



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 3 November 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, Norm Bario – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association, Machele 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	
Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Mr Wesley Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Mr Norm Bario	Mount Barker Community College P & C
Mr Arthur Patterson	Community Representative
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services (<i>left the meeting at 2.40pm</i>)
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA
Ms Mabelle Jeffrey	Department of Transport
Ms Kendra Green	RoadWise Officer

Visitors

Ms Cindy Chandler	Office of Road Safety
Senior Constable Tony Ward	Mount Barker Police (<i>attended from 2.30pm, left the meeting at 2.45pm</i>)
First Class Constable Selvan Lingham	Mount Barker Police (<i>attended from 2.30pm, left the meeting at 2.45pm</i>)

Staff

Ms Megan Beech	Senior Administration/Project Officer Works & Services
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3 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Mr Le Cerf invited nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Ms Green nominated Cr Handasyde, Mr Beck seconded that nomination.

There being no further nominations for the position of Chairperson, Mr Le Cerf declared Cr Handasyde elected as Chairperson.

Cr Handasyde assumed the Chair.

The Chairperson invited nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Mr Beck nominated Mr Le Cerf, Mr Bario seconded that nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairperson declared Mr Le Cerf elected as Deputy Chairperson.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Mr Duffield, seconded: Mr Patterson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held Thursday 1 September 2011, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

The following correspondence was tabled:

- RAC Young Driver/Parent Safety Presentation – 17 November 2011;
- Road Safety Roundup – October 2011;
- Summary Report – Workshops: Towards Zero: what does it mean for Local Governments; and
- Letter – Mr David Robertson – Albany Highway Pedestrian Crossings in Mount Barker (to be discussed later in the meeting).

5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

5.1 SAFE SPEEDS

5.1.1 SAM TRAILER

Mr Le Cerf tabled the Speed Trailer – Log of Usage. This log is completed each time the trailer is moved to a new location.

Mr Le Cerf has received positive feedback regarding the ongoing use of the trailer and its placement particularly in the school zone on Woogenellup Road and on Albany Highway over long weekends.

Mr Le Cerf advised that the Shire will be working with the Police to have the trailer calibrated.

5.1.2 SPEED ZONE REDUCTION – LANGTON ROAD

Mr Duffield noted that the speed zone reduction has been in place for approximately one month.

Mr Le Cerf advised that the Shire has received a request from a member of the public for additional signage relating to the change in speed zone.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to respond to this request noting that the Committee disagrees and considers there to be adequate signage.

Ms Beech advised that the SAM trailer will be moved onto Langton Road to remind motorists of the change in speed zone.

5.1.3 SPEED ZONING – LOWOOD ROAD AND OATLANDS ROAD

Mr Le Cerf tabled some traffic counts for Oatlands Road. This data was collected in 2007 and 2009. Current counts will be obtained in the near future.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to liaise with Mr Duffield to consider and investigate options regarding some form of traffic calming along Oatlands Road.

Mr Duffield advised that Main Roads WA (MRWA) have installed a 50km/h repeater sign on Lowood Road (southern end). It was considered that this part of the item (Lowood Road) is now complete.

5.1.4 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Action: Ms Beech to update the action plan to include the Speed Trailer – Log of Usage.

5.2 SAFE ROAD USE

5.2.1 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT - PROMOTING DRIVING WITH YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON

Ms Green advised that the grant application is complete, except for letters of support from the Committee members.

Action: Committee members to submit letters of support for the grant application to Ms Green by 17 November 2011.

Action: Mr Duffield to provide traffic count data for Albany Highway to include with the application.

5.2.2 NEW BUSINESS – DRIVER TRAINING – LOSS OF TRACTION IN FRONT AND/OR REAR WHEELS

Mr Patterson led a discussion regarding driver training for young drivers.

Discussion was held regarding a Defensive Driver Training Course which is run by DriveSafe. Mr Le Cerf noted that Shire staff have attended this training and found it to be very beneficial.

Ms Green noted that for the younger age group, there is evidence to support that this type of training actually makes the matter worse, because young drivers then become too confident.

Action: Ms Green to bring research/statistics to the next meeting which supports the notion that providing defensive driver training to young drivers does not necessarily improve driver safety.

5.2.3 NEW BUSINESS – ALBANY HIGHWAY PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN MOUNT BARKER

Further to Mr Robertson's letter, tabled under incoming correspondence, discussion was held regarding pedestrian crossing opportunities along Albany Highway in Mount Barker.

Action: Mr Duffield to liaise with Mr Le Cerf to consider and assess pedestrian crossing opportunities along Albany Highway in Mount Barker.

Action: Ms Beech to prepare a letter of response to Mr Robertson advising that the Committee is investigating this request.

2.40pm, Mr Le Cerf left the meeting.

2.45pm, First Class Constable Selvan Lingham and Senior Constable Tony Ward left the meeting.

5.2.4 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Letters of support for the grant application were discussed earlier in the agenda.

5.3 SAFE VEHICLES

5.3.1 NEW BUSINESS – MOTOR VEHICLE STEERING SYSTEM DESIGN

Mr Patterson led a discussion regarding this item. No further action was considered necessary.

5.3.2 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Nil.

5.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

5.4.1 SPENCER ROAD / YELLANUP ROAD - ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Mr Duffield advised that MRWA have carried out an assessment of the vegetation at this location. Clearing is required at the southern end, however there is declared rare flora in the vicinity. MRWA is therefore required to apply for a clearing permit with the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

Action: Mr Le Cerf to liaise with Mr Duffield to consider if a Black Spot application would be appropriate to upgrade this section.

5.4.2 MILLINUP ROAD – CHESTER PASS ROAD INTERSECTION

Mr Duffield advised that this intersection does meet minimum site distance requirements for MRWA. MRWA are however following this up.

5.4.3 SEEKING LEGISLATION CHANGE – ROAD RESERVE CLEARING

This matter will be further discussed at the Works Managers meeting on 30 November 2011. Representatives from the DEC have been invited to attend that meeting.

5.4.4 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE – ALBANY HIGHWAY

Action: Ms Beech to prepare a letter from the Committee to Mr Jonathan Hoskin (Principal of Mount Barker Community College), seeking a response/position regarding the College's application for a student pedestrian crossing on Albany Highway. A copy of the letter also to be sent to the P&C and the School Council.

5.4.5 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Nil.

6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Ms Green noted that the RAC PBF Presentation is being held on 17 November 2011, 6.00pm. Information regarding this presentation was tabled under incoming correspondence.

6.2 WEBSITE

Ms Green advised that a Committee photo would be taken at the conclusion of the meeting, to include on the website.

6.3 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY FAIR – 26 NOVEMBER 2011

A site at the fair has been booked. All Committee Members are encouraged to attend.

Mr Beck tabled a flyer about the poster competition and noted that Mr Gladwin, a Year 6 Teacher at the Community College is organising his students to take part in the competition.

The prize will be movie passes for two adults and two children. Cr Handasyde and Mr Beck will visually draw the competition.

Action: Ms Green to liaise with Cr Handasyde and Mr Beck regarding drawing the winners of the poster competition.

6.4 WHITE RIBBONS™ FOR ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN 2011

The Chairperson tabled correspondence from the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) regarding this campaign. This is WALGA's Annual Christmas Campaign.

Action: Ms Beech to forward a copy of the order form to Mr Beck to order White Ribbons™ and distribute throughout the Community College.

Action: Ms Beech to order some White Ribbons™ for the Shire, and arrange for them to be distributed to all staff with payslips.

6.5 MEETING DATES 2012

The proposed future meeting dates, as attached to the minutes, were accepted for 2012.

6.6 RED GUM PASS ROAD

The Chairperson tabled some updated traffic counts which had been provided by Mr Le Cerf for Red Gum Pass Road.

A request had originally been received from Mr David Burcham regarding speeding vehicles along Red Gum Pass Road. Counts had been provided, however there were anomalies which were referred back to the Shire's Engineering Technical Officer for clarification. The Traffic Classifiers have since had their tubes replaced and clarification was sought from MetroCount. Advice received was that some of the anomalies may have been caused by agricultural equipment which is quite prevalent on this road. This type of equipment can have an irregular axle configuration which may not easily be classified by the traffic classifiers.

The updated traffic counts still demonstrate speeding vehicles along Red Gum Pass Road. It was agreed that some Police enforcement may be required. Mr Duffield also noted that if the vehicles are Restricted Access Vehicles he may be able to assist and review any approvals along Red Gum Pass Road.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to liaise with Sgt Keogh to provide traffic count data and request Police enforcement. Mr Le Cerf to bring an update to the next meeting.

6.7 CINDY CHANDLER – OFFICE OF ROAD SAFETY

Ms Chandler spoke to the Committee about her role at the Office of Road Safety. Ms Chandler is the Engagement Manager and has been in Albany holding a Road Safety Advocacy Forum.

7 NEXT MEETING

19 January 2012, 2.00pm

8 MEETING CLOSURE

3.35pm, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE: __/__/2012