



## **Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee**

### **Unconfirmed Minutes**

**Thursday 18 November 2020**

#### **1. Welcome**

The meeting was opened at 10:00am by Chair Dr Helen Macdonald

#### **2. Attendance**

Committee members: Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valley), Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains), Steven Kaesler (Barossa), Lee Wallis (Goyder), Michael McCauley (Yorke Peninsula), Dylan Strong (Orroroo-Carrieton), Mike Wilde (DPTI), Kelly-Anne Saffin (RDA YMN 10.15am), Stuart Robert (Wakefield) and Mike Burger (Flinders)

Others: Simon Millcock, Moira Coffey(Legatus) and Toni Clarke (LGASA Heavy Vehicle Access Liaison Officer)

#### **3. Apologies**

Nil

#### **4. Introduction**

The Legatus CEO provided an introduction of Moira Coffey who is appointed in a part time capacity to the role of Regional Local Roads Coordinator with the task to implement:

- Actions under the Roads Transport Plan
- Prepare reports and coordinate the SLRP updates and applications
- Coordinate this committee's meetings
- Coordinate workshops and forums on roads related issues

#### **5. Minutes of the committee meeting held 7 August 2020**

The meeting noted that minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2020 were presented to the Legatus Roads Advisory Group. The meeting resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

The Legatus CEO raised that bridges were not noted in the reports and this is for discussion in this meeting.

#### **6. Heavy Vehicle Access Workshops**

The meeting noted the report with the agenda. Moira provided that the planned workshops for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December will likely be moved to online due to COVID-19 restrictions. Toni Clarke advised that she will liaise with Moira and Simon and the LGA to provide direction and support for these sessions to be online and recorded. Some Councils are providing Moira with issues to work through in these workshops. Moira shared that attendance responses are yet to be received from the Orroroo-Carrieton, Peterborough, Port Pirie, Adelaide Plains and Light Councils.

Action: Moira to circulate a list of issues the Councils have been sharing for discussions at the workshops.

## **7. 2030 Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan and SLRP**

The meeting noted the report with the agenda. Simon Millcock outlined that there are changes to the SLRP Program with recommendations likely to be effective for the round in 2022/2023. Mike Wilde provided a response that the program is due for a review and it does require greater clarity.

Discussions were held for the forthcoming years 2021/2022 SLRP regarding contracting HDS for another year. The Committee discussed the benefits of doing this internally or through external provider. The Committee agreed to the use of HDS for this work and requested that consideration is given to ensure there is greater consistency with regards to previous issues around freight pre-existing routes and other ancillary items such as bridges. Kelly-Anne Saffin to provide clarify on these previous issues with Moir.

Action: Moira to coordinate a Legatus Group Regional Roads Forum that will include a detailed workshop on the Legatus Group Road Transport Plan in Jan/Feb for Council operational and elected members prior to the Feb meeting.

Action: Simon Millcock to seek an agreement with HDS for progressing the 2021 SLRP assessment process.

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

Mike Wilde provided an update that they are bolstering the transport analytics team and hoping for clarity and commitment before the next meeting.

## **9. Legatus Socio-Economic Impacts Road Deficiency**

The Legatus Group CEO requested that a working group be formed from this Committee to oversee the process of developing a scope of the impacts to social and economic opportunities due to the deficiencies in the roads i.e.: what is lost by the region and what investments aren't made due to the deficiency in funding. The findings from this report will be used for advocacy purposes.

The following members volunteered: Dr Helen MacDonald, Dylan Strong and Kelly-Anne Saffin.

Action: Simon and Moira to develop a draft project brief for consideration by the working group.

## **10. Stage 2 Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessment Tool (RAVRAT)**

The Legatus Group CEO provided that the LGA still needs to review the reports. The next step for the Legatus Group is to coordinate Toni Clarke, Lea Bacon (LGA) and Peta Smart (NHVR) to determine if the LGA will take on this project as it is an Australia wide issue.

Action: Moira to coordinate a meeting to determine if the LGA will take on the project to update the RAVRAT with the recommendations from the review.

## **11. Other Business**

### **11.1 Bridges:**

The Committee agreed to recommend that funding from the Legatus Group current budget is provided to conduct more detailed work on the bridges in our region.

The Committee discussed that this regional approach fits with the strategy and that the changing needs of road users (such as farming equipment changes) warrants a detailed review. The Committee questioned how does this link to the state program that the HV Regulator is coordinating? Toni Clarke provided that she is yet to review the outcomes of pilot program. Kelly-Anne Saffin provided that in WA, a successful regional approach involved matching funding between Councils and Industry and this model could be considered. The Legatus Group CEO stated that rail crossings could also be considered in the future.

Action: Moira to coordinate with Toni Clarke to provide an update on the findings from the Pilot Program at the upcoming workshops and forums.

Mike Wilde provided in his final comments that they are conducting scoping studies for Australian Infrastructure Funding and conducting a strategic review of the restricted access vehicle networks for bigger combinations prior to departing at 10:55am.

#### 11.2 Silica:

The Committee agreed to conduct a review into understanding the risk management of silica content in rubble and silica exposure to Council workers. Lee Wallis shared they are conducting a monitoring campaign to understand the baseline exposures and to determine if the current levels of control are adequate. Lee also provided that the new guidelines are released and publicly available.

Action: Moira to liaise with LGA on how to assess how well the silica risk is managed.

#### 11.3 Regional Strategy to improve the capacity of the Regions transport network

The Legatus Group CEO suggested that the work on the socio-economic impacts will form a regional strategy that should pull together the work of the RAA, RDA and Road Transport Plan. Kelly-Anne Saffin advised that work is to be done around classifications as activities change (such as silo closures). The Committee agrees that a strategy that ensures efficient linkages across the region is important. The Committee were provided with a breakdown of current funding around and that it makes sense to work at the regional level to make the most of this however they are all challenged with the capacity to pull the projects together and deliver them on time. The Committee discussed whether resources can be combined at a regional level. This can be identified in the Legatus Group Strategic and Business Plans.

Steve Kaesler left the meeting at 11:15am.

Action: Kelly-Anne Saffin to share with Moira the example of the Mt Remarkable route and the YP safety corridors and the subsequent classification issues.

## **12. Close and date of next meeting**

Meeting closed at 11:25am

Next meeting: Friday 12 February 2021 10.30am Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council