



ROADWISE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(c) LGA 1995

The functions of the RoadWise 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 Committee held in the Council
Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324,
2.00pm Thursday 1 March 2012

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr Len Handasyde, Cr Gert Messmer - 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 Keogh - Mount Barker Police, Mr Wesley Beck - Mount Barker Community College, Mr Arthur Patterson - Community Representative, Norm Bario – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association, Machelle Jeffrey – Department of Transport (Resolution No. 243/11)

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Chairperson: Cr L Handasyde

Deputy Chairperson: Mr D Le Cerf

Membership: Quorum (5)

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Cr G Messmer	Council Representative
Mr D Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Ms K Green	RoadWise Officer
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Sgt A Keogh	Mount Barker Police
Mr W Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Mr A Patterson	Community Representative
Mr N Bario	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association
Ms M Jeffrey	Department of Transport

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.00pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESPresent:

Cr Len Handasyde	Chairperson
Ms Kendra Green	RoadWise Officer
Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Ms Machel Jeffrey	Department of Transport
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Mr Arthur Patterson	Community Representative
Sgt Allan Keogh	Mount Barker Police (<i>attended from 2.04pm</i>)

Apologies:

Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA – Great Southern
Mr Wesley Beck	Mount Barker Community College

Staff:

Ms Megan Beech	Senior Administration/Project Officer Works & Services
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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Messmer, seconded: Mr Patterson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held Thursday 19 January 2012, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

The following correspondence was tabled and is attached at Appendix One:

- Road Safety Round-Up (Jan-Feb 2012); and
- Letter of thanks – Daytime Running Lights Poster Competition – Mount Barker Community College students.

2.04pm, Sgt Keogh entered the meeting.

4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**4.1 SAFE SPEEDS****4.1.1 SAM TRAILER**

The SAM trailer has been positioned on Woogenellup Road near the Mount Barker Community College (MBCC) throughout February. The trailer will be moved to Albany Highway (within the Mount Barker townsite) for the long weekend in March 2012. Mr Le Cerf advised that prior to Christmas the trailer was positioned on Mount Barker Road, near the Jolly Frog Bed and Breakfast.

4.1.2 SPEED ZONING – LOWOOD ROAD AND OATLANDS ROAD

Mr Le Cerf and Mr Duffield conducted a site inspection on 27 January 2012. Mr Duffield noted that this is a local road which therefore warrants a speed limit of 50km/h. However due to heavy haulage requirements, minimum lane widths of 3.5m must be met. Recommendation would be to change the speed zone to 50km/h subject to Council approval.

Moved: Mr Le Cerf, seconded: Cr Messmer

That:

- 1. Main Roads be requested to consider reducing the 60km/h speed zone on Oatlands Road, Mount Barker to 50km/h.**
- 2. The Council's concurrence be sought regarding part (1) above.**

CARRIED

Investigations are being undertaken regarding further traffic calming along the southern end of Lowood Road. Additional centre-line delineation and a chevron sign near the Mount Barker Country Bakery may be installed.

4.1.3 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Action: Ms Beech to add recent SAM trailer locations to the Action Plan.

4.2 SAFE ROAD USE

4.2.1 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT - PROMOTING DRIVING WITH YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON

A draft action plan for the Albany Highway Project is attached at Appendix Two.

Discussion was held regarding each action item with delegation of tasks to Committee Members.

Action: Committee members to forward ideas regarding fatigue, mobile phones and driving with your headlights on to Ms Green by 15 March 2012.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to investigate options regarding graphic design ideas for the signs.

4.2.2 ALBANY HIGHWAY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OPPORTUNITIES IN MOUNT BARKER

Mr Le Cerf and Mr Duffield conducted a site inspection on 27 January 2012. Both agreed that the most appropriate crossing point

along Albany Highway is near the railway crossing, according to Main Roads WA design.

The Committee agreed that no further action was required regarding this matter.

4.2.3 BLESSING OF THE ROADS 2012

The Blessing of the Road Ceremony is to be held on Wednesday 4 April 2012, 11.30am at the Margery Bourke Gardens at the Shire Administration Office.

Letters to the MBCC, Kendenup Primary School, local religious leaders and emergency services have been sent.

Ms Beech advised some responses have been received about the Ceremony. Sgt Keogh confirmed that the Mount Barker Police will be attending.

A speaker is still to be confirmed.

Action: Ms Beech to forward an invitation to Mrs Shirley Reynolds inviting her to speak at the Ceremony. (*This action has been completed – Ms Green has been in contact with Mrs Reynolds since the meeting. Mrs Reynolds has agreed to speak at the Ceremony*).

Action: Mr Le Cerf to contact Proudie's Foundation (Andrew McGovern) to invite a representative/family member to speak at the Ceremony.

4.2.4 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Nil.

4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

4.3.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Nil.

4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

4.4.1 SPENCER ROAD / YELLANUP ROAD - ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Mr Le Cerf has spoken with Mr Rob Whooley (Shire of Denmark) and Mr Glen Brigg (Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup and Shire of Cranbrook) to arrange a number of safety audits in the future. Ms Green will also be called on to participate, as well as other Shire staff.

4.4.2 SEEKING LEGISLATION CHANGE – ROAD RESERVE CLEARING

The next meeting of the Works Managers group has been scheduled for 16 March 2012 in Katanning. Jane Clarkson from the Department of Environment and Conservation (Native Vegetation Branch) will be attending this meeting.

4.4.3 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE – ALBANY HIGHWAY

Minor amendments to existing infrastructure will be required to locate this crossing at the railway crossing on Albany Highway. These changes will not be made until counts have been received from the MBCC and a final decision has been made.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to contact Mr Hoskin (Principal, MBCC), to obtain a timeframe from the College regarding the application and counts.

4.4.4 HAY RIVER ROAD/ST WERBURGHS ROAD INTERSECTION ALIGNMENT

Action: Mr Le Cerf to schedule a safety audit for this intersection.

4.4.5 TURNING LANE – O'NEILL ROAD/ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Mr Le Cerf and Mr Duffield conducted a site inspection on 27 January 2012. Both agreed that a turning lane may be warranted and should be addressed as part of the subdivision development (behind the Golf Course lot). In the short term, Main Roads WA may consider widening and re-sealing the shoulder (in conjunction with the Shire of Plantagenet).

Action: Mr Le Cerf to provide traffic counts for O'Neill Road to Mr Duffield for consideration regarding the proposed turning lane at the O'Neill Road/Albany Highway intersection.

4.4.6 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Nil.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Ms Green had nothing further to report to the meeting. All matters were discussed earlier in the Agenda.

5.2 ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS/AGENDA FORMAT

Sgt Keogh provided an overview of the Police system. Funding and targets were discussed.

3.33pm, Sgt Keogh left the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the format of the Agenda. The Committee agreed that a section for all Agencies to provide a short report at each meeting should be included.

Moved: Cr Messmer, seconded: Ms Green

That a formal change be made to the RoadWise Agenda by the addition of a section for 'Agency Reports'.

CARRIED

5.3 COUNCIL ROAD INSPECTION

The annual Council Road Inspection has been scheduled for April 2012. Work has also commenced on the draft Indicative Five Year Road Program to be updated for the 2012/13 financial year. This will include priorities identified throughout the year and requests for budget consideration.

6 NEXT MEETING

Moved: Ms Green, seconded: Mr Patterson

That the next meeting of the RoadWise Committee be held on 10 May 2012, 2.00pm in the Council Committee Room.

CARRIED

7 MEETING CLOSURE

3.41pm, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE: __/__/2012