



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 2 September 2010.

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, Vacant - Community Representative, Mr Norm Bario – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association, Machele 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
Vacant	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

2.01pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESPresent

Cr Len Handasyde	Chairperson
Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Ms Kendra Green	RoadWise Officer
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA
Mr Norm Bario	Mount Barker Community College P&C
Mr Wesley Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Sgt Allan Keogh (arrived 2.25pm)	Mount Barker Police

Staff

Ms Sharon Lynch	Administration Officer Works & Services
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Apologies

Ms Machel Jeffrey	Department of Transport
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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Mr Le Cerf, seconded: Mr Bario

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee held on 1 July 2010 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Mr Beck noted the Mount Barker Community College students appreciated receiving the letter of thanks for the vehicle survey results.

Mr Le Cerf advised works are continuing on the realignment of Spencer Road around the Narrikup townsite.

Before the realignment can be officially opened the Council is required to:

- Work with Main Roads WA for linemarking, signage and kerbing requirements;
- Work with the Geographic Names Committee to rename a portion of Spencer Road from Hannan Way to the Spencer Road realignment; and
- Close a portion of the northern leg of Hannan Way to the passage of vehicles.

It is hoped the Minister will be able to officially open the road as it is a significant project within the region. Discussion continued about the history of the Timber Industry Road Evaluation Strategy (TIRES) and the funding which has been used to ensure the regional road system is adequate for the timber transport task.

4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

4.1 SAFE SPEEDS

4.1.1 SAM TRAILER

Mr Le Cerf advised the speed trailer is experiencing electronic problems and is currently out of service. These problems are a result of the damage sustained to the trailer while it was positioned on Albany Highway.

4.2 SAFE ROAD USE

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

Action: Ms Green to determine if the Sign of Safety signs were dispatched to Main Roads WA.

Action: Ms Lynch and Ms Green to prepare a media release for Plantagenet News regarding the installation of the Sign of Safety signs at all wineries located within the Shire of Plantagenet once the signs have been installed.

4.2.2 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT – PROMOTING DAYTIME RUNNING LIGHTS

Mr Duffield tabled:

- Detailed and Summary Crash History for the Shire of Plantagenet – 01/01/2005 to 31/12/2009;
- Detailed Crash Behaviour for the Shire of Plantagenet – 01/01/2005 to 31/12/2009; and
- Albany Highway traffic count data.

Sgt Keogh arrived at 2.25pm

Mr Duffield noted this is sensitive information so please be careful how the information is used.

The Committee discussed how the statistics will be used to support the funding application. Additional data may be required to identify crash hotspots on Albany Highway between Albany and Armadale to assist with the positioning of the signs. Mr Duffield confirmed he is able to provide additional data.

4.2.3 WORKSHOP IDEAS FOR STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR 2010 FOR SAFE ROAD USE

The Road Safety Strategy – Towards Zero recognises that some road users don't always obey the rules and many simply make mistakes.

Ms Green defined the objective of the safe road use cornerstone as 'to prevent death and serious injury on our roads by influencing road users to be compliant, alert and safety conscious.'

Areas identified in the Towards Zero approach to safe road use are:

- Driver behaviours;
- Seatbelts;
- Fatigue;
- Drink driving;
- Speeding;
- Child Car Restraints;
- Distraction; and
- Inattention.

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

- Child Car Restraints Checking Station;
- Media – some media articles could be based on real life stories;
- Displays in the foyer;
- Website competition;
- Blow 0.00 and win;
- RoadTrip 120 – younger drivers;
- RoadWise target sign – showing what Police are currently targeting; and
- Driver reviver.

The following activities are already being undertaken by the Committee and will also be included in the strategic plan:

- Sign of safety – wineries;
- Blessing of the Roads; and
- White Ribbons campaign.

The Committee discussed holding a driver reviver at a strategic time e.g. long weekend. Community and service clubs could be invited to be involved. The new road safety display trailer could also be displayed. Mr Bario noted local businesses would also need to be supportive of this initiative. The Lions Club held a driver reviver in the centre of Kojonup and some businesses were opposed to the initiative as they felt it affected their business.

Sgt Keogh said drivers not wearing seatbelts and using a mobile phone while driving are serious issues.

Action: Ms Green to circulate information regarding the seatbelt legislation for school buses.

4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

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

Mr Le Cerf advised the Council has purchased a number of new vehicles. All the new vehicles have the option to leave their headlights on.

Action: Ms Lynch to forward background information relating to Daytime Running Lights to Cr Messmer.

4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

Ms Lynch advised the media release regarding the importance of reporting road vehicle accidents has not been prepared however this will be written before the next meeting.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS – WOOGENELLUP ROAD AND ALBANY HIGHWAY

Mr Bario advised the student pedestrian crossing on Woogenellup Road is operational and is working well.

The Albany Highway crossing is being reapplied for. The College will stipulate a day for the counts to be undertaken to ensure the maximum number of counts are recorded.

5.2 SPEED ZONE REDUCTION – LANGTON ROAD

Ms Lynch advised the Council at its meeting held 17 August 2010 resolved:

‘That Main Roads WA be requested to implement changes to the speed limits on Langton Road Mount Barker as follows:

- 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.’*

Ms Lynch advised a letter will now be sent to Main Roads WA requesting a review be undertaken of the speed limits on Langton Road.

5.3 ACCESS WAY BETWEEN MOUNT BARKER CO-OPERATIVE CARPARK AND SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET CARPARK

The Committee discussed the access way and stop signs located between the Mount Barker Co-op and Shire carparks. Stop signs are located at the exit of the carparks. Concern has been raised that the stop signs are not compliant and the Police are not able to enforce road rules in this area due to this non compliance. A decision was made not to investigate this issue further due to the following reasons:

- The carpark exit turn outs are not wide enough therefore significant expenditure would need to be spent to modify the road environment. This would need to occur to make the road environment comply for the installation of a regulatory stop sign;
- This is a low speed environment; and
- Although the stop signs are not compliant they are servicing the intended purpose.

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

Cr Handasyde and Ms Lynch are presenting a paper titled 'Advocating for lower speed limits in the Shire of Plantagenet' at the Insurance Commission of Western Australia Road Safety Forum and Awards 2010. The Forum is being held in Perth on Monday 6 September 2010. Ms Lynch thanked Ms Green for her assistance with preparing the paper and presentation for the forum.

Action: Ms Lynch to circulate the 'Advocating for lower speed limits in the Shire of Plantagenet' to Committee members.

Mr Le Cerf advised he is attending the National Local Roads and Transport Congress in October 2010 with the Shire President Cr Clements and Cr Handasyde.

5.5 REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Ms Green distributed the new RoadWise t-shirts. The t-shirts can be worn at RoadWise events.

5.6 MUIRS HIGHWAY - FATALITY

Mr Duffield advised a toddler was killed in a traffic accident on Muirs Highway near Rocky Gully in July. An investigation will be undertaken to examine the causes of the accident.

5.7 LEAVERS LIVE

Mr Beck advised the Mount Barker Community College held the crash simulation 'Leavers Live' on 1 September 2010. The crash included a white hatch back and a number of casualties. St John Ambulance, Fire and Rescue and the Police were all involved. GWN highlight the story on the news and an article will appear in the

Plantagenet News. This event is held every two years and involves the year 11 and 12 students. This is a fantastic way to show the students how many people are involved in a traffic accident.

5.8 ROADSIDE MEMORIAL POLICY

Mr Duffield advised Main Roads WA is currently reviewing its Roadside Memorial Policy. As part of the review, Main Roads WA consulted with the wider community and sought views on roadside memorials on the State road network. Mr Duffield said Main Roads WA had received some negative press regarding the review. Roadside memorials are valid and have a place however this was an opportunity to review the policy to look at guidelines to ensure the memorials are an appropriate size, located in a suitable place and are not distracting to drivers.

6 NEXT MEETING

2.00pm, Thursday 4 November 2010

7 MEETING CLOSURE

3.22pm, The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE __/__/__