



Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Friday 12 February 2021 Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Chamber and Zoom

Unconfirmed Minutes

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened at 10:30am by Chair Dr Helen MacDonald

2. Attendance

In person:

Committee members: Dr Helen MacDonald (Clare and Gilbert Valley), Steven Kaesler (Barossa), Michael McCauley (Yorke Peninsula), Dylan Strong (Orroroo-Carrieton), Kelly-Anne Saffin (RDA YMN from 10.55am), Mitchell Foote (Flinders Ranges)

Others: Simon Millcock, Moira Coffey (Legatus), Tim Neumann (Copper Coast)

Zoom:

Committee members: Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains), Mike Wilde (DPTI), Stuart Robert (Wakefield),
Others: Toni Clarke (LGASA Heavy Vehicle Access Liaison Officer)

Others: Tim Viner-Smith (HDS) for section 5.1.1 only

3. Apologies

Lee Wallis (Goyder)

4. Minutes of the committee meeting held 18 November 2020 held via Zoom

The meeting noted that minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2020 were presented to the Legatus Group. The meeting resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Dylan Strong, Second: Michael McCauley CARRIED

3. Progress on actions from previous meetings

Moira provided a report on the actions and new actions are included into the table at the end of the minutes.

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18/11/20	Meet with Lea Bacon on whether the RAVRAT project progresses	In progress	Moira to provide feedback on RAVRAT use and Toni to discover NSW adaptations Toni is still awaiting info so we can have another meeting with Lea

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4. Items for decisions:

4.1 Committee

The meeting noted the first term for Dr Helen Macdonald was expiring and Helen advised that she would like to continue for a second term as per the terms of reference. The meeting discussed maintaining the continuity of the progress of the Roads Advisory Committee and supports the recommendation that Dr Helen Macdonald remains as a member of the committee for another two-year term in the position of Chair. Dr Helen Macdonald accepted this nomination.

Motion: That the Committee recommends to the Legatus Group that Dr Helen Macdonald continues for a two year on the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee and that she continues to Chair the Committee.

Moved: Dylan Strong, Second: Steve Kaesler **CARRIED**

In addition to the membership discussion, the committee discussed ways to ensure that all the councils are engaged and can provide feedback to the Roads Advisory Committee. The meeting discussed the value of having 2-3 forums and an annual conference and working with neighbours on an as needs basis rather than adding more events at this stage. The meeting suggested that having a common person to channel the information through helps members. Mike and Toni added that it is valuable to be able to present to this collective group of representatives.

The recommendation of the committee is to 1) Keep the standing committee as it is at the high level; 2) Keep an annual conference and a few forums a year and 3) Create an invitation for the unrepresented councils to attend committee meetings to raise the issues that are relevant for them that aren't being addressed and other items to be channelled via LGA.

4.2 Bridges Renewal Program

The meeting discussed that the different councils have different positions with respect to their strategy on addressing deficiencies with bridges/culverts (i.e.: some councils do not have a strategy and others have a clear pipeline of works). Funding bridge assessments and project works is a challenge for many councils and Kelly-Anne provided that industry matching was a successful strategy in the Northern Areas that could be explored with other industry partners such as the windfarms. Additionally it was discussed that bridges are currently not in the scope of the Regional Transport Plan.

The recommendation of the committee is to support a RFQ (following a review of the scope) for an assessment of bridges and culverts.

4.3 Objectives for 2021/22

The Legatus Group Strategic Plan Review workshop will be held on the 5th March 2021. The draft discussion paper for this planning day is noted.

The key discussion on the objectives are summarised below:

- Public transport: The committee questioned whether “public transport” fits within the Regional Transport Plan and recommends that it sits better with Community Services and this committee’s scope will be that the infrastructure is fit-for-purpose only. The RDA provided that recently (and unusually), they were asked to investigate workforce transportation around the region.
- Cycleways: The committee supports objectives for cycleways to 1) get people off the roads (Barossa and YP) and 2) for community connectivity for services and 3) this achieves tourism, safety and community objectives. Kelly-Anne provided that DEW are preparing a trails strategy for SA at the moment.
- Airstrips: The committee agreed that it would be good to have a better understanding of what air infrastructure is across the region and that it would be better to have a regional approach to airstrips.

Additionally, the committee recommends that the scope of the Regional Transport Plan (and action plans), includes all the infrastructure funding needs to support the strategic freight, tourism and community transport networks.

The meeting discussed the resourcing needed to support this work and recommends continuing to fund the Roads Coordinator Role in the short term noting that subject to the success then councils may need to consider contributing to this role in the future.

The committee suggested creating staged objectives with a focus to improve the quality and consistency of the Regional Transport Plan and to advocate for increased funding success:

	Objective	Outcomes
Year 1	Get it right and get on board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill pipeline with all roads projects that support the Regional Transport Plan objectives from all the councils • Achieve consistent understanding of what the plan is and isn’t across all the councils • Identify the data we need to have to gain a competitive advantage regionally to increase funding opportunities (IRI, SR?) • Identify other projects to add to the Regional Transport Plan (bridges, cycleways) • Get data (case studies)
Year 2	Get more funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify equity issues and understand funding landscape • Create advocacy action plan
Year 3	Get onto it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement advocacy plan

In the meeting, the committee discussed how equity is being addressed in funding and Mike provided that the recent review of the SLRP focussed more on competence that equity and the state is more concerned that projects are not “shovel ready” and that some bigger projects are not getting off the ground when small ones could have been.

5. Items for discussions:

5.1 Silica in Rubble

The meeting recommends that as a region we request that LGA mutual provides guidance on this matter.

5.2 Roads Forum 2021

Action: All committee members are to encourage Roads Managers, CEO's and elected members to attend.

5.3 Feedback from Roads Forums 3rd/4th December 2020

The meeting notes the feedback provided from the forums held in December 2020.

5.4 Socio-economic Study feedback

The meeting notes the feedback provided on the progress of this assessment and that the working group will meet with AEC next Tuesday 16th February for a preliminary summary of the findings.

5.5 Grant Funding opportunities to support 2030 Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan FY 2020/21

The committee recommends that a short advocacy video (as requested by the LGA), is created to support the continuation of the supplementary roads funding.

5.5.1 SLRP Program

Tim Viner-Smith (HDS) joined via zoom for this part of the meeting and provided that all councils were approached and that half have not responded. Tim is working on a deadline to collate changes for the Regional Transport Plan by the end of February.

5.5.2 Community Infrastructure Grant (27th Jan)

The meeting discussed that a few councils applied for this including: YP Alliance and Barossa.

5.5.3 Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative (HVS)

This closed on 12 February 2021 and was more orientated at training opportunities. We do not believe anyone applied for this.

5.5.4 Building Better Regions

Applications for Round 5 of the Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Stream will close on the 5th March. The meeting discussed that they do not apply to this grant for roads related grants.

5.6 DIT feedback – State-wide Regional South Australian Local Government Roads Priority List

Mike provided a summary on the progress of DIT works and this will be included in his presentation at the roads conference. The meeting requested that Mike provides an update on the projects announced last year in this presentation. Additionally Mike provided that the Australia infrastructure list will open on 26th February 2021.

5.7 LGA feedback

Toni provided that she is working with the LGA mutual teams on clarifying what is the councils' liability on access decisions and is working towards providing training for this from late March in addition to assessment guidelines

6. Other Business

Dylan requested a discussion at the next meeting on the local government disaster recovery fund and the criteria attached to it.

Key dates:

- 26th February 2021 Roads Forum (Balaklava)

7. Close and date of next meeting

Friday 14 May 2021 10.30am Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council

Meeting closed at 12:25pm

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12/2/21	Moira to create invitation space at roads advisory committee meetings for the councils not on the advisory group		
12/2/21	All roads managers to provide any information required in the scope for the bridges RFQ		
12/2/21	Kelly-Anne and Moira to catch up and discuss the transport between the three cities situations		
12/2/21	Michael, Helen, KellyAnne to put together script and		

	locations for advocacy video		
12/2/21	Moira to create a database of funding applications for roads related projects that support the Regional Transport Plan		
12/2/21	Dylan and Moira to develop a paper on how challenging the disaster recovery funding criteria was		

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