



Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Agenda

Thursday 2 August 2018

Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council 4 Gleeson Street, CLARE SA

10.30am – 12.30pm

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Minutes of the meeting held 30 April 2018

For noting.

The minutes of the meeting held 30 April 2018 were presented to the Legatus Group meeting on 25 May 2018 and the following motions were carried:

1. The Legatus Group supports the progress by the Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee in their efforts to develop sub-regional workshops on heavy vehicle access to local roads which will include LGA, Mutual Liability and DPTI presentations.
2. The Legatus Group notes the appointment of Tom Jones the Assets Management Officer from Adelaide Plains Council to the committee.
3. The Legatus Group adopt the recommendations by HDS from Phase 1 of the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan 2030.
4. The Legatus Group progress with Phase 2 of the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan 2030 by contract HDS from the 1 July 2018.
5. That the assessment and prioritising for Legatus Group region SLRP roads for 2018/2019 is noted.

3. 2018/2019 SLRP Grants

For discussion.

Following the recommendations, the rankings were provided to all applicants and the Legatus Group Management Group meeting and then submitted for funding consideration.

| Ranking | Project | General comments |
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| 1 | Goyder Regional Council – Koonoona Road | Ranked high and this project can extend the life of the historic culverts. This will save expensive replacements and be cost effective. This is a major / significant road that has seen increased use and is a cost-effective project. |

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| 2 | Adelaide Plains Council – Shannon Road | Good fit for the funding as it services a cross section of industrial users and fills in the missing link for the road network to this growing region. Sound application. |
| 3 | Light Regional Council – Gatrell Road | Well put together application and response to the extra information sought. Picks up the regional significance and questions posed around including the costs of street scaping into the application. |
| 4 | Wakefield Regional Council – Angle Grove Road | Regional benefit due to the desire line for drivers. Whilst focus is on local drivers the burden to Council to maintain the asset with consideration for possible road swap in the future. |
| 5 | Light Regional Council – Smyth Road | Discussion on the regional significance with focus being on large local commuter needs and the bridge works being a potential risk for future and increased use. Recognised the constraints on the slopes along alongside the road. |
| 6 | Orroroo Carrieton – Maurice Road | Stage 1 17/18 has now been completed and the committee had been unable to view the work. Condition of road and funding program from previous years with intervention being possible too early at this stage. |
| 7 | Clare & Gilbert Valleys – Marrabel Road | This is a maintenance for reseal project which wasn't seen as higher priority compared to other applications. Need for greater strength in the eligibility. |
| 8 | Clare & Gilbert Valleys – Waterloo Road | This is a maintenance for reseal project which wasn't seen as higher priority compared to other applications. Need for greater strength in the eligibility. |
| 9 | Flinders Ranges – Altmann & McConville Roads | Limited justification as it is not of regional significance and there could be other ways to resolve the dust issues. |

The outcomes are anticipated prior to the Committee meeting.

4. Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan Phase 2:

For discussion.

- **Local non-regional roads offer**

HDS Australia has been engaged by Legatus Group to undertake deficiency assessments of all regionally significant roads (Phase 2) that have been identified in Phase 1 of our regional transport planning project. This work will be commencing in early August and is funded by this year's Legatus Group budget.

All councils have been approached to identify additional roads for assessment, and there is potential that these could be assessed concurrently with other field assessments. The additional roads could be either:

- roads which you may have considered as being regionally significant which were not included in the 2030 Regional Transport Plan Phase I <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/2030-legatus-group-regional-transport-plan/> ; or
- roads which are considered by your Council as locally important and that would benefit (in terms of Council's future works planning) from having a deficiency assessment undertaken while the HDS Australia assessor is in the area.

The following fee structure (excl GST) has been proposed by HDS Australia, which would be payable by Council directly to HDS Australia if they decide to take up the opportunity:

- Site assessments – \$ 10.50 (excl GST) per km of additional road length; and
- Summary report – \$1,000 (excl GST) per Council.

HDS advise that the above cost to Council represents a saving of between \$ 1,000 and \$ 2,000 (excl GST) – for project management and extra travel costs – as a direct result of aligning the work with the main project being undertaken for The Legatus Group. Deliverables will consist of a spreadsheet of deficiency assessment results along with a summary report.

The above fee structure assumes that any additional field assessments will occur concurrently with the main field assessments. As previously mentioned, field assessments are scheduled to commence in early August 2018, and HDS have advised that you will need to have an agreement in place with them by Monday 30 July at the latest. Council who wished to proceed with additional assessments, could contact Daniel Ahrens directly on 0409 560 605 or dahrens@hdsaustralia.com.au

- **Railway Crossing Road Safety Assessment**

The updated fee estimates and updated timeframes for phase 2 (Attachment A) has seen a need to extend the timing by five months based on a delayed commencement date by 5 months. The completion date of March 2019 will meet anticipated 2019-20 SLRP funding application deadlines. Key changes to note are as follows:

- Total length of roads to be assessed, and determined that the length is 2,000 km rather than our initial estimate of 3,300 km. The fee estimate for this component of work has been reduced accordingly based on 2,000 km. The revised result for Stage 1B is not a pro-rata reduction based solely upon length, because mobilisation to the region and travel between councils remains the same, but it still represents a significant reduction of just under \$10,000.
- Hourly staff rates have been increased slightly to reflect our new rates for financial year 2018/19.
- \$ 7,650 (excl GST) was added as a “contingency” to bring the budget (upper limit) fee back to \$ 75,000 (excl GST), as originally quoted. The amount of \$ 7,650 (excl GST) is a potential saving due to shorter field assessment lengths involved, partly offset by higher hourly rates.

Following a conversation between the Legatus Group CEO and HDS a proposal has been provided for a Railway Crossing Road Safety Assessment (Attachment B) given the concerns raised around the safety of the numerous railway crossing in the region. The result of the assessment could then become a possible regional document to be used to lobby or gain grants for upgrades.

The costs would \$16,200 which would be a further \$8,550 to the Legatus Group 2018/2019 budget.

5. Mid North Regional Roads - Horrocks Highway state of disrepair

For discussion.

The 2015 Mid North RAA Regional Road Assessment can be found at:

<https://www.raa.com.au/documents/mid-north-report>

Attachments C&D are the RAA 2017 and 2018 regional road assessments covering sections of Horrocks Highway so whilst the 2015 report is still somewhat relevant, these are more up to date and have both been undertaken within the past 12 months.

The RAA are in the final stages of their Riverland Assessment, and will be moving on to Yorke Peninsula next. The RAA's Matthew Vertudaches Traffic Engineer advised that they "Will usually discuss issues with stakeholders and survey RAA Members prior to conducting road assessments. At this stage the RAA are aiming to visit the region around November this year, with a report to be tentatively released late 2018 or early 2019."

The RAA have run campaigns including in the lead up to the 2018 State Election on the condition of Horrocks Highway and noted that it was voted the most dangerous regional road by their members in their 2017 Risky Road Survey. The RAA advised that there were 109 people injured and 4 deaths on Horrocks highway between 2012-2016.

The most recent fatal motor vehicle accident occurred on 20 July 2017.

Lobbying for improvements has been on the table for many years with little results to show for such a significant road corridor that connects Adelaide, the Barossa and Light regions with Clare, Jamestown, Orroroo, Mount Remarkable, Peterborough and the Southern Flinders Ranges and has an important commuter, tourist and public transport access function.

Given the significance of this road to the growth of the broader region and efforts to increase population, trade and tourism the Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Committee may seek to recommend to the Legatus Group that a detailed report in partnership with industry and user groups is developed on the socio-economic impacts of further deterioration of Horrocks Highway. This would allow for a document that could be used to assist in partnering with the RAA's reports to gain support from across the State for the required upgrades to be funded.

6. Content and timing of sub-regional heavy vehicle access workshops

For discussion.

- Number
- Timing
- Presenters (names)
- Who to invite (e.g. Planning Officers)

The last meeting indicated representatives from:

- LGA who has an understanding on challenges faced. Lea Bacon from the LGA has advised "The LGA are certainly interested in the forum and I'd like to come along. However, we don't have an expert on this issue so can't offer a presenter – I think this is something the departments should be able to talk to."
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- Mutual Liability Scheme may be of benefit to discuss liability issues. At the time of distributing the agenda there has not been a response.
- Less benefit in someone from DPTI or the NHVR given their changing charter.

Gain a clearer handle on where this matter sits and to then develop a report on what each council is currently doing.

Discussion held on liabilities against an individual in a worst-case scenario and if road managers making decisions part of the 'Chain of responsibility' framework. Most access issues are more 'to the farm gate' type scenarios as opposed to general freight movements so not really a DPTI problem. A need to gain a better understanding of our own roles as road users under the NHVL specifically work hours and documentation, and CoR.

Approaches have been made to the LGA, Mutual Liability and DPTI.

7. Port Wakefield Road state of repair

For discussion

The Adelaide Plains Council have raised the issue of the Port Wakefield Road state of repair and beautified (cleaned and tidied) which was discussed with Elected members by the Legatus Group CEO at their Council meeting 16 July 2018. Elected members rational - now that tourism is on the increase with the Bird Sanctuary this is becoming an eyesore.

8. Legatus Group Strategic Plan 2018-2028 and Business Plan 2018/2019

The Legatus Group have adopted their 10 year Strategic Plan <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/legatus-group-strategic-plan-2018-2028/> which includes support for the development and infrastructure that contributes to sustainable communities:

- 1) Provide a safe, well-maintained, regional integrated and cost-effective road network that includes appropriate routes for freight, tourism and community purposes.
- 2) Identify and assist with funding and grants that provide regional and sub-regional opportunities to link community infrastructure for events and infrastructure such as walking, cycling and horse riding trails.

The 3- year action plan list the following to occur

| 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
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| Q1 & Q2 Finalise phase 2 of the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan | Support the implementation and monitoring of actions from the Regional Transport Plan | Support the implementation and monitoring of actions from the Regional Transport Plan |
| Q3 – Adopt the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan | Q4 – Applications for SLRP funding reviewed and submitted | Q4 – Applications for SLRP funding reviewed and submitted |
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The Legatus Group Business Plan: <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-2019-Business-Plan-Final-.pdf> includes being a proactive partner for monitoring and implementing regional plans with RDA Yorke Mid North, RDA Barossa and RDA Far North. To support initiatives to secure the future sustainability of regional communities, including infrastructure, service provision, population growth and leadership development. And specifically for this committee to finalise the Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan.

9. Close and date of next meeting

Attachments:

A: Updated timeframes for phase 2

B: Railway Crossing Road Safety Assessment

C: Barossa and Light Regional Road Assessment 2017

D: Clare and Goyder Regional Road Assessment 2018