



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 September 2011

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 (Resolution No. 172/11), Norm Bario – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association, Machel Jeffrey – Department of Transport (Resolution No. 307/09 and 181/10)

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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.

Cr Handasyde welcomed Mr Gavin Hayllar, RoadWise Officer for the South West Region.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESPresent

Cr Len Handasyde	Chairperson
Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Ms Kendra Green	RoadWise Officer
Mr Wesley Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Mr Arthur Patterson	Community Representative
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Sgt Allan Keogh	Mount Barker Police
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA

Visitors

Mr Gavan Hayllar	RoadWise Officer South West
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Staff

Ms Tracy Ravenhill	Administration Officer Works and Services
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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Sgt Keogh seconded: Cr Messmer

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held Thursday 7 July 2011, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

The following correspondence was tabled:

- Plantagenet News Media Release and Advertisement - ANCAP Competition – Competition Promotes Safer Vehicle Awareness;
- July 2011 Newsletter - Road Safety Round-Up; and
- Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2001 Schedule 2 – Clearing for maintenance in existing transport corridors.

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

Mr Le Cerf advised that the speed trailer hadn't yet been officially calibrated however this will be followed up.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to liaise with Sgt Keogh to arrange for the speed trailer to be calibrated.

4.1.2 SPEED ZONE REDUCTION – LANGTON ROAD

Mr Duffield advised that the speed zone reduction for Langton Road had been approved and that the new signs have arrived. The signage will be installed in the near future.

4.1.3 NEW BUSINESS – SPEED ZONING – LOWOOD ROAD AND OATLANDS ROAD

Mr Le Cerf advised that a number of complaints had been received regarding the speed zoning on Oatlands Road as it changes from 80km/h to 60km/h heading towards town, before the intersection with Martin Street. It has been suggested that the speed limit be reduced down from 60km/h to 50km/h. Traffic counts are needed to get an accurate figure for this proposal.

It was also suggested that this could be an issue to forward to the Townscape Committee as a future project to install a median strip in this area to slow vehicles down. Other options discussed were installation of a 'slow down' notice to show where the built up area begins or a rumble strip to signify a new zone.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to obtain data regarding Oatlands Road from traffic classifying devices and bring back for discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion was also held regarding Lowood Road. Being the southern entrance to town there is now parking issues to deal with. Mr Le Cerf noted with the new sweeping bend there is a need for the speed limit to be reduced down to 50km/h. This would be practical for the entire length of Lowood Road. The Shire is liaising with the businesses on this portion of Lowood Road to install parking bays to combat some of the problem. The Shire has allocated money in the 2011/2012 budget for this and is seeking a contribution from the affected landowners to assist in this project.

Action: Mr Duffield to consider this issue and draft up a letter of support to be used in conjunction with these minutes to show the importance of this issue.

4.1.4 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Action: Add update regarding Langton Road speed reduction into action plan progress.

4.2 SAFE ROAD USE

4.2.1 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT - PROMOTING DRIVING WITH YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON

Ms Green advised that the Safe Road Plan was not completed as there were last minute changes which needed to be included. Mr Le Cerf advised that Ms Green had worked very hard to have it ready and had met the requirements however it will now be presented at the next RoadWise Committee meeting.

The sustainability of the Safe Road project was discussed and Ms Green advised that RoadWise was looking at initiating a Driver Reviver during the year which would be manned by the RoadWise Committee and possibly Mount Barker Fire and Rescue volunteers.

Action: Ms Green to send letters to Mount Barker Fire and Rescue to request assistance during the proposed Driver Reviver initiative.

4.2.2 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

RoadWise were hoping to link in with Great Southern Roadsafe Committee and Main Roads Safe Roads Committee to obtain letters of support to take to the Grants Committee to receive funding for these projects. Signs for the Safe Road Plan would require funding. Signage would focus on safe road use, mobile phones, fatigue and daytime lights.

Action: Ms Green to obtain letters of support to take to the Grants Committee to obtain funding for the Safe Road Plan.

4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

4.3.1 INCREASE AWARENESS OF ANCAP RATINGS – MEDIA/COMPETITION

Mr Denis Ireland was the winner of the ANCAP ratings competition run in the Plantagenet News in August 2011. Ms Green noted that running these competitions contributes to the overall message of driving safe vehicles. Ms Green suggested this is something the Committee should do again in the future (on a more frequent basis) so that maximum exposure can be obtained.

4.3.2 ANCAP RATINGS – NEW IMPORTED VEHICLES

Ms Green showed a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee highlighting the improvements in vehicle safety over the years. The presentation focused on the difference between a 1959 Chevy and 2009 Chevy and how much safer vehicles have become today.

4.3.3 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Mr Le Cerf noted that new Shire fleet vehicles being purchased are being upgraded to a five star ANCAP rating which is good to show the community. School Drug Education & Road Aware (SDERA) network distributes the new and used car safety ratings which need to be forwarded on to Mount Barker Community College (MBCC).

Action: Ms Green to forward the new and used car safety ratings to Mr Beck to pass on to the MBCC students and parents.

4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

4.4.1 ROAD NOISE AND FATIGUE

Mr Le Cerf advised that the letter to Austroads and Main Roads had been drafted and would be sent once finalised.

4.4.2 SPENCER ROAD - ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Mr Duffield advised that Main Roads have discussed additional signs being put on the Spencer Road – Albany Highway intersection. They have worked with the logging companies to install ‘cats eyes’.

Mr Patterson raised concerns regarding the intersection of Yellanup Road and Jackson Road along Albany Highway and mentioned that the truck drivers, coming from Yellanup Road especially, are concerned as it is quite a dangerous section. Vehicles don’t have visual around the bend so it was suggested that a slow down lane or bed along the side was installed as a solution or maybe even a reduction of speed zone in that section. The long term solution would be to rationalise Yellanup and Jackson Roads.

Action: Mr Duffield to initiate a full assessment of the Yellanup Road – Albany Highway intersection.

4.4.3 MILLINUP ROAD – CHESTER PASS ROAD INTERSECTION

Action: Main Roads to provide update regarding status of this item.

4.4.4 SEEKING LEGISLATION CHANGE - CLEARING

Mr Le Cerf advised that he had just received advice that Karen McNeill from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) had resigned from the Roadside Conservation Committee. A new member will be commencing shortly. Mr Le Cerf noted there is a very high value placed on flora along the road reserve. Legislation is being reviewed to take into account the issues of road widening and safety in relation to the importance of keeping this flora protected. Pressure on these agencies needed to be maintained to keep reinforcing the need for vegetation to be cleared and to change legislation.

A discussion was held in regard to previously held poor maintenance practices. Mr Le Cerf noted his concerns regarding the affect roadside flora can have on the safety of roads. Mr Le Cerf is discussing with Mr Rob Stewart, Chief Executive Officer for the Shire of Plantagenet to invite representatives from the DEC and the Roadside Conservation Committee (RCC) to attend the next Council meeting to discuss the implications of keeping this vegetation. Cr Handasyde noted that is not acceptable for a project like Millinup Road to take 15 years to complete.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to bring further information regarding the issue of road reserve clearing back to the Committee as it arises.

4.4.5 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

5 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Ms Green noted that the Health Expo was the first event held of this nature and people were not really aware it was taking place. It was agreed that there needs to be more advertising in future to promote awareness.

5.2 WEBSITE

Ms Green noted that she updates the RoadWise website and it was suggested that the ANCAP rating link be added to the Plantagenet page along with Daytime Running Lights (DRL) and safe speeds. It was also requested that a link to the differences in safety between the 1959 and 2009 Chevy be added to the page. Ms Green was hoping to get the page to evolve into something more interactive with the community. Cr Handasyde requested that the Committee always reply to Ms Greens emails when they came through.

Action: Ms Green to advertise the RoadWise website in the Plantagenet News and arrange a Committee photo to be taken to upload onto the website.

5.3 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY FAIR – 26 NOVEMBER 2011

RoadWise will have a stand at the Community Fair and Ms Green requested that the Committee put forward suggestions for a theme for this event. Mr Beck suggested getting the Year Five and Six children from Mount Barker Community College to design a poster based on Daytime Running Lights. The prize for the best poster will be a voucher to the value of \$50.00. The posters will need to be back to Ms Green by 19 November 2011.

The Shire will bring along the information trailer and have the Roadwise DVD ready to show. The RoadWise Committee members have been asked to try and attend the fair and to help man the stand during the day.

Main Roads, the Shire, RoadWise and the Roadwise Committee have been asked to make a commitment to this event. The SAM trailer will be on Albany Highway during the fair.

Actions:

- ***Ms Green to liaise with Mr Beck regarding the availability of the posters and obtaining pin up boards from MBCC.***
- ***Ms Green to organise the prize to the value of \$50.00 for the winner of the best poster.***

5.4 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE – ALBANY HIGHWAY

Mr Beck advised that there would be a count held, however he was unsure of the date as the MBCC was aiming for maximum attendance to make the best possible case. Mr Duffield mentioned that electronic crossings were usually only placed in 40km/h zones. This area may need to be made into a permanent 40km/h zone all through the year. A guarded crossing needs to be approved first.

5.5 NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY AWARD SUBMISSIONS

Mr Le Cerf advised that the Shire of Plantagenet has submitted an application for the National Road Safety Awards for Spencer Road. Mr Duffield and Mr Shane Kirkwood from Albany Plantation Export Company have been asked to provide references for this application.

5.6 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT TRAINING SEPTEMBER 2011

Mr Le Cerf congratulated Ms Green for assisting the Shire with their successful funding application for this grant which would allow himself and Mr Jim Robertson, Technical Officer for the Shire of Plantagenet to attend training which would benefit the Shire.

5.6 SAFETY PROJECTS

Mr Duffield advised that the Regional Road Group and Main Roads were forming a technical group for construction projects. The group will look at Safety and Black Spot projects. The Council will put forward a problem area and Main Roads will assess it to maintain a consistency with projects.

5.7 OFFICE OF ROAD SAFETY FORUM

Ms Green advised on 3 November 2011 the Office of Road Safety will be holding an Engagement Meeting Safety Forum with key Office of Road Safety staff attending.

5.8 WARRICK PROUDLOVE

Discussion was held regarding Warrick Proudlove, a young man involved in a car accident on Albany Highway.

6 NEXT MEETING

2.00pm, Thursday 3 November 2011

7 MEETING CLOSURE

3.37pm, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE: __/__/2011