



Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday 2 August 2018

Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council 4 Gleeson Street, CLARE SA

1. Welcome:

The meeting was opened at 10.00am and Chair Colin Davies (Flinders Ranges) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Attendance:

Lee Wallis (Goyder), Steve Kaesler & Matt Elding (Barossa), Peter Porch (Northern Areas), Trevor Graham (Yorke Peninsula), Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains), Steve Watson (Clare and Gilbert Valleys), Mike Wilde (DPTI) and Simon Millcock (Legatus Group).

3. Apologies

Jo-anne Buchanan (RDA Yorke Mid North)

4. Minutes of the meeting held 30 April 2018

The meeting noted that the minutes of their meeting held on 30 April 2018 were presented at the Legatus Group meeting 25 May 2018. The meeting noted the actions which were carried.

5. Business Arising from the minutes

5.1 2018/2019 SLRP

Discussion held on the recommendations by the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel and endorsed by the LGA Board that are now being submitted by the Grants Commission to the State and Federal Ministers for decision. The meeting noted:

- Funding was down across the state by around 25%.
- 5 of the 9 Legatus Group projects were endorsed with total value of \$1,996,000 and when compared to the previous year \$ 3,089,400 and 8 projects approved.
- Legatus Group was 2nd highest allocation of the regions.
- Not all regions priority rankings were followed.
- Of the Legatus Group four were freight routes and one a community access.
- The region with the most number of projects funded was the Limestone Coast and their 8 projects were all funded on 1/2 contribution by councils.
- Majority of other regions funding was on 1/3 contribution by councils.

Discussion included for next round:

- Committee could look at providing more direction for applicants.
- Criteria to be considered when assessing if section of road been funded previously.
- Workshop for applicants.

- Consideration of weighting allocation in assessments against the contribution by councils may assist with more projects being approved.

5.2 Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan Phase 2

The meeting noted that the project had commenced via HDS at a reduced cost than original proposal given the reduced length of roads being assessed. The Legatus Group CEO contacted all councils with the offer by HDS to undertake at a reduced cost assessment on roads:

- which they may have considered as being regionally significant which were not included in the 2030 Regional Transport Plan Phase 1 ; or
- which are considered by their Council as locally important and that would benefit (in terms of Council's future works planning) from having a deficiency assessment.

5.3 Railway Crossing Road Safety Assessments

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report he had requested from HDS as an extension of the regional transport plan for a possible railway crossing road safety assessment, to be undertaken at the same time as their assessments for phase 2 of the regional transport plan. The committee discussed and agreed there is significant value in having research undertaken on the active railways across the region. The committee noted further scoping of the project is needed due to:

- Clarifying with constituent councils their Interface Agreements which is the written agreement made between rail infrastructure managers and road managers and sets out a mutual understanding and arrangement for the management of risks to safety at a shared railway crossing interface.
- Investigate what research work has been undertaken or is available through the LGA.
- Identify various funding streams.
- Engage with bodies controlling the railway tracks such as Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd.

The meeting recommended that Legatus Group CEO provides a report for further consideration.

5.4 Horrocks Highway state of disrepair

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report for comment regarding a proposed recommendation to Legatus Group that a detailed report to be developed in partnership with industry and user groups on the socio-economic impacts of further deterioration of Horrocks Highway. A question was raised on the terms or reference for the committee and it was noted that the Legatus Group CEO was seeking feedback due to these two clauses:

- Raise and discuss road and transport issues of common interest or concern and develop appropriate courses of action for recommendation to the Legatus Board.
- Facilitate greater awareness and understanding across member councils of topical road and transportation issues and funding opportunities and processes.

The committee agreed that there was value in having this body of work undertaken in partnership with other organisations.

5.5 Content and timing of sub-regional heavy vehicle access workshop

Consensus that two workshops for the whole region be held which would focus on the accountability by councils:

- a. Practitioners – workshop prior to Christmas to clarify the issues across the region, understand the legal responsibilities and include the external pressures being placed on road managers.

- b. Elected members and practitioners – to be held after the elections and based on the findings of the practitioner’s workshop and possibly held in conjunction with the findings from the deficiencies report being undertaken by HDS.

The meeting recognised the need for councils to form their own positions but the principals across the region are the same. The workshops should include representation from NHVR and to include their legal officer along with representative from mutual liability. DPTI would be unlikely to participate as they don’t have the outstanding concerns that Council Road Managers are seeking to clarify. LGA are keen to be involved and that the matters could be further progressed with SAROC.

The meeting identified a need for someone within the LGA Executive to have this topic as a priority. The Legatus Group CEO is to investigate a possible external facilitator for both workshops who would develop a report on the issues raised.

5.6 Port Wakefield Road state of repair / beautification

Consensus was that this is a matter to be discussed by Legatus Board.

5.7 Legatus Group Strategic and Business plan

The meeting noted the report.

6. Other Business

6.1 Independent review of current Oversize Overmass (OSOM)

The meeting noted that the Deputy Prime Minister announced the commencement of an independent review of current OSOM access arrangements, to consider the regulatory framework and the system processes for ensuring safe, productive and critical access by OSOM vehicles to Australia's road network. Consultation will be with industry, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and road managers including local councils and state and territory road authorities. The Legatus CEO is to follow up and gain further information

https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle_regulation/ris/index.aspx

6.2 Transport survey – Gladstone

DPTI are progressing investigations to address extended level crossing activation times at the Horrocks Highway level crossing at Gladstone, funding is anticipated to allow completion in 2019/20.

7. Close and date of next meeting

The meeting was closed at 11.45am and next meeting to be decided based on the outcome of the dates for workshops.