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Dr Gordon Reid
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Dear Dr Reid

Thank you for your letter regarding funding for the provision of a shared pathway along Avoca Drive, Avoca Beach, between The Round Drive and Avoca Beach Bowling Club.

The provision of a shared pathway along Avoca Drive, between the roundabout at Scenic Highway and Heazlett Park, has been identified within Council's Active Transport Plans. Council appreciates the importance of providing a pathway along Avoca Drive to improve pedestrian movements, which is of priority to the Avoca Beach community.

The Avoca Drive shared pathway project is currently partially funded at a budget of \$6.2M, for the design and construction of Stage 1 and 2 between Scenic Highway roundabout and The Round Drive. Funding is being provided for this project from Developer Contributions within the Central Coast Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contribution Plan. Stage 3 between The Round Drive and Heazlett Park, is currently unfunded.

From the Scenic Highway to The Round Drive will see the shared pathway on the southern side of Avoca Drive. As part of this work to provide the shared pathway, drainage improvements, kerb and gutter and half road pavement will also be delivered.

Whilst the project is in design at present, with preliminary concept designs prepared for Stage 1, and construction delivery phased currently slated from 2025/26 to 2027/28, the project and budget requires adoption by Council (as part of the next Operational Plan and Delivery Program). Council will advertise the 2024/25 Operation Plan and Delivery Program, before it is adopted by Council.

With Stage 3, between The Round Drive and Heazlett Park currently without an identified funding source, Council would be appreciative of any grant funding opportunities to see this important stage come to fruition in the near future. Whilst design for Stage 3 has not yet commenced, it is anticipated that funding in the order of \$2.1M would be required to deliver this stage of the shared pathway project.



Should you have any queries in relation to the Avoca Drive shared pathway project, or wish to discuss grant funding opportunities, please contact me on telephone number 0418 256 082 or by emailing boris.bolgoff@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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Director Infrastructure Services

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