



ROADWISE STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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 3 September 2009.

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Julie MacQueen - Main Roads WA, Allan Spicer - Mount Barker Police, Wesley Beck - Mount Barker Community College, Kendra Green - RoadWise Officer, David Williss - Community member, Dominic Le Cerf - Manager Works and Services, Cr K Clements, Cr J Mark (Deputy) - Local Government Elected members and Len Handasyde - Mount Barker Community College P & C. (Resolution No. 369/07, 100/08, 226/09)

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Chairperson: Cr K Clements

Deputy Chairperson: N/A

Membership: Quorum (4)

Cr K Clements	Council Representative
Cr J Mark	(Deputy)
Mr D Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Ms K Green	RoadWise Officer
Ms J MacQueen	Main Roads WA
Sgt A Spicer	Mount Barker Police
Mr W Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Mr D Williss	Community Representative
Mr L Handasyde	Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.01pm, Cr Clements declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESPresent

Cr Ken Clements	Chairperson
Ms Kendra Green	RoadWise Officer
Mr Len Handasyde	Mount Barker Community College P&C
Mr David Williss	Community Representative
Sgt Allan Spicer	Mount Barker Police
Mr Wesley Beck (from 2.03pm)	Mount Barker Community College

Guests

Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA
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Staff

Ms Sharon Williams	Senior Administration/Project Officer Works & Services
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Apologies

Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Mr Jerry Tan	Main Roads WA

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Mr D Willis, seconded: Sgt Spicer

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee, held Thursday 25 June 2009, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**4.1 SAFE SPEEDS****4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****(a) Speed Zoning – Albany Highway**

Mr Duffield advised that he instructed the Main Roads speed zoning officer to reconsider the assessment of this section of Albany Highway given the concerns expressed by the Committee. The advice received indicated that the original assessment remained valid and that the existing speed zone is appropriate to the location. Mr Duffield advised that he has sought formal approval from the Main Roads Executive Director to trial the extension of the 90km/h speed zone south past the O'Neill Road intersection for 12 months. It is anticipated that the modified speed zone signage will be in place in October 2009. Assessment of the performance of this speed zone modification will be undertaken during the 12 month trial.

Wesley Beck arrived at 2.03pm

Mr Duffield was requested to provide an update regarding the requests to formalise the speed limits on Mount Barker Road and Mitchell Street.

Action: Mr Duffield to follow up requests to formalise the speed limits on Mount Barker Road and Mitchell Street.

Mr Duffield provided an overview of traffic count and vehicle speed data for MacDonald Avenue. The data was discussed and the Committee outlined its support for the installation of 60km/h speed zones for MacDonald Avenue and Taylor Road.

4.1.2 SAM UPDATE

(a) Speedometer Check for Public

Sgt Spicer reported that the Mount Barker Police talked to approximately 50 people during the speedometer check for the public. It was agreed that a follow up speedometer check should be organised before Easter.

4.1.3 NEW BUSINESS

(a) Speed Zoning – Narrikup

Ms Williams advised that a request has been received from Narrikup residents to reduce the speed limit on Albany Highway from the south side of Jackson Road to the north side of Yellanup Road. This section of Albany Highway provides access to Hannan Way, Yellanup Road, Jackson Road and the truck bay. Mr Duffield noted this is a problematic section of Albany Highway and discussions have taken place in the past about rationalising the road network in this area.

Action: Ms Williams to produce a letter to Main Roads WA to reduce the speed limit on Albany Highway near Narrikup due to the number of adjoining roads and location of the truck bay.

4.2 SAFE ROAD USERS

4.2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

4.2.2 NEW BUSINESS

(a) Helmets

Mr Beck raised concern on behalf of Mount Barker Community College staff regarding the number of children riding bikes without a helmet and requested if the Mount Barker Police can reinforce the need to wear helmets.

4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

4.3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Driving Lights

Mr Handasyde noted the second response from the Road Safety Council is a similar response to the first letter. This is an important issue to progress and discussion continued about the most effective way to achieve this.

Action: Ms Williams to produce a letter to Federal and State Government Ministers outlining the proposal to mandate daytime running lights in Australia. Letter to be carbon copied to local members of Parliament.

Action: Ms Green to circulate the proposal to mandate daytime running lights in Australia to RoadWise Committees within the Great Southern.

4.3.2 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

4.4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

4.4.2 UPDATE – MANAGER WORKS & SERVICES

No report given.

4.4.3 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Resignation

Mr Willis tabled then read aloud his letter of resignation from the RoadWise Steering Committee.

(b) Report from Road Safety Officer

Ms Green tabled her RoadWise Officer Report for September 2009:

- Congratulated the Shire on winning an award for the Speed Trailer project in the category of Safe Travel Speeds at the State Roads Forum in Perth recently.
- Provided an overview of the new legislation for unlicensed drivers. The new law aims to have an immediate impact by removing unlicensed drivers from our roads, making it safer.
- Western Australia is currently undertaking drafting amendments to change the law for the restraint of children in vehicles. The law proposes that children under seven years of age are to be restrained in approved restraints.

Action: Ms Green and Ms Williams to prepare a Media Release for Plantagenet News giving an update from the RoadWise Committee. Media Release to cover new legislation for unlicensed drivers, fatigue inattention, Mount Barker – Porongurup Road, speed zoning for Taylor Road and Mount Barker Road.

(c) Mount Barker Community College

Mr Beck provided an overview of the new bus route which is being built at the College. The one way route goes behind the garden sheds and out past the Recreation Centre. The new route won't be opened until the road is sealed. Students will catch their bus from one of four bus shelters.

From 2010 a bus won't be going to the south site as it will no longer be used. Concern has been raised that children from the western side of town will need to cross Albany Highway and a crossing guard may be required. Children from the eastern side of town could be picked up by the Porongurup bus, subject to space. These proposals are now being considered by the Public Transport Authority.

(d) Woogenellup Road

Mr Duffield advised that Main Roads WA has upgraded advanced warning signage and installed a give way sign at the eastern end of Woogenellup Road.

(e) Regional Road Group Applications

Mr Duffield noted the Shire has submitted three 2010/11 Road Project Grant submissions for Woogenellup Road, Mount Barker – Porongurup Road and Beverly Road. The Technical Working Group will be undertaking site inspections and assessment of the submissions in the next two weeks.

(f) Black Spot Project

Mr Duffield noted that the Shire has received funding under the Federal Government's National Building Package to upgrade the intersection of Lowood Road and Mondurup Street. This was approved subject to the project being completed and funds recouped by 31 December 2009. Cr Clements noted that the Shire is aware of the funding conditions.

(g) Proclamation of Mount Barker Northern Bypass

Mr Duffield advised the Council has endorsed proclamation drawings for proclamation of Mount Barker Northern Bypass and deproclamation of the former route through Mount Barker. This proclamation will now be sent to the Governor in Executive Council for approval prior to publication in the Government Gazette.

6 NEXT MEETING

To be advised following the Local Government elections.

7 MEETING CLOSURE

2.49pm The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE __/__/__