter into a cost sharing agreement with the Province for the funding of the project. The project would be executed by the County on behalf of both partners, with the County's share of costs funded from the Transportation Off-site Levy Reserve. The Transportation Off-site Levy Reserve has a balance of approximately \$26.7 million.

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### **Administration Resources**

Angela Yurkowski, Capital Project Management



**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

\$12,375,000 to be funded by Rocky View County through the Transportation Off-site Levy Reserve.

\$4,125,000 of funds to be received from the Government of Alberta.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**

Council's support of this budget adjustment would align with the County's strategic themes of service excellence and responsible growth.

**COMMUNICATIONS PLAN:**

N/A

**OPTIONS:**

Option #1: THAT the Budget Adjustment for the Twinning of Secondary Highway 566 in East Balzac be approved in accordance with Attachment "B".

Option #2: THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

"Byron Riemann"

"Kent Robinson"

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Executive Director  
Operations

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Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

ATTACHMENT 'A': Project Location

ATTACHMENT 'B': Budget Adjustment Form