



## 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, 10.00am Wednesday 8 April 2009.

**Rob Stewart**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Committee Members

*Julie MacQueen - Main Roads WA, Allan Spicer - Mount Barker Police, Wes Beck - Mount Barker Community College, Andrea Smithson - RoadWise Officer, David Williss - Community member, Ian Bartlett - Manager Works and Services, Cr J Mark, Cr K Clements (Deputy) - Local Government Elected members and Len Handasyde - Mount Barker Community College P & C.*

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**Chairperson: Cr J Mark**

**Deputy Chairperson: N/A**

**Membership: Quorum (4)**

Cr J Mark	Council Representative
Cr K Clements	(Deputy)
Mr I Bartlett	Manager Works and Services
Ms A Smithson	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

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

10.00am, Cr Mark declared the meeting open. The presiding member Cr Mark informed committee members that he was unable to chair the meeting and requested to be recorded as a non voting guest and that Cr Clements be recorded as a member for the duration of the meeting. Cr Mark was therefore appointed as the Deputy Council Representative and acted in this capacity. Cr Clements was elected unopposed as the presiding member.

## 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

### Present

Cr Ken Clements	Chairperson
Ms Andrea Smithson	RoadWise Officer
Mr Ian Bartlett	Manager Works and Services
Mr David Williss	Community Representative
Mr Len Handasyde	Mount Barker Community College P&C

### Guests

Cr John Mark	Deputy Council Representative
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA

### Staff

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

Nil

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved: Ms A Smithson, seconded: Mr L Handasyde**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee, held Thursday 26 February 2009, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

### 4.1 SAFE SPEEDS

#### 4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### (a) Speedometer Check for Public

Ms A Smithson proposed the speedometer check for the public be organised in house using the SAM trailer. The Committee agreed, however in future it would be preferable if the Mount Barker Police could organise this as an official event.

##### (b) Speed Zoning

Mr A Duffield advised that a majority of the speed zoning requests that were investigated by Main Roads WA have been

approved. The continuation of the 90km/h speed zone on Albany Highway to south of O'Neill Road has not been supported as the speed environment does not support a reduction. Mr A Duffield was asked to provide an overview of the criteria used to set a speed zone. The Committee questioned the reasoning for retaining the 110km/h speed zone due to vehicles entering the Golf Club and slower vehicles often towing trailers turning in and out of O'Neill Road. In addition the planned subdivision on O'Neill road will increase the traffic movements at this intersection. Mr A Duffield explained that motorists are used to travelling at 110km/h in this speed environment.

(c) Safe Speed Promise

Ms A Smithson advised she is working with Administration Officer Emma Gardner to finalise the Community Road Safety Grant funding application.

#### 4.1.2 SAM UPDATE

The SAM trailer will be positioned on Albany Highway near the Chinese Restaurant during the Easter long weekend. It will then be placed on Oatlands and Woogenellup Roads at the commencement of the second school term.

#### 4.1.3 NEW BUSINESS

(a) Increase in penalties for excessive speeds

Cr Clements provided an overview of the ABC interview that discussed a higher increase in penalties for excessive speeds. Ms A Smithson tabled information about which traffic offence penalties changed in March 2008. An increase would benefit other people on the road. The Committee discussed the need for contractors working on roads to display relevant signs when road works are occurring. There is also a need for the Police to enforce the speed limits that are displayed.

**Action: Ms A Smithson to enquire if an increase in penalties for excessive speeds would be supported by the Western Australian Police.**

## 4.2 SAFE ROAD USERS

### 4.2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Pour a Standard Drink

Ms A Smithson advised that a 'pour a standard drink' promotion has not been organised yet.

(b) Motorbikes

To be discussed at the next meeting as Sgt Spicer was not in attendance. Sgt Spicer is aware of the underage and unlicensed motorbikes using the railway access road between Mount Barker and Kendenup.

(c) Blessing of the Roads 2009

The *Blessing of the Roads* ceremony is being held at 11.00am.

4.2.2 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

**4.3 SAFE VEHICLES**

4.3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Driving Lights

Ms S Williams read aloud and then tabled the response from the Road Safety Council regarding daytime running lights (DRLs). Mr L Handasyde stressed that all new vehicles should be fitted with DRLs. An additional program should also be considered where it is mandatory for all vehicles that are sold are to be fitted with DRLs, similar to the targeted program for immobilisers. Clarification was sought if the approaches being made at a National level are lobbying for the adoption of the Australian Design Rule. Mr A Duffield noted that all Main Roads WA vehicles are fitted with DRLs.

**Action: Ms S Williams to write to the Road Safety Council clarifying if the approaches being made at a National level are lobbying for the adoption of the Australian Design Rule and if progress has been made. The letter to also suggest an additional program where it is mandatory for all vehicles that are sold are to be fitted with DRLs, similar to the targeted program for immobilisers.**

4.3.2 NEW BUSINESS

(a) Poor visibility – Muirs Highway/Mount Barker-Denmark Road

Mr L Handasyde raised concerns regarding the lack of visibility and failure of motorists to stop at the Muirs Highway/Mount Barker-Denmark Road intersection. The Committee acknowledged that the realignment of the intersection has been included in the May budget for consideration but would like to consider immediate options to increase visibility. Discussion continued about the installation of high speed traffic signs similar to the signs at the Albany airport.

**Action: Mr A Duffield to organise installation of high speed traffic sign at the Muirs Highway/Mount Barker-Denmark Road intersection.**

**4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES**

4.4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Street Lighting – Albany Highway

Mr I Bartlett sought clarification from Mr A Duffield regarding the subsidy for operating costs of road lighting on Albany Highway. Mr A Duffield noted extra lighting is not warranted between the Muris Highway roundabout and the southern boundary of the Mount Barker townsite. An audit undertaken by Ranger Ray Parry recorded 200 lights, out in the Mount Barker townsite. These faults have been lodged with Western Power.

**Action: Mr A Duffield to speak with Terry White about the Shire of Plantagenet receiving a subsidy for operating costs of road lighting on Albany Highway.**

#### 4.4.2 UPDATE – MANAGER WORKS & SERVICES

Mr I Bartlett advised that due to a state wide bitumen shortage only priority jobs will be completed within the remainder of the sealing season which extends to the end of April. Porongurup, Spencer and Yellanup Roads will not be sealed until October/December 2009.

Main Roads WA has approved the technical specifications for the Spencer Road bypass slip lanes. A traffic management plan has also been prepared. Main Roads WA has requested the construction of the slip lanes be delayed until October 2009 when the weather is warmer.

A media release will be prepared to advise the motoring public of why only priority jobs will be completed within the remainder of the sealing season.

Funding has been secured under the Federal Government's National Building Package to upgrade the intersection of Lowood Road and Mondurup Street.

#### 4.4.3 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

### 5 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Towards Zero: Getting There Together Road Safety Strategy 2008 - 2020  
Ms A Smithson tabled copies of the Office of Road Safety Campaign Update for April. In March 2009 the State Government adopted *Towards Zero*, the Road Safety Council's recommended road safety strategy for 2008 -2020. The final version will be published soon.

(b) Safe System Coordinator  
Ms A Smithson advised that as part of the *Towards Zero* Strategy three Safe System Coordinator positions have been developed to contribute to the delivery of road safety strategies. The positions will operate within the Infrastructure Unit and work with Local Governments and partner agencies. Ms A Smithson advised she has been appointed to one of these new positions and will be moving out of her current role. The RoadWise Officer position will be advertised in the near future. This is an exciting new role that will be working at a different capacity to the RoadWise Officer. Ms A

Smithson thanked the Shire of Plantagenet for its support and acknowledged the outcomes that have been achieved by the Committee.

(c) Fatigue Campaign – Easter 2009

Ms A Smithson advised that as part of the Easter 2009 fatigue campaign a fatigue road stop is being held tomorrow on the way to Albany.

**6 NEXT MEETING**

2.00pm, Thursday 4 June 2009

**7 MEETING CLOSURE**

10.53am The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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