



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 4 November 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, Mabelle 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

2.03pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Present

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

Staff

Ms Sharon Lynch	Administration Officer Works & Services
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Apologies

Sgt Allan Keogh	Mount Barker Police
Ms Machel Jeffrey	Department of Transport

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Mr Bario, seconded: Mr Beck

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee held on 2 September 2010 be confirmed.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

4.1 SAFE SPEEDS

4.1.1 SAM TRAILER

Mr Le Cerf advised a computer module within the speed trailer has been affected by water damage. The Shire mechanic is working with the manufacturer to determine what parts need to be replaced. Fixing the speed trailer is a high priority for the Shire particularly in the lead up to the Christmas period.

4.2 SAFE ROAD USE

4.2.1 BLESSING OF THE ROADS

Ms Lynch advised a Blessing of the Roads event was held earlier in the year and was a great opportunity to create awareness and also recognise emergency service volunteers. The Committee agreed to hold a Blessing of the Roads event in 2011 prior to Easter. School holiday dates will need confirmed before a date is set for the ceremony.

Ms Lynch suggested students from the Mount Barker Community College could play a greater role in the ceremony.

Action: Ms Lynch to prepare a letter to send to the Mount Barker Community College inviting them to participate in the Blessing of the Roads event.

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

Ms Green advised the Sign of Safety signs have not been dispatched from the Western Australia Local Government Association.

Action: Ms Green to determine which wineries within the Shire of Plantagenet have not installed the Sign of Safety signs.

Action: Ms Lynch and Ms Green to prepare a letter to send to those wineries who have not installed the Sign of Safety signs encouraging them to participate in the program.

Mr Le Cerf advised the signs can be delivered to the depot and the Shire can help to install the signs.

4.2.3 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT – PROMOTING DAYTIME RUNNING LIGHTS

Ms Green advised Mr Duffield has provided crash statistics for the Great Southern for the period 2000 to 2009. This information will be extremely useful when developing the scope for this project. The information will be reviewed and a proposal will be presented at the next meeting.

Discussion continued about thinking outside of the square and exploring the possibility of bill board signs having more of an impact than signs situated on the side of the road.

4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

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

The Committee noted that no further action has been taken regarding daytime running lights. Mr Beck advised he recently converted his personal vehicle for daytime running lights and it cost \$120.00.

4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

No discussion occurred.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS – ALBANY HIGHWAY

Mr Beck advised 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. This will occur in the New Year as all of the Year 12 students have now left.

Mr Bario reported the student pedestrian crossing on Woogenellup Road is working well. The presence of the crossing guard does make people slow down.

Action: Mr Beck to speak with Mr Jonathan Hoskin to determine if the application for a student pedestrian crossing on Albany Highway has been submitted.

5.2 ALBANY HIGHWAY/BEVERLEY ROAD INTERSECTION – TRAFFICABLE REFLECTIVE DEVICES AND LINEMARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Mr Le Cerf explained the Townscape Review Steering Committee have discussed visibility issues at the intersection of Albany Highway and Beverly Road. At night it is particularly hard to see the turn off to Beverly Road and evidently many people overshoot the turnoff. Main Roads WA has refused a request for the installation of street lighting as the intersection does not meet all the necessary requirements. It has been suggested that reflectors could be placed on the corner. This is a low cost option that could alleviate the visibility issues.

Mr Duffield advised a review of the whole intersection will need to be undertaken to look at linemarking, signage and the passing bulge.

Action: Ms Lynch to prepare a letter to Main Roads WA to undertake a review of the intersection of Albany Highway and Beverly Road and investigate a design to improve visibility issues at this intersection.

5.3 SPEED ZONE REDUCTION – RED GUM PASS ROAD

Cr Handasyde advised a letter has been received from Mr David Burcham recommending a suggested speed zone change in the interest of safety to all users of Red Gum Pass Road to the east of Kendenup. The letter was read aloud.

Mr Burcham noted his 'major concern is the gully to the east of the current 80km/h speed zone which is a total blind spot. Road trains heading east get to Haigh Road can see the open speed limit sign then start accelerating down the hill so that they are doing at least 100km/h through the most dangerous section of road.'

The Committee discussed the contents of the letter, potential for subdivision and anecdotal and personal experiences on this road.

Ms Lynch tabled traffic count data for Red Gum Pass Road. Discussion continued about the data contained within the Class Speed Matrix and abnormal readings in class 4 (three axle truck), 11 (double road train) and 12 (triple road train).

Mr Le Cerf advised funding has been allocated to widen the shoulders and reseal Red Gum Pass Road from the cemetery east for 4km. Concern was raised that these works may create a false sense of security.

The Committee supported the recommended speed zone change for Red Gum Pass Road however driver behaviour also needs to be addressed.

Actions:

- **Ms Lynch to organise for the traffic counts to be repeated on Red Gum Pass Road.**
- **Mr Le Cerf to review the traffic count data.**
- **Mr Le Cerf to discuss the traffic count data with Sgt Keogh, Mount Barker Police and strategies to address driver behaviour.**
- **Ms Lynch to prepare a submission to Main Roads WA to implement changes to the speed limit on Red Gum Pass Road as outlined in the letter received from Mr Burhcam.**

5.4 STATISTICS IN THE GREAT SOUTHERN

Ms Green made a presentation regarding 'Crash statistics in the Great Southern'. The presentation covered who is involved in road trauma, single vehicle crashes, single vehicle crash types, behavioural and location issues.

Mr Le Cerf and Cr Handasyde advised they attended the 2010 National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Bunbury from 13-15 October in Bunbury. Predications show the freight task will double in Australia by 2020. The shortfall in funding for local government roads throughout Australia is about \$1.2 billion per annum. The government was asked to make the Roads to Recovery program permanently funded and increase the rate funded per annum. This will assist local governments to deal with ageing infrastructure and growing community expectations.

5.5 REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Ms Green advised the Road Safety Council recently visited Albany. Mr Rob Stewart was awarded a Certificate of Achievement recognising the Shire's increased involvement and support for road safety initiatives at a local level.

Ms Green congratulated Cr Handasyde and Ms Lynch on their presentation at the Insurance Commission of Western Australia Road Safety Forum.

5.6 MEETING DATES FOR 2011

The meeting resolved that the schedule of meeting dates for the RoadWise Steering Committee as set out below be followed:

20 January 2011
3 March 2011
5 May 2011
7 July 2011
1 September 2011
3 November 2011

5.7 TIMBER 2020

Timber 2020 is voluntarily winding up which is a big loss for the region. This will have no direct impact on the Timber Industry Roads Evaluation Strategy (TIRES). The Minister is considering a proposal for commodity specific funding which would change how the Council will access future funding for local roads used for timber transportation. Future funding will be combined in the same funding pool as grain and ag lime.

5.8 NARRIKUP BYPASS

Mr Le Cerf advised linemarking will be undertaken on the Narrikup bypass on 5 and 6 November 2010. An invitation has been extended to Hon S M O'Brien MLC to officially open the bypass on Friday 26 November 2010. This has been a significant project for the Shire and the region. Invites will be circulated once the date has been confirmed.

An original requirement of the bypass proposal was that the northern leg of Hannan Way be closed to traffic at the railway crossing. WestNet Rail will not permit more than two crossings within any 900m section of rail. Newman Road between Hannan Way and the new bypass will remain open and the Council has been asked to consider sealing this section as this will provide a link to Albany Highway. Costings are being prepared however this project has not been identified within Council's 5 year road program so there is no guarantee this will be funded.

Mr Le Cerf thanked Main Roads WA for their assistance with this project. The Shire and the project has greatly benefited from the expertise and technical advice that has been received from Main Roads WA.

5.9 ALBANY HIGHWAY

Mr Duffield was asked to provide an overview of Main Roads WA plans to provide more passing lanes on Albany Highway. Mr Duffield advised Main Roads WA has plans for 13 more passing lanes however implementation of the passing lanes is subject to funding. Numerous business cases have been prepared and Main Roads WA will continue to lobby for more funding.

Land has been acquired near Kojonup for a new passing lane.

Mr Duffield advised Main Roads WA state wide has a funding backlog of approximately \$1 billion.

Cr Messmer mentioned the issue of road noise in cars on Albany Highway. Mr Duffield discussed that the road noise is related to the larger stone required for higher speed roads which involves a range of safety issues, requiring balance and skid resistance.

5.10 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Mr Beck enquired how the Council determines which roads within the Mount Barker townsite are resealed. Mr Le Cerf advised the Council undertakes an inspection annually of the roads within the Shire and allocates funding based on priority. Lord Street is being resealed as the pavement is cracking, sections of the road have washed out and there is no traction left. The reseal will save the life of the pavement.

6 NEXT MEETING

2.00pm, Thursday 20 January 2011

7 MEETING CLOSURE

3.38pm, The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE __/__/__