



ROADWISE STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(c) LGA 1995

The functions of the RoadWise Steering Committee are:

- (1) To provide a structured forum for stakeholders to consider and discuss road safety issues; and*
- (2) To discuss and make recommendation regarding the identification and appropriate counter measures to negative attitudinal, behavioural and environmental factors linked to enforcement, engineering, education, encouragement and evaluation of road safety initiatives.*

Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee held in the Council Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324, 2.00pm Thursday 1 July 2010.

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr Len Handasyde, Cr Sue Etherington - Local Government Elected members, Mr Dominic Le Cerf - Manager Works and Services, Ms Kendra Green - RoadWise Officer, Mr Andrew Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sergeant Allan Spicer - Mount Barker Police, Mr Wesley Beck - Mount Barker Community College, Vacant - Community Representative, Mr Norm Bario – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 307/09)

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Chairperson: Cr L Handasyde

Deputy Chairperson: Mr D Le Cerf

Membership: Quorum (5)

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Cr S Etherington	Council Representative
Mr D Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Ms K Green	RoadWise Officer
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Sgt A Spicer	Mount Barker Police
Mr W Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Vacant	Community Representative
Mr N Bario	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.03pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESPresent

Cr Len Handasyde	Chairperson
Cr Sue Etherington	Council Representative
Sgt Allan Spicer	Mount Barker Police
Ms Kendra Green	RoadWise Officer
Mr Norm Bario	Mount Barker Community College P&C
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Mr Wesley Beck	Mount Barker Community College

Guests

Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Mr John Szeliga	Main Roads WA

Staff

Ms Sharon Lynch	Administration Officer Works & Services
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Apologies

Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA
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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Ms Green, seconded: Mr Bario

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee held on 6 May 2010 be confirmed.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**4.1 SAFE SPEEDS**

4.1.1 SAM TRAILER

Mr Le Cerf advised the Narrikup bypass will be opened in approximately six to eight weeks time. Main Roads WA will be contacted in due course regarding the use of the Variable Message Sign. The opening has been delayed due to minor failures in the slip lane adjoining Albany Highway. Further stabilisation works will be undertaken on Monday 5 July 2010. The Shire also needs to formally close a section of Hannan Way before the bypass can be opened.

4.2 SAFE ROAD USE

4.2.1 WORK WITH LOCAL WINERIES TO PROMOTE THE 'SIGN OF SAFETY'

Sgt Spicer advised six Sign of Safety signs have been ordered. The Mount Barker Police will organise delivery of the signs to the wineries once they have been received.

Action: Sgt Spicer to contact Main Roads WA to determine if the Sign of Safety signs have been delivered.

4.2.2 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT – PROMOTING DAYTIME RUNNING LIGHTS

Ms Green advised she has started compiling information for the funding application. Discussion continued about a name for the funding application. **Action: Committee members to circulate funding name suggestions to the entire Committee.**

Action: Mr Szeliga to forward statistics for the 'Albany Highway Project' to Ms Green.

The Committee discussed the positioning of the signs on Albany Highway and where they would have the biggest impact. If the signs were located around the entrance of a townsite they may have less impact due to other regulatory signage e.g. speed signs. The Committee supported the concept of positioning the signs outside of townsites.

Ms Green spoke about the Safe System review which was undertaken for the Perth to Bunbury Highway. Mr Szeliga provided an overview of the review and offered to provide contact details of persons who could provide further information.

Action: Ms Green to send an email to Mr Szeliga regarding contact details for persons who could provide further information about the Safe System review undertaken for the Perth to Bunbury Highway.

Mr Beck tabled results of a survey undertaken by Mount Barker Community College students. The students surveyed how many different colour vehicles had their headlights on during daylight on Albany Highway. The data was gathered over three days.

Action: Ms Lynch to prepare a letter of thanks to the Mount Barker Community College students for the vehicle survey results.

4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

4.3.1 LOBBY VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS / FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MANDATORY DAYTIME RUNNING LIGHTS

Ms Lynch advised the letter was sent to Hon Anthony Albanese MP and no response has been received.

Cr Messmer suggested the Australian Standards should also require manufacturers to include an alarm in vehicles to alert the driver if their headlights are not working. The Committee decided not to pursue this suggestion with the current lobbying for daytime running lights.

4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

4.4.1 WORKSHOP IDEAS FOR STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR 2010 FOR SAFE ROADS AND ROADSIDES

Ms Green defined the objective of the Safe Roads and Roadsides cornerstone as 'to prevent death and serious injury by improving the safety of the roads and roadside so crashes are less likely to happen and if they do occur have a less severe outcome.'

Three key areas identified in the Road Safety Strategy – Towards Zero approach to safe roads and roadsides are:

- Improving safety and intersections;
- Reducing the risk of run-off road crashes; and
- Black Spot and Safer Roads Programs.

Ms Green identified some suggestions of activities for the Committee to assist in achieving the safe roads and roadsides cornerstone. The Committee supported and came up with the following to add into the strategic plan under the safe roads and roadsides cornerstone:

- Display in the foyer;
- Media;
- Identify areas of concern;
- Promote recent road rule changes/website competition;
- Promotion of road improvements;
- Observers on road safety audits; and
- Advocacy for increased funding.

Mr Le Cerf advised:

- Two Black Spot projects are currently being prepared for the intersections of St Werburghs Road/Mitchell Street and Warburton Road/Hambley Street.
- The Council is undertaking ongoing tree pruning. Priorities are based on construction projects and issues identified on the maintenance register.
- Please utilise the Shire of Plantagenet website to lodge maintenance requests.
- Main Roads WA has provided funding for roadside verge pruning at the Chester Pass Road/Millinup Road intersection to improve visibility. The Shire has undertaken the work.

Sgt Spicer suggested contacting heavy vehicle drivers to seek feedback about problem areas within the Shire's road network. Mr Le Cerf noted the TIRES forum provides an opportunity for the timber industry to provide this feedback.

Discussion continued about the general public and trucking companies who haven't reported accidents. It is difficult to progress funding applications without sufficient data/evidence. Sgt Spicer noted the crash statistics for Mount Barker are very low compared to previous years. This may be due to insurance companies not requiring a police incident number and the new on-line reporting system. The Committee recognised the need for incidents to be reported to assist with improvements to the road system.

Action: Ms Lynch and Ms Green to prepare a media release for Plantagenet News regarding the importance of reporting road vehicle accidents.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 MINORBA SAWMILL – CONCEALED DRIVEWAY SIGNAGE

Mr Bario advised the advance 'sawmill' signage and 'sawmill' fingerboard sign have been installed on Albany Highway. Mr Bario noted he has received positive feedback about the new signage.

Mr Bario spoke about the number of customers who need to be told to secure and cover their loads before they leave the Sawmill. Mr Bario advised he is looking at installing a sign similar to the Sign of Safety reminding drivers to secure their load before heading onto the highway. The Committee agreed the sign concept has merit and could also mention daytime running lights.

Action: Ms Green and Ms Lynch to investigate possible funding sources for the 'secure your load' sign.

5.2 SETTLEMENT ROAD

The Committee discussed the very high speed data for Settlement Road. Sgt Spicer provided an overview of the initiatives and significant campaigns the Mount Barker and Albany police have undertaken to address driver behaviour of Fletcher International WA staff. This is an ongoing problem and is regularly discussed by the Police.

Action: Ms Lynch to forward the Settlement Road speed data to Sgt Spicer and Ms Green.

5.3 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS – WOOGENELLUP ROAD AND ALBANY HIGHWAY

Mr Bario advised bollards, stop bollards and lines have been installed at Woogenellup Road and safety issues have been

addressed. It is hoped that a Traffic Warden will commence at the beginning of term three once a final inspection has occurred.

Mr Bario advised the Farm Advisory Committee is not supportive of a walk way through the school property to join up with the crossing on Woogenellup Road. The paddock will be used for cropping and livestock projects. The fence has been set back from the main drive to allow a walkway to be constructed parallel to the driveway.

The Albany Highway crossing is being reapplied for. The College will stipulate a day for the counts to be undertaken.

5.4 SPEED ZONE REDUCTION – LANGTON ROAD

The Committee reviewed the traffic count data for Langton Road.

Moved: Mr Bario, seconded: Sgt Spicer

That a report be presented to the Council requesting that Main Roads WA change the speed zones on Langton Road to:

- 1. 50km/h from Lowood Road to 170m west of Marmion Street (near the parking bay); and**
- 2. 70km/h from 170m west of Marmion Street (near the parking bay) to Muirs Highway.**

CARRIED

5.5 INSURANCE COMMISSION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA ROAD SAFETY FORUM AND AWARDS 2010

Ms Green advised the Road Safety Forum and Awards 2010 is being held at the Burswood Entertainment Complex on 6 September 2010. The Shire submitted an abstract titled 'Advocating for lower speeds in the Shire of Plantagenet'. The abstract has been accepted and a paper will now be developed. The Council has also been nominated for an award.

5.6 ROADWISE STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Sgt Spicer advised he is resigning from the Committee as he has been appointed to the position of Sergeant in Ravensthorpe. Sgt Allan Keogh has been appointed to the position of Sergeant in Mount Barker and is keen to be a member of the Committee.

Cr Handasyde thanked Sgt Spicer for his input to the Committee and the positive contribution he has made to the Mount Barker community.

Cr Etherington advised she is resigning from the Committee due to conflicting meeting commitments. Cr Messmer is keen to fill the Council Representative position on the Committee.

Cr Handasyde thanked Cr Etherington for her input.

A request has been received from the Department of Transport to become a member of the Committee. Ms Green advised the Department of Transport is a member of the Albany and Denmark RoadWise Committees. The Department provides a link to other committees and would make a valuable contribution to the Committee.

Mr Le Cerf left at 3.31pm

Action: Ms Lynch to present a report to the Council noting the resignations of Sgt Spicer and Cr Etherington and recommend Sgt Allan Keogh, Cr Messmer and the Department of Transport be appointed as members on the RoadWise Steering Committee.

5.7 CHILD CAR RESTRAINTS – NEW LEGISLATION

Ms Green tabled a brochure explaining the new child restraint laws which will affect children aged zero to seven years. The new law is effective from 1 October 2010. The media campaign regarding the new laws will be commencing shortly. Any questions regarding the new laws can be directed to Ms Green. **Action: Ms Green to send the child car restraint website link to Mr Beck.**

5.8 DRIVER DISTRACTION

Ms Green tabled a new brochure which has been published by the Office of Road Safety regarding distracted drivers.

5.9 ROAD SAFETY DISPLAY TRAILER

Ms Green advised the Great Southern Region has received a new road safety display trailer. The trailer aims to assist members of the community road safety network to promote road safety at community events. The trailer will be housed at the Shire depot and is available for use at local events.

6 NEXT MEETING

2.00pm, Thursday 2 September 2010

7 MEETING CLOSURE

3.41pm, The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE __/__/__