



Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Agenda

Thursday 18 November 2020 10am – 11.30am

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Dr Helen Macdonald (CEO G&GVC)

2. Introduction

Moira Coffey – Legatus Group Regional Local Roads Coordinator part time contract (1) Assist in implement actions associated with Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan (2) Oversee the development of a report on the competitiveness of the region based on the road deficiencies identified in the Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan (3) Assist with the SA Regional Organisation of Councils delivery of a SA Regional Roads Priority (4) Coordinate SLRP Roads data base update and applications (5) Coordinate a Legatus Group Regional Roads Forum

3. Minutes of the committee meeting held 7 August 2020 held via Zoom

Dr Helen Macdonald provided a report with the agenda to the 4 September 2020 Legatus Group meeting which contained the notes of the Legatus Group Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting held 7 August 2020. General discussion included the need for data to be gathered on the bridges across the region. The Legatus Group approved the following:

- 1 That the Legatus Group notes the report and supports the collaborative approach with the RDAs for a Regional Roads Coordination role.
- 2 That the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee provide a report to the Legatus Group on Bridges within the Legatus Group Region.

Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes
Friday 7 August 2020 held via Zoom meeting

1. Welcome:

The meeting was opened at 9.00am by Chair Helen Macdonald

2. Attendance:

Committee members: Helen Macdonald (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains) Lee Wallis (Goyder), Michael McCauley (Yorke Peninsula), Kelly-Anne Saffin (RDA YMN) and Mike Wilde (DPTI).

Plus, Toni Clarke (LGASA Heavy Vehicle Access Liaison Officer) and Simon Millcock (Legatus Group).

3. Apologies

Stuart Roberts (Wakefield) due to poor connection, Mike Burger (Flinders Ranges), Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton) due to change in meeting time and Steve Kaesler (Barossa) due to a failure to be invited to meeting.

4. Minutes of the meeting held 2 April 2020

The meeting noted that the minutes of their meeting held on 2 April 2020 were presented to the Legatus Group's 5 June 2020 meeting and that the Legatus Group received and approved the updated 2030 Legatus Group Transport Plan Road Deficiency Action Plan. The meeting resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record of their meeting. The update on the actions from that meeting:

- An information session was held on the progress of Major Road works by DPTI
- SAROC progressing via Business Plan on a SA Regional Local Road Priorities report

5. 2020 SLRP Applications

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which outlined the variation to the committee's recommendations on the 2020 Regional Priorities. Notification received that the first 5 ranked roads were recommended by LGTAP to the July LGA Board meeting for proposed funding. This was supported the LGA Board. These have been passed onto the Grants Commission for the Ministerial approval process. As such this information is not to be taken as confirmation but as information of the process. The Legatus Group regions 5 projects recommended for proposed funding by LGTAP total just over \$2.78m which is around 25% of the funding made available for Regional Roads and around 18% of the total funding across the State. Relevant Legatus Group Council have been informed of the current status.

Ranking	Road + Council
1	Turretfield Road Gomersal Road to Rosedale Road (Light)
2	Main Road 45 Waterloo Road to Steelton Road (Clare & Gilbert Valleys)
3	Stonewell Road Condor Lauke Way to Seppeltsfield Road (Light)
4	Orroroo Heavy Vehicle Bypass North Terrace (Orroroo Carrieton)
5	Basedow Road Murray Street to Light Pass Road (Barossa)
6	Angle Grove Road Full length (Wakefield)

6. Industry Engagement Document

The meeting noted that the Legatus Group Regional Local Road Industry Engagement Document had been distributed to all Councils and RDAs and is available on the Legatus Group website.

7. Performance review HDS and the Legatus Regional Transport Plan

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda including the acknowledgement by HDS of the issues raised. General discussion included the need to have a broader engagement across all member councils beyond the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee. The regional forum was seen as a positive approach whilst there would be value in 1-2 sub-regional workshops each year.

Recommendations that a data base of relevant officers across all councils be kept and that updates are provided to them.

8. State-wide Regional South Australian Local Government Roads Priority List

The meeting noted the report by the Legatus Group CEO that this is now a SAROC Business Plan project with inclusion of DPTI and the Grants Commission. Mike Wilde provided an update that at a high level this approach makes sense although there is some impact on progress currently due to the recent Government Department and Minister changes. Noted that better alignment between councils along with consistent data would be of assistance. Mike advised that the Dept have noted the proactive approach the Legatus Group has taken on this matter. Also, to be considered is clearer approach around road transfers.

9. LGA Heavy Vehicle Access Liaison Officer

The meeting noted the background report by Toni Clarke as the newly appointed LGA Heavy Vehicle Access Liaison Officer. Toni provided a presentation on the role which included the key priorities of:

- Empower and support
- HV Access Tools – RAVRAT – NHVR Portal
- OSOM Review recommendations
- National harmonization / notices
- Higher productivity freight vehicles

Toni is contracted for 2 years and the meeting agreed with value in a series of State-wide Webinars and for Toni to be one of the presenters for the next Legatus Group Roads Forum to be held in the first quarter of 2021. The meeting supported this new role and it was suggested that there are 3-4 subregional workshops as an initial introduction and that the Legatus Group CEO will provide support (note dates 11-12 November).

10. Legatus Group 20/21 Business Plan and Budget

The committee noted the report by the Legatus Group CEO and were supportive of the approach for:

- Legatus Regional Roads Coordinator
- Scio-Economic Impacts report based on the regional road's deficiency
- Progress with independent support for the 2021 SLRP Roads and Database updates

Kelly-Anne Saffin outlined discussion held with the Legatus Group CEO and information provide to the committees Chair. This included an interest from the RDAs to partner with the Legatus Group through the Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee to look at targeting Commonwealth Funding approaches. The example discussed was The WA Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network. The meeting discussed the need for a broader approach and look to includes bridges and rail crossings.

Consensus from the meeting was to support a collaborative approach with the RDAs.

11. Stage 2 Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessment Tool (RAVRAT)

The meeting noted the report by the Legatus Group CEO and Toni outlined that there has been some work with the Queensland LGA and this will continue to be progressed via SAROC and the Regional LGA EOs.

12. Other business Nil

13. Close and date of next meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.53am and the next meeting date to be confirmed subject to Legatus Group meeting.

For noting and consideration on requirements for report on bridges.

4. Heavy Vehicle Access Workshops (Moir)

Workshop objective

This is an interactive workshop that will provide road managers and local government leadership with an understanding of; the requirements and responsibilities under the Heavy Vehicles National laws, what tools can help you and who is available to assist with access related issues. The workshops will provide the opportunity for you to meet with peers facing similar issues and to build relationships with LGA representatives that can assist you. In this workshop you will receive an overview of the requirements, risks and decision options for granting access and when its OK to say no; and will be introduced to the Portal and how this tool can help you. This workshop will also work through real examples that you may be facing.

When and Where

- Thursday 3 Dec 9.30am – 12.30pm @ Barossa Council (Nuriootpa)
- Thursday 3 Dec 2pm – 5pm @ Wakefield Regional Council (Balaklava)
- Friday 4 Dec 9.30am – 12.30pm @ Port Pirie Regional Council (Port Pirie)

Who is this workshop designed for

This workshop is designed for Road Managers, Directors and other leaders who are required to support access decisions.

Who is presenting

The Legatus Group will facilitate this workshop with contributions from the LGA Heavy Vehicle Access and the NHVR divisions.

- Moira Coffey (Legatus Group Local Roads Coordinator), has over 25 years of project management experience and was previously engaged with Legatus to support the climate resilience and CWMS programs.
- Toni Clarke the newly appointed LGA Heavy Vehicle Access Liaison Officer. Toni's has 10 years with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport in heavy vehicle access and policy.
- Peta Smart is the newly appointed NHVR Stakeholder Engagement Officer for SA.

What is the workshop Program

Timing	Presenter	Topic
15 minutes	Moira Coffey	Welcome, Why this workshop, Introductions and expectations of participants
10 minutes	Moira Coffey	Update on the implementation of the Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan and other planned activities.
30 minutes	Toni Clarke	Roles and Responsibilities of the Heavy Vehicle National Laws.
30 minutes	Toni Clarke	Decision options. Heavy vehicle access is not always an easy decision, it can be difficult to balance the needs of users and to protect the investment in public infrastructure. When is it OK to say no, what are your options?
15 minutes	Coffee Break	
30 minutes	Peta Smart	The Portal – how it can help you. The NHVR have recently provided Road Managers access to two detailed Analytics Reports through the Portal. This session will help you to understand the data that sits behind these reports, what they show, and how this information can assist you in making efficient access decisions.
45 minutes	Moira / Toni / Peta	Open discussion
5 minutes	Moira	Wrap up and what's next

Please forward any issues your council is facing with respect to heavy vehicle access to Moira before the workshop at roads@legatus.sa.gov.au or call on 0421 034 740.

For support in marketing / promoting / attending.

5. 2030 Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan FY 2020/21 and SLRP

Moira is meeting with HDS to gain a greater insight and will provide an update on discussions.

Lea Bacon from the LGA provided an update to the Regional LGA Executive Officers that a report has been prepared for LGTAP and then this will come back to LGA Board – likelihood that any recommendations for change will not come into effect for the next round.

The following charter identifies that the Legatus Group has been the most successful based on the regional averages and comparison over past 14 years.

Regional LGA	Road Kms	Pop	Ave Allocation	\$ per km	\$ per pop
Legatus	24355	83051	2.314	94.99	27.86
Eyre Peninsula LGA	12947	35163	1.627	125.67	46.27
Murray & Mallee LGA	12166	68857	1.939	159.36	28.16
Southern & Hills LGA	6442	146874	1.724	267.64	11.74
Limestone Coast LGA	8968	64569	1.547	172.47	23.95
Metropolitan Local Government Group	7670	1241365	4.148	540.75	3.34
Spencer Gulf Cities Association	2171	59353	0.100	45.90	1.68
Cooper Pedy Council	421	1782	0.012	28.67	6.77

The issues around equity could also be considered with the past 3 years seeing the following results for the Legatus Group Region.

Council	Number of projects	\$ amount
Light Regional Council	4	2,930,000
Light Regional Council + Barossa Council	1	900,00
Barossa Council	1	600,000
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council	3	748,000
Orroroo Carrieton	2	1,210,000
Adelaide Plains Council	1	364,000
Goyder Regional Council	1	93,000

The Legatus Group Budget has allocated \$10,000 towards SLRP and Roads Database for consultancy for progressing any updates to Regional Road Action Plan and Priority Setting and independent review of SLRP applications.

For discussion:

- **Detailed workshop session at the Legatus Group Regional Roads Forum re Transport Plan.**
- **Progressing with contracting for 2021 assessment phase for SLRP.**

6. State-wide Regional South Australian Local Government Roads Priority List

Discussions have continued with DIT and Grants Commission. The Commission are in the process of discussions with DIT about the future of their GIS and the greater concept of a centralised local roads database with a number of critical stakeholders including the Regional LGAs. The database may be similar to that of the Location SA database, but with more detail. They have not yet landed anything specific on this.

For discussion.

7. Legatus Socio-Economic Impacts Road Deficiency

The Legatus Socio-Economic Impacts Road Deficiency has an allocation of \$25,000 in the 20/21 Legatus Group Budget for a consultancy to identify an initial level of impacts to community and industry in areas such as productivity and costs re connectivity due to the current level of deficiency in the funds available for the regions local roads. This is designed to complement the Legatus Group Regional Local Road Industry Engagement Document and the SA Regional Road Priority list and provided data in supporting increased assistance for funding.

For consideration and discussion.

8. Stage 2 Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessment Tool (RAVRAT)

As requested by SAROC at its meeting in March 2020, the LGA Secretariat liaised with other state and territory local government associations and the Australian Local Government Association regarding the possibility of coordinating a discussion with Australian Road Research Board and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator the further development of the Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessment Tool for unsealed roads. While there is no immediate interest from other jurisdictions, the meeting agreed that Simon Millcock and Lea Bacon meet and include Toni Clarke and Peta Smart to discuss funding opportunities. There is continued interest in seeing how the tool can be further designed for unsealed roads from South Australian councils.

For noting.

9. Other Business

Dr Helen Macdonald

1. Local govt needs to better understand the silica content in the rubble it raises and uses so that appropriate mitigation strategies can be put in place where necessary. There may be a need for the issues taken up by the LGA on behalf of the entire local government sector.

2. Development of a regional strategy to take advantage of all funding opportunities to help enhance the capacity of the region's transport network.
3. Strategic Projects and Planning. The below programs are referenced in the state budget. How prepared are we?

South Australian State Government

Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program

Full details of this program, including project eligibility and application process is available on the Department of Treasury and Finance website here:

<https://www.treasury.sa.gov.au/Growing-South-Australia/COVID-19/local-government-infrastructurepartnership-program-guidelines>

The closing date council applications is 29 January 2021.

The 2020-21 South Australian State Budget includes a new \$100 million Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program. The program will provide councils with dollar for dollar funding for a wide range of infrastructure projects that will support businesses and create local jobs.

The State Government will provide grants to councils for up to 50 per cent of the cost of approved infrastructure projects. Councils may fund their contribution either through their own reserves or borrowings.

Projects can also leverage support from other funding partners, including the Commonwealth Government and/or local businesses. As such, the program is intended to leverage at least \$200 million investment in local government infrastructure.

Applications require a business case, a project delivery timetable, information on employment of South Australians, and an undertaking to maximise the use of local contractors during the construction phase.

Eligibility summary:

- Councils may apply individually, as part of a consortium, and for more than one project
- Projects may include construction or major renewal, replacement or upgrades
- Projects must provide economic growth and improve local community infrastructure
- Projects must not be in the council's existing 12-month budget. However, further stages of development are eligible provided the stage is not scheduled to commence and has yet to source sufficient funding.
- Projects already funded through Federal or State Government programs are not eligible.
- State Government contribution is up to 50 percent of the project. The remainder of project funding can include contributions from third parties eg. from a sporting/community club towards an upgrade of the facilities or Commonwealth Government funding.
- Projects must be shovel ready – defined as be able to commence construction within 12 months of approval of the application (and not at the planning/design phase)
- Councils must maximise the use of local contractors during the construction phase.
- Projects must have a GST exclusive cost of at least \$1 million, but may include single programs, related projects and a program of works.
- Smaller regional councils may apply on a case by case basis for projects less than \$1 million.

Commonwealth Government

1. Financial Assistance Grants

In 2020-21 the Australian Government will provide \$2.54 billion in untied funding to local governing bodies under the Financial Assistance Grant program. This includes \$1.3 billion which was brought forward from the 2020–21 estimate and paid to states and territories on 25 May 2020.

The remaining 2020-21 allocation to states and territories will be paid in four equal quarterly instalments scheduled for August, November, February, and May.

A summary of the allocation for each South Australian council is available on the Commonwealth's website.

2. Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

In May 2020, the Australian Government announced an initial \$500 million for a new Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI Program). A \$1 billion extension of the LRCI Program was announced through the 2020–21 Budget.

The program seeks to support councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities' recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. SA councils can expect to share in around \$76 million in funding through the LRCI program in 2020/21, and a further \$44.6 million next financial year. Funding allocations are determined by formula and consider road length and population. SA councils shared in approximately \$40 million of the initial \$500 million funding allocation.

The Commonwealth Government's information currently states that allocations under the extension of the program will be available shortly and that councils will be able to access funding under the extension from 1 January 2021. The LGASA is currently liaising with the Commonwealth via ALGA and will provide further information as it becomes available.

3. Black Spot Program

As part of the Local and State Government Road Safety Package announced in the 2019-20 Budget, the Australian Government has committed an additional \$50 million per year from 2019-20 to the Black Spot Program.

The Government is providing \$1 billion to the Black Spot Program from the 2013-2014 financial year to the 2022-2023 financial year, with an on-going commitment of \$110 million each year following.

The Federal Budget 2020-21 estimated the following allocations:

- \$137 million – 2020-21
- \$137 million – 2021-22
- \$117 million – 2022-23
- \$110.0 million – 2023-24

4. Infrastructure Investment – Road Safety and Upgrades –

\$2B over 2 years from 2020-21 (so 18months left) to deliver small scale projects & can include cycleways. This funding goes to States/Territory Governments, but States can pass on to local

governments. Advice from Federal Department of Infrastructure is that South Australia's allocation is \$168 million.

5. Bridges Renewal Program

The Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) funds the upgrade and replacement of bridges to enhance access for local communities and facilitate higher productivity vehicle access. As part of the Local and State Government Road Safety Package announced in the 2019-20 Budget, the Australian Government has committed an additional \$25 million per year to the BRP from 2019-20.

The Government will provide \$640 million from the 2015-2016 financial year to the 2022-2023 financial year, with an on-going commitment of \$85 million each following year.

The Federal Budget 2020-21 estimated the following allocations:

- \$89.7 million – 2020-21
- \$108.5 million – 2021-22
- \$91.1 million – 2022-23
- \$91.1 million – 2023-24

Funding Round Six

The date for the opening of Round Six has not yet been decided. In advance of the next funding round, the LGA will continue to raise with the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and Regional Development, our proposal to change to the Bridges to Renewal Program to allow for multiple council projects within a certain threshold to be combined to form a single regional application, in order to give a broader assessment of the productivity and economic benefits. This would allow the Commonwealth to support the necessary, but smaller, projects through the program.

6. Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program

The Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) funds infrastructure projects that improve the productivity and safety outcomes of heavy vehicle operations across Australia.

As part of the Local and State Government Road Safety Package announced in the 2019-2020 Budget, the Australian Government has committed an additional \$25 million per year to the HVSPP from 2019- 2020. The Government will provide \$508 million to the HVSPP from the 2013-2014 financial year to the 2022-2023 financial year, with an on-going commitment of \$65 million each year following.

Funding Round Eight

The date for the opening of Round Eight has not yet been decided.

ALGA and LGASA advocate for:

- Strategic Local Roads Investment Program - \$300M per annum for 5 years – covers capability, system gaps, planning gaps and knowledge gaps.

7. Roads to Recovery Program

The Roads to Recovery Program supports the maintenance of local roads, which facilitates greater access for Australians and improves safety and economic and social outcomes.

As advocated by the LGASA and ALGA, the Roads to Recovery Program does not contain a sunset

clause under the National Land Transport Act 2014, meaning no new legislation is required for the continuation of the program.

As part of the Local and State Government Road Safety Package announced in the 2019-20 Budget, the Australian Government has committed an additional \$100 million per year to the Roads to Recovery Program from 2019-20. From 2013-14 to 2023-24, the Government will provide \$6.2 billion under the Roads to Recovery Program, with an on-going commitment of \$500 million each year following.

On 6 November 2019, the Government announced \$138.9 million additional Roads to Recovery funding in the 2020 calendar year for the 128 Local Government Areas eligible for the Drought Communities Programme Extension.

The Federal Budget 2020-21 estimated the following allocations:

- \$591.7 million -2020-21
- \$499.5 million – 2021-22
- \$499.5 million – 2022-23
- \$476.7 million – 2023-24

Roads to Recovery Program allocations have been determined based on the recommendations of the Local Government Grants Commissions in each jurisdiction.

10. Close and date of next meeting

Friday 12 February 2021 10.30am Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council