



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 19 January 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, Norm Bario – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association, Machelle 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	Chairperson
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Ms Kendra Green	RoadWise Officer
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA – Great Southern
Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
Mr Arthur Patterson	Community Representative

Apologies

Mr Norm Bario	Mount Barker Community College P & C
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Staff

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

Moved: Mr Duffield, seconded: Cr Messmer

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held Thursday 3 November 2011, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

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

- Road Safety Round-Up (November 2011)
- Speed Data – Albany Highway 'trial' 90km/hr speed zone

Action: Mr Duffield to forward definitions of vehicle classes to Mr Patterson.

- Road Safety Round-Up (December 2011)

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

The SAM trailer has been used in the following locations between November 2011 and January 2012:

- Albany Highway in the Mount Barker townsite (Community Fair and Christmas/New Year period); and
- Mount Barker Road.

The SAM trailer has recently been calibrated. Sgt Keogh tested the trailer at Frost Park. The trailer is only 1km out according to the Police radar, this is not considered to be a cause for concern.

The trailer will be moved to Woogenellup Road for the return to school in February and then to the Woogenellup Road construction site near Chester Pass Road.

4.1.2 SPEED ZONE REDUCTION – LANGTON ROAD

Letter of response is attached at Appendix Two. Mr Duffield noted that there is no formal requirement for Main Roads WA to advise a change of speed zone.

No further action is required on this item.

4.1.3 SPEED ZONING – LOWOOD ROAD AND OATLANDS ROAD

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 noted that speed cushions may be an option. Vehicle counts for Oatlands Road are attached at Appendix Three.

4.1.4 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Action: Ms Beech to add recent SAM trailer locations into the Action Plan.

4.2 SAFE ROAD USE

4.2.1 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT - PROMOTING DRIVING WITH YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON

Notification was received in December 2011 from the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) advising that funding has been approved for this project.

Copy of submitted grant application and further notification of successful application is attached at Appendix Four.

Discussion was held regarding the sequence of events for this project. Artwork needs to be decided on, the location needs to be approved by Main Roads WA and then signage is to be purchased and installed.

Action: Ms Green to liaise with Ms Beech to develop an action plan for this project and investigate design/slogan options for the signage.

Action: Ms Beech to confirm receipt of funding from WALGA and liaise with Ms Green regarding purchase of RoadWise shirts (for all Committee members) for the Fatigue Road Stop.

4.2.2 DRIVER TRAINING – LOSS OF TRACTION IN FRONT AND/OR REAR WHEELS

Ms Green tabled a report - 'Driver Training – a research summary'. This summary report was prepared by the Office of Road Safety and is attached at Appendix Five.

No further action is required on this item.

4.2.3 ALBANY HIGHWAY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OPPORTUNITIES 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.

Letter of response to Mr Robertson is attached at Appendix Six.

4.2.4 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Action: Ms Beech to update the Action Plan with progress of the Albany Highway Project, including confirmation of funding.

4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

4.3.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Nil.

4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

4.4.1 SPENCER ROAD / YELLANUP ROAD - ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Action: Mr Le Cerf to arrange a Road Safety Audit at this location and invite a representative from Main Roads WA to attend.

4.4.2 MILLINUP ROAD – CHESTER PASS ROAD INTERSECTION

Mr Duffield advised that there is nothing further to update. As previously advised, further works at this location would include cutting the batter through, which would be a large construction job. Tree pruning has occurred at this intersection and has been a good result.

No further action is required on this item.

4.4.3 SEEKING LEGISLATION CHANGE – ROAD RESERVE CLEARING

Mr Le Cerf advised that a representative from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) was unable to attend the Works Managers Meeting held on 2 December 2011. This matter is ongoing.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to follow up with the Manager of Works from the Shire of Katanning to discuss representation by the DEC at the next Works Managers Meeting.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to keep the Committee updated on any developments regarding this matter.

4.4.4 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE – ALBANY HIGHWAY

Letter seeking Mr Hoskin's position is attached at Appendix Seven. Letter of response from Mr Hoskin is also attached.

Discussion was held regarding Mr Hoskin's response. Mr Le Cerf noted that a preferred location for the crossing is near the railway crossing south of the Lowood Road/Albany Highway intersection.

The Committee agreed to wait for the results of the upcoming count (near the Museum). If this isn't successful a letter will be written to the Mount Barker Community College advising that an unmanned crossing will proceed south of the Lowood Road/Albany Highway intersection. This crossing will have infrastructure and road markings installed, but will not be supervised by a crosswalk attendant (pedestrians will give way to vehicles).

4.4.5 NEW BUSINESS – HAY RIVER ROAD/ST WERBURGH'S ROAD INTERSECTION ALIGNMENT

Some improvements to this intersection may be required. Mr Le Cerf advised that this intersection will be included on the schedule for the Annual Road Inspection with Councillors.

Mr Le Cerf also noted that this project may qualify as a Black Spot project, further to completion of a Road Safety Audit.

4.4.6 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Nil.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Ms Green advised that there may be an opportunity to run a Child Car Restraint Course in the Great Southern. This will be held in June/July 2012.

5.2 MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY FAIR – 26 NOVEMBER 2011

Daniel Hood was chosen as the winner of the RoadWise Committee's Community Fair poster competition.

No further action is required on this item.

5.3 WHITE RIBBONS™ FOR ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN 2011

Copy of memorandum to staff and Councillors is attached at Appendix Eight. No further action is required on this item.

5.4 BLESSING OF THE ROADS 2012

Discussion was held regarding a date for the 2012 Blessing of the Roads ceremony. Ideally this will be held in the week immediately prior to Easter.

Action: Ms Beech to confirm a date for the Blessing of the Roads ceremony and liaise with Ms Green to make necessary arrangements for this event.

5.5 ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS/AGENDA FORMAT

Action: Cr Handasyde to speak with Sgt Keogh about attendance at future meetings and request information about driver behaviour over recent months.

Discussion was held regarding the current format of the Agenda and possible changes which may engage Committee members more. Such changes may include:

- Short report from each agency at each meeting;
- Attendance register;
- Field trips;
- Representation from other agencies; and
- Highlighting the importance of Apologies.

Action: Cr Handasyde to review the format of the Agenda and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

5.6 TURNING LANE - O'NEILL ROAD/ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Action: Mr Duffield to investigate the possibility of a turning lane at the O'Neill Road/Albany Highway intersection and report back to next meeting.

5.7 FATALITY SIGNS – ALBANY HIGHWAY

Mr Duffield advised that Main Roads has received updated fatality figures and will therefore be updating these signs in the near future.

6 NEXT MEETING

2.00pm, 1 March 2012

7 MEETING CLOSURE

3.29pm, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE: __/__/2012