



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 21 January 2010.

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr Len Handasyde, Cr Sue Etherington - 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 Spicer - Mount Barker Police, Mr Wesley Beck - Mount Barker Community College, Vacant - Community Representative, Norm Bario – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 307/09)

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Chairperson: Cr L Handasyde

Deputy Chairperson: Mr D Le Cerf

Membership: Quorum (5)

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Cr S Etherington	Council Representative
Mr D Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Ms K Green	RoadWise Officer
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Sgt A Spicer	Mount Barker Police
Mr W Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Vacant	Community Representative
Mr N Bario	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.01pm, 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 Wesley Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Sgt Allan Spicer	Mount Barker Police
Mr Norm Bario (from 2.05pm)	Mount Barker Community College P&C

Staff

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

Cr Sue Etherington	Council Representative
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Sgt Spicer, seconded: Ms Green

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Steering Committee held on 25 November 2009 be confirmed subject to:

Page 6: The deletion of words '(a) Speedometer Check for Public'

CARRIED

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

Mr Le Cerf advised traffic counters haven't been put out as the road construction program is consuming staff time. Traffic counters will be put out shortly so count data can be presented at the next meeting.

4.1.2 SAM UPDATE

The Speed Trailer was damaged while it was positioned on Albany Highway for the Christmas double demerit period. Mr Le Cerf advised the damage is being assessed by our mechanic and will also investigate options to anchor the trailer to the ground with chains. It is anticipated the trailer will be operational for the beginning of the school term.

4.1.3 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

4.2 SAFE ROAD USERS

4.2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

4.2.2 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

4.3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Driving Lights

Cr Handaysde referred to the response received in December 2009 from The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government in relation to the compulsory use of daytime running lights (DRLs).

Mr Bario arrived at 2.05pm

Discussion continued about the effect of DRLs on vulnerable road users, particularly motorcyclists and what grounds these road users oppose DRLs.

Ms Green advised she had spoken to the Regional Road Safety Officer – Wheatbelt South and the Great Southern Road Safety Coordinating Committee and they were supportive of the proposed 'Light-Up Albany Highway' project.

Ms Green explained the project would need to incorporate other strategies in addition to the signage to ensure it had the best chance of being funded.

Moved: Mr Beck, seconded: Sgt Spicer

That Ms Green progress the funding application for the 'Light-Up Albany Highway' project.

CARRIED

4.3.2 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

4.4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Manned Crossing – Albany Highway and Woogenellup Road
Sgt Spicer enquired if a response has been received from WestNet Rail regarding the position of the proposed manned crossing on

Albany Highway in relation to the railway reserve. Mr Le Cerf noted there is a nib and the holding lines are okay. The trains have set times which are outside student crossing times. **Action: Mr Le Cerf to contact WestNet Rail to receive advice on the Albany Highway crossing.**

Discussion continued about an alternative crossing point if WestNet Rail are not supportive of the proposed crossing. Concern was raised that a majority of children call into the BP. If a crossing was established north of the BP it is very unlikely that children would double back to use the crossing. Mr Le Cerf noted the Council would not allocate additional funding to construct another footpath when there is already infrastructure in place.

Mr Le Cerf confirmed that the steel handrails are available in standard heights and lengths so can be ordered quickly.

Mr Le Cerf noted the crossing signage on Albany Highway would need to be relocated.

Sgt Spicer noted that both crossings will be reviewed during 2010.

Cr Handasyde thanked everyone for their assistance to progress the application for the manned crossings to be in place prior to the beginning of the school year.

4.4.2 UPDATE – MANAGER WORKS & SERVICES

- Construction works are continuing at the intersection of Lowood Road and Mondurup Street. This project will curve Mondurup Street (east) into Lowood Road (north). Contractors are trying to minimise dust movement. A number of magnetic signs have been stolen after hours. The project is behind schedule due to delays with Western Power to move a stay pole. Planning to seal the intersection in the second week of February. Curbing will go in once the road has been sealed.
- Upgrades to Martagallup-Tenterden Road are 50 percent complete. The gravel is located a fair distance from the job so contractors have been employed to assist with gravel cartage.
- Work has commenced on Spencer Road to set out section SLK 5.2 to 11 for widening and resealing.
- Another 3km section of Porongurup Road will be widened and resealed this financial year. Depending on timeframes this work may be outsourced.
- Met with Main Roads WA yesterday concerning the slip lanes for the Narrikup bypass road. In discussions with a neighbouring Local Government to undertake this project.
- Tree pruning is continuing on Hay River Road. A number of near misses have been reported for this road.
- Have spoken to a timber company who was hauling outside of their agreement.

- Porongorup Road, Yellanup Road and Marmion Street South have been sealed.
- Tower Hill Road and the existing turn around have been resealed. Rotary have indicated they are looking at sealing the carpark area.
- A request has been submitted to Main Roads WA for the intersections of Fifth Avenue with Penniford Street, Austin Street, Coote Street and Beverly Road to be assessed for installation of regulatory signs (give-way).
- Preparations are being made to hot mix the driveway at the Mount Barker Community College.
- Principal Works Supervisor Jack Childs has been with the Shire for two months and things are going very well.
- Mount Barker-Porongorup Road has been renamed Porongorup Road.
- A number of road naming and renaming proposals are currently being explored.
- Main Roads WA has approved the Shire's flood damage funding assistance application for the November and December 2008 flood events.

4.4.3 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Report from Road Safety Officer

Ms Green tabled her RoadWise Officer Report for January 2010:

- Child Car Restraints – the WALGA RoadWise program is running a Type 1 Fitters Child car restraint course on 16 and 17 March 2010 to enable people in the region to become Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitters.

(b) Strategic Direction of Committee

Ms Williams tabled RoadWise Steering Committee – Review of 2009. The Committee discussed and supported the following project ideas under the Safe System Approach for 2010:

Safe Road Use

- Work with local wineries to promote the 'Sign of Safety'. Sgt Spicer advised he is already contacting local wineries so he will speak to them about the 'Sign of Safety'
- Child car restraint Type 1 Fitter Course. Sgt Spicer advised he will seek interest within Mount Barker Police for a staff member to attend the course
- Blessing of the Roads – Easter – committee discussed having greater involvement from Mount Barker Community College students
- Albany Highway Project – Light up Albany Highway
- Standard drink competition
- Media

Sgt Spicer noted the two biggest issues are bike helmets and fatigue / inattention.

Safe Roads and Roadsides

- Display in the foyer
- Promote recent road rule changes through a website competition
- Media – potential of a regular column for the committee
- Provide assistance to examine crash data required for prioritising works programs – discussion continued about the proposed changes to the State Black Spot program

The committee discussed the ripple strips on edge of the road - **Action: Ms Williams to enquire with Mr Duffield why ripple strips are not used any longer.**

Committee suggested mounting a damaged vehicle on a pole and displaying it somewhere on Albany Highway.

Minorba – Mr Bario provided an overview of the safety issues relating to the Minorba concealed driveway. **Action: Ms Williams to produce a letter to Main Roads WA requesting a concealed driveway sign be erected at 33007 Albany Highway.**

Safe Vehicles

- Lobby vehicle manufacturers / federal government for mandatory daytime running lights
- Display in the foyer – promoting safety features and ANCAP ratings
- Competition
- Media

Safe Speeds

- SAM Trailer – planner, e.g. speed check at Easter
- Promote safe speeds to the community using SAM
- Public education about the relationship between travel speed and crashes
- Foster community demand for safe speeds – ‘Slow down consider our kids’ bin stickers
- Media

Mr Bario provided an overview of the message programmed on the Cranbrook Speed Trailer and enquired if a similar message could be programmed. Mr Le Cerf advised the Cranbrook Speed Trailer can be programmed for multi messages where the Shire of Plantagenet Trailer does not have this functionality.

Action: Ms Green to prepare a 12 month strategic plan for 2010 and present at the next meeting.

(c) Vacant Position – Community Representative

Ms Williams advised the vacant Community Representative position will be advertised in Plantagenet News on 28 January 2010. Community members wishing to be appointed to the committee will need to submit an expression of interest by 2.00pm, Friday 19 February 2010.

(d) Committee Dates for 2010

The schedule of meetings for the Committee in 2010:

4 March 2010

6 May 2010

1 July 2010

2 September 2010

4 November 2010

(e) Vehicle Registration Stickers

Sgt Spicer confirmed that you no longer need registration stickers and discs on your car, trailer and motorcycle from 1 January 2010. Police now have instant access to the State's vehicle registration database via computers in all police vehicles.

(f) Porongurup Road

Mr Le Cerf raised the incident that occurred on the Porongurup Road involving emergency service vehicles and the road works. Mr Beck advised this has been raised with the Bush Fire Brigades and they are aware that all emergency service vehicles must stop at road works.

6 NEXT MEETING

2.00pm, Thursday 4 March 2010

7 MEETING CLOSURE

3.26pm The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE __/__/__