

# 18.5 BMX Pump Track Procurement

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#### CONFIDENTIAL MOTION

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(k) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Development, General Manager City Services, General Manager Corporate Services, Manager of the Office of the CEO, Chief Financial Officer, Manager City Activation, Senior Advisor City Activation, Executive Officer to the General Manager City Development, Unit Manager Governance and Council Support, Executive Officer to the CEO, be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers information relating to the BMX Pump Track Procurement, upon the basis that the Council is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the matter confidential given the information relates to a current procurement process.

#### REPORT HISTORY

Report Reference Report Title

GC210622R12 SWBMX – Scope of the Pump Track

GC210727M14.2 Recission Motion SWBMX Scope of Pump Track

## REPORT OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with an update on the progress of the Sam Willoughby BMX Facility pump track and to seek Council's direction to fund the budget shortfall to deliver the pump track to Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) standards.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At 27 July 2021 General Council meeting, Council resolved to proceed with a UCI asphalt pump track. The pump track is being developed as a separable portion proposed to be located to the south of the Sam Willoughby BMX track car park. UCI has confirmed the only UCI accredited track design and construct builder globally is Velosolutions. Council staff have been in discussions with Velosolutions seeking a detailed design and construct proposal. This report provides reference to the procurement process and proposal with noted budget shortfall to achieve a UCI accredited track.

## RECOMMENDATION

### That Council:

- Resolves to address the shortfall in funding to develop a UCI accredited pump track as through:
  - 1. Additional funding of allocated through Council's 2021/22 Budget



Review process to deliver a UCI accredited pump track at the Sam Willoughby BMX Facility. Noting the timelines to deliver will be post July 2022 due to contractor availability.

Or

2. Seeking a State Government and/or Onkaparinga Council funding contribution of 50% of the costs to deliver the UCI pump track at the Sam Willoughby BMX Facility. Remaining required to be allocated through Council's 2021/22 Budget Review process. Noting the timelines to deliver will be post July 2022 due to contractor availability.

Or

- 3. Does not allocate or seek additional funds to deliver a UCI pump track and foreshadows a recission motion be brought to a subsequent General Council Meeting by a report from the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations, to then allow Council to consider alternative options to deliver a pump track.
- 2. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that Attachment 2 to this report, BMX Pump Track Procurement, and the financial information within the report, Attachment 1 and the minutes arising from this report having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(k) of the Act, except when required to effect or comply with Council's resolution(s) regarding this matter, be kept confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting. This confidentiality order will be reviewed at the General Council Meeting in December 2022.

#### DISCUSSION

At the General Council meeting on 27 July 2021 (GC210727M14.2), a recission motion was tabled to change the scope of the pump track at the Sam Willoughby BMX (SWBMX) Facility from a hybrid (dirt and bitumen) track to a bitumen UCI pump track. The motion was brought to Council based on feedback from Minister Speirs, the community, and the Cove BMX club that a bitumen track would be preferred. A budget allocation of was provided within the resolution for the design and construction of the new pump track.

A UCI accredited pump track has the potential to attract World Class Red Bull racing events to Adelaide and would complement the new SWBMX facility.

In 2018, Velosolutions in conjunction with Red Bull launched the first global pump track race series, the Red Bull Pump Track World Championships. In 2019 they joined forces with the Union Cycliste Internationale and became the Red Bull UCI Pump Track World Championships.

The UCI has advised that a UCI pump track can only be delivered by one accredited pump track builder world-wide being Velosolutions. Currently there are no guideline specifications available for UCI accredited track design and construction. Furthermore, there is no defined process for contractor UCI accreditation, limiting the market approach.

Through conversation with Velosolutions we have been advised that there is only one existing UCI accredited pump track within Australia, being in Mount Gambier which recently hosted a world championship qualifier May 2021. There are currently two new facilities being built in New South Wales (Port Macquarie and Camden) and planning for one in Otways, Victoria, which will be UCI accredited. Furthermore, Velosolutions advise that each track is designed for each individual site with unique riding qualities.

A UCI accredited track would support future opportunities to market the site for national and international events including UCI Red Bull and World Championship Qualifiers. This would provide an opportunity to leverage diversity of international and national BMX events



associated to the Sam Willoughby BMX, enhancing the visitor economy.

A Request for Proposal was sent to Velosolutions for the design and construct of the pump track. After numerous attempts for a response, Velosolutions provided two high level options for the construction of a pump track at Majors Road. The designs are representative of what could be achieved (attachment 1). If appointed, Velosolutions will produce new plans to fit the site, the brief and feedback from key stakeholders. A summary of the options is below. Refer to attachment 2 for a summary of the tendered submission and pros and cons of options.

- 1. Option 1- UCI accredited pump track
  - UCI track of approx. 210 metres in length and built to specifications as a UCI track. This would be a track that could host UCI events up to World Championship Qualifier.
- 2. Option 2- Smaller track (not UCI accredited for world championships)- high level estimate price tendered

Smaller pump track of approx. 110 metres in length and built to the same specifications as a UCI track for construction techniques. The track would still be great fun to ride, and pump track events could still run, but not at UCI World Champs Qualifier level.

City of Marion staff sought clarification and review of the proposals for option 1 (accredited track for world championship qualifiers) to ensure provision of geotechnical requirements to the reactive soils was included in scope. Velosolutions sought a quote from a local civil earthworks contractor for soil remediation works to stabilize the subgrade material below the pump track (similar to the works required below the SWBMX track).

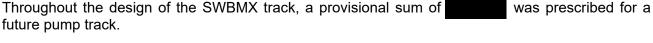
Given Velosolution's monopoly in the global pump track market, they are not prepared to share their intellectual property, being the UCI design specifications or guidelines for a pump track with Council. This makes it challenging for Council to seek comparable proposals from other local track builders or to document what Velosolutions would construct as a pump track.

Council staff have sought an alternative contractor pricing for a similar service level (200-210 metres in length, asphalt sealed pump track) to validate the pricing (albeit not UCI accredited). Refer attachment 2 for alternative offer -Option 3.

Based on tendered offers, it has been validated that the UCI accredited track build has significant cost variance to alternative offers of a similar scope, confirming the accreditation and specialised certification does incur a significant premium.

Based on the tendered offers and current Council resolution to implement a UCI accredited pump track, consideration of additional funds is required or a recission motion to review the level of service and UCI standard requirements. If additional funding is not supported a recission motion would foreshadow this report to enable administration to propose alternative options to develop a pump track at the SWBMX site.

# **Funding**



At the General Council meeting on 9 February 2021 (GC2102029F07), Council resolved to proceed with detailed design and delivery of the pump track at the SWBMX Facility with expenditure of up to from the SWBMX project contingency in the first instance, with any balance from the Asset and Sustainability Reserve. An additional has been allocated (GC210727M14.2) to support the requirements for soil remediation due to the reactive soils.

The tendered submissions respond to a UCI accredited service provision. The scope of works entails an asphalt track build. Refer to attachment 2 for a summary of the tendered proposals.

With there being a budget shortfall to construct a UCI pump track at the SWBMX due to the soil remediation and track build costs, Council could fund the gap through Council's 2021/22



Budget Review process or seek funding contribution from the State Government and/or City of Onkaparinga (50%) as funding partners for the SWBMX facility with remaining funding shortfall to be allocated from Council's 2021/22 Budget Review process

#### Consultation

Council staff understand there is local rider interest in being involved in the design process. Staff acknowledge the importance of local rider knowledge and input to the process and will seek to engage a small stakeholder group in a design review with the engaged contractor.

If Council resolve to proceed with a UCI accredited track there is likely to be limited scope for design modifications to achieve a certified standard compliance.

An alternative service level track design and construct process is likely to provide a more flexible stakeholder design review opportunity.

City of Marion staff will engage with Department Environment and Water as per lease agreement requirements.

It has been confirmed that planning approval is not required for the pump track.

## **Program**

We have been advised that Velosolutions is not available to commence works until June 2022 based on existing work commitments. If Council decides to progress with a UCI accredited track the project delivery will require retiming to post July 2022.

Preliminary design and construct programs tendered by parties illustrate approximately 10-12 weeks. Commencement and completion dates to be negotiated with nominated contractor.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Attachment 1 [18.5.1 2 pages]
- 2. Attachment 2 Procurement Summary [18.5.2 3 pages]