



## **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 5 July 2012

**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, Mabelle Jeffrey – Department of Transport (Resolution No. 243/11), Mr Greg Sounness – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 72/12)*

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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 G Sounness	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association
Ms M Jeffrey	Department of Transport

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

2.05pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**Present:

Cr Len Handasyde	Chairperson
Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA
Mr Wesley Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Mr Arthur Patterson	Community Representative
Ms Kendra Green (from 2.30pm)	RoadWise Officer
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services

Apologies:

Mr Greg Souness	Mount Barker Community College P&C
Ms Mabelle Jeffrey	Department of Transport

Staff:

Ms Megan Beech	Senior Administration / Project Officer Works and Services
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**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved: Mr Patterson, seconded: Mr Beck**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held Thursday 10 May 2012, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**3.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN**

The following correspondence was tabled and is attached at Appendix One:

- Road Safety Round-Up (May and June 2012); and
- Safe Roads Awards – letter from Hon Colin Holt MLC.

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

The SAM trailer has been used on Woogenellup Road near the Mount Barker Community College (MBCC), on Shire construction projects and has been returned to the Shire Depot to be re-programmed for the July school holidays.

#### 4.1.2 SPEED ZONING – LOWOOD ROAD AND OATLANDS ROAD

##### Oatlands Road

Traffic classifiers will be placed on Oatlands Road in the near future to obtain further traffic count data. Mr Duffield noted that the Committee should consider other justification for the speed zone reduction apart from traffic count data.

**Action: Await traffic count data prior to further consideration of justification for the proposed speed zone reduction on Oatlands Road.**

##### Lowood Road

The Committee discussed the proposed speed zone reduction on Lowood Road. The Committee's preference is a 50km/h speed zone along the whole length of Lowood Road.

**Action: Mr Duffield to check the speed zone status of the entire length of Lowood Road and report back to the Committee.**

#### 4.1.3 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Nil.

#### 4.2 SAFE ROAD USE

##### 4.2.1 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT - PROMOTING DRIVING WITH YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON

Ms Green has continued to liaise with Albany Signs. Some graphic designs have been received for review by the Committee. Mr Le Cerf has also been discussing technical details with Albany Signs.

**Action: Ms Beech to email sign designs out to all Committee members for feedback.**

The Committee agreed on the layout/design for the mobile phones sign, according to the example provided by Ms Green.

**Action: Ms Green to liaise with Mr Duffield and Mr Beck to obtain ideas for the layout/design of the fatigue and day time running lights signs.**

**Action: Mr Le Cerf to liaise with MRWA, other Councils and landowners as required regarding preferred sites for each of the signs.**

Suggested sign locations are as follows:

- Between Albany and Mount Barker, north of Settlement Road;

- Tunney; and
- North of Kojonup.

The Committee agreed to aim for installation by October 2012.

#### 4.2.2 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Nil.

### 4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

#### 4.3.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Mr Le Cerf advised that the Shire has just ordered three Mazda BT 50s. These vehicles are four star ANCAP rated.

*2.30pm, Ms Green entered the meeting.*

**Action: Committee members to think of ideas for a Media Release to be printed in the Plantagenet News regarding the Safe Vehicles cornerstone – ideas could include: check your tyres, change your wiper blades, appropriate tyre pressures.**

### 4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

#### 4.4.1 SPENCER ROAD / YELLANUP ROAD - ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Mr Duffield and Mr Le Cerf have agreed that a jointly funded audit between MRWA and the Shire would be beneficial at the Yellanup Road / Albany Highway intersection.

**Action: Mr Duffield and Mr Le Cerf to arrange a safety audit at the Albany Highway / Yellanup Road intersection prior to the next RoadWise Committee meeting.**

'Cat's Eyes' have been installed on Albany Highway at the Spencer Road intersection. This has improved visibility of the intersection at night time.

#### 4.4.2 SEEKING LEGISLATION CHANGE – ROAD RESERVE CLEARING

Mr Le Cerf updated the Committee that representatives from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) attended the Works Managers meeting held in Katanning in March 2012.

Discussion was held at the meeting regarding the legislation surrounding 10 year old trees in the maintenance zone. The DEC representatives considered that there is no problem with the current legislation.

Mr Duffield noted that the RAC Board is visiting Albany on 23 July 2012. Mr Duffield will be taking them on a tour of the area.

Invitations to a lunch event with the RAC Board on 23 July 2012 were provided to each of the Committee members. This may be an opportunity for Committee members to raise concerns such as this as the RAC Board may be able to do some lobbying.

#### 4.4.3 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE – ALBANY HIGHWAY

Further to submission of the application by the MBCC, an indicative count has been carried out by the Traffic Crossing Unit. The MBCC wasn't consulted regarding a date for this indicative count and the P&C has sent the Traffic Crossing Unit a letter regarding this matter.

An official count will be conducted in due course.

##### Electronic Signage

Mr Le Cerf has spoken with Mr Peter Stringer from MRWA regarding this signage. Mr Stringer has advised that the MBCC (the Principal) is required to apply for this signage.

#### 4.4.4 HAY RIVER ROAD/ST WERBURGHS ROAD INTERSECTION ALIGNMENT

A Safety Audit was completed on 13 June 2012. A Black Spot application is being completed using recommendations from the Safety Audit and will be submitted for funding in the 2013/14 financial year.

Mr Le Cerf noted that if the Black Spot funding application isn't successful, a proposal would be made to the Council to include this project as a Council funded project for 2013/14.

#### 4.4.5 TURNING LANE – O'NEILL ROAD/ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

There is some merit in widening the shoulder at the intersection of O'Neill Road and Albany Highway. Also if the proposed subdivision behind the Golf Club proceeds, the need for the turning lane would increase. Culvert extensions would also be required.

Currently turning warrants aren't met for a dedicated pocket. MRWA would consider providing funding (completely or jointly) if the Shire felt strongly about pursuing this matter.

**Action: Mr Le Cerf to speak with Mr Peter Stringer regarding a design for this intersection and then apply to MRWA regarding costing.**

#### 4.4.6 WET WEATHER VISIBILITY – INTERSECTIONS

Mr Patterson has been approached by a member of the public about the intersection of Eulup-Manurup Road and Muir Highway. The



issue relates to 'finding' the intersection at night, particularly when it is raining.

Mr Duffield advised for a higher volume intersection, pavement markings could be made and retro reflective street signs installed. Further if this signage is not effective on the left hand side of the road, it can be installed on the right hand side instead. 'Cat's Eyes' are also another option and could be installed to indicate the Denmark-Mount Barker Road intersection, which would assist drivers in determining the location of the Eulup-Manurup Road intersection at night time.

**Action: Mr Duffield to schedule a night audit of the Muir Highway / Eulup-Manurup Road intersection to determine visibility issues and provide recommendations to rectify any issues identified.**

**Action: Mr Patterson to follow up with the member of the public for feedback regarding suggested solutions.**

#### 4.4.7 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Nil.

## 5 AGENCY REPORTS

### RoadWise

Ms Green noted that this is her last RoadWise meeting as she is moving to Perth to study at University.

Discussion was held regarding the Action Plan. Ms Green provided Committee members with a copy of the plan, further to a review completed by Ms Green and Ms Beech. Items highlighted pink need to be progressed. A copy of the updated Action Plan is attached at Appendix Two.

### Shire of Plantagenet

Mr Le Cerf thanked Ms Green for being an integral part of the Committee for the last three years.

Cr Handasyde also thanked Ms Green for her efforts over the last three years. Cr Handasyde noted that Ms Green has had a large area to cover and she has done a great job.

### Main Roads

Mr Duffield advised that the 2012/13 budget has been handed down. This is pending announcements from the Road Trauma Trust Account.

The South Stirling School community has written to the Minister regarding a request for sealing of Stirling School Road. Mr Le Cerf noted that the Council is aware of the concerns of the South Stirling community. The Council has been out to Stirling School Road on a road inspection. Stirling School Road does not meet the warrants for sealing.

**6 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 6 September 2012, 2.00pm

**7 MEETING CLOSURE**

3.30pm, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_/\_\_/2012