



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

**Friday 18 November 2022 10:30am**

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**1. Welcome** Chair Dr Helen Macdonald

**2. Attendance**

Members: Helen Macdonald Chair, Kelly-Anne Saffin, Tim Neumann, Lee Wallis, Stuart Roberts, Steven Kaesler, Mitchell Foote, Andre Kompler and Karen Lee-Jones

Non-Members: Simon Millcock

**3. Apologies**

**4. Conflict of Interest**

**5. Minutes of the committee meeting held 28 July 2022**

<https://legatus.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Draft-Minutes-28-July-2022-2.pdf>

Dr Helen Macdonald Chair of the Committee provided a report to the Legatus Group 9 September 2022 meeting which contained the minutes of the RTIAC meeting held 28 July 2022. The Legatus Group noted the report.

**Recommendation: That the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee minutes of the 28 July 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.**

**6. Matters Arising**

**6.1 SLRP Report**

The Legatus Group have been advised that the following were successful in this year's funding program.

<b>Council</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>SLRP Grant Funding</b>
The Barossa Council	Moculta Road, Moculta	\$1,200,000
Yorke Peninsula Council	North Coast Road, Point Turton	\$1,141,000

Council	Road	SLRP Grant Funding
Light Regional Council	Gray Street, Freeling	\$794,000
Light Regional Council	Wilkinson Road & Gawler River Road	\$721,000
Regional Council of Goyder	Hills Road, Booborowie	\$200,000

Total \$4.056m from \$13.356m allocated to regional councils in 2022 or approx. 30% of the funding.

As outlined at the 28 July 2022 advisory committee meeting the Light Regional Council, Wilkinson Road and Gawler River Road had not been assessed via the RTIAC and no recommendation was provided by the Legatus Group. Whilst the Yorke Peninsula Council application which had been assessed by the RTIAC was not approved a revised application was submitted and it was approved.

Following the recommendations of that meeting the Legatus Group CEO provided a report to the Legatus Group 9 September 2022 meeting where they endorsed the following:

1. That the Legatus Group receives the report and authorises the Legatus Group CEO to write to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel and Legatus Group member councils advising that there should be no alternative process used within the Legatus Group region other than the agreed methodology outlined in the Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan for assessing applications for the Special Local Roads Program.
2. That an invitation is sent to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel to present to the Legatus Group Councils the 2023 process for SLRP.
3. That the Legatus Group seeks advise from the Yorke Peninsula Council re any advocacy it may require with regards decisions by Local Government Transport Advisory Panel on the outcome of the North Coast Road Special Local Roads Program application.
4. That the Legatus Group and the Road Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee take into consideration the matters raised by the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel in their response to the assessment processes used by the Legatus Group with regards Special Local Roads Program applications.

Correspondence was provided to LGTAP and member councils and Lea Bacon on behalf of LGTAP presented on the 4 October 2022 at the Legatus Group Regional Roads Plan update and review of the methodology for regional routes along with Tim Viner-Smith from HDS.

**Recommendation: That the committee notes the report and takes into consideration the matters raised by the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel in their response to the assessment processes used by the Legatus Group with regards Special Local Roads Program applications**

## 6.2 Bridges and Culverts – Expansion of GIS – Legatus Group Budget

Following the 28 July 2022 Advisory Committee meeting the Legatus Group CEO sought a response from the HDS to ascertain the associated costs for integrating the Bridges and Culverts Report with the Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan.

HDS provided the following response:

*“With regards to adding in the bridge information for the 16 identified bridges to the GIS dataset we would be able to undertake this as part of the annual maintenance within the proposed 'Expansion of GIS' project which we submitted to you in June.”*

The attached letter (Attachment A) from HDS sets out their approach for the Expansion of Regional Road Transport GIS and Annual Support.

This work was not listed in the 2022/2023 Legatus Group Business Plan or Budget and the Legatus Group CEO is waiting on confirmation of the formation of a SA Regional Road Priority Working Group. The Legatus Group CEO has been endorsed by the Regional LGA EOs to support the LGA Secretariat to help progress a SA Regional Road Priority Working Group (it sits as one of the actions for LGA Secretariat to action).

In May 2022 SAROC received and approved the release of the HDS Australia/Legatus Group’s draft SA Regional Road Priority Project report and noted that a working group will be established comprising representatives from the LGA Secretariat, the Department for Industry and Transport, the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel, and Regional LGA EOs to assist with reviewing the recommendations.

For the Legatus Group to consider progressing with the approach outlined by HDS there would need to be a variation to the Legatus Group budget for 2022/2023 which could be supported by a recommendation from the advisory committee.

The progress of the Regional Road Transport GIS is designed to assist LGTAP and Regional LGAs in the development of the priority roads. This could be a function for LGTAP or the LGA Secretariat to undertake.

The Legatus Group have been funding for several years the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan, SLRP assessments and associated work on roads through its reserves which had come predominately from the Rubble Royalties program. These funds have provided benefits to all councils whilst it is noted that not all councils contributed to Rubble Royalties.

**Recommendation: That the Legatus Group CEO provides a report to the next Advisory Committee meeting on:**

- (1) the outcomes of the formation of a SA Regional Road Priority Working Group and**
- (2) the use of a percentage of SLRP funding secured for the region to fund the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan.**

### **6.3 Legatus Group Roads Forum**

The Legatus Group 2022/2023 budget has an allocation of funding to stage the annual Legatus Group Roads Forum. The forums have been designed for Mayors, Councillors, CEOs and Operational Staff to gain greater awareness on work currently being undertaken and to identify other areas of interest.

The previous 3 forums have been held in the central / southern region at Clare, Balaklava and Hewett.

Topics have included:

- DIT Regional Roads Update

- Heavy Vehicle Regulator including accountability of councils associated with heavy vehicle access • Roles under the Heavy Vehicle National Law • Documentation requirements and Chain of Responsibility • Work hours
- Research on use of waste for road base
- Case studies on best practice
- Unsealed roads and training units + RAV RAT and its value to unsealed roads
- Changes to SLRP
- Bridges and Culverts

The programs have all included workshops on the Legatus Group Transport Plan which allows a focus in the lead up to the Legatus Group Business Plan and the annual SLRP process.

The Legatus Group Draft Strategic Plan includes the following:

Outcomes	Key Strategies	Priority Actions
<b>I. The quality of the region's road and transport infrastructure meets its needs.</b>	Increased local road funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implement, monitor and review the Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan.</li> <li>2. Manage the regions requirements for the Special Local Roads Program and assist with other funding applications.</li> <li>3. Advocate for increased resources and equity for local priority roads and associated infrastructure funding based on the socio and economic needs of the region.</li> <li>4. Advocate for increased public transport services.</li> <li>5. Collaborate with SA Regional Organisation of Councils on a State Regional Road Priority report.</li> </ol>
	Increased investment in State and National Road Networks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advocate for increased resourcing for the State and National Roads within the region.</li> <li>2. Foster a working partnership with industry bodies and regional associations to identify areas of support for gaining equity of investment for South Australia's regional State and National Road Network.</li> </ol>

It is noted that there will be a new board and elected members following the November 2022 Local govt elections.

In May 2022 the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils received and approved the release of the HDS Australia/Legatus Group's draft SA Regional Road Priority Project report and noted that a working group will be established comprising representatives from the LGA Secretariat, the Department for Industry and Transport, the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel, and Regional LGA EOs to assist with reviewing the recommendations.

In preliminary discussions with the RAA there is an opportunity to partner with them in co-hosting / sponsoring the event.

Local MP Hon Geoff Brock is the Minister for Regional Roads and consideration could be to stage the forum withing his electorate and invite he to open the Forum.

**Discussion:** That the meeting discusses topics for the 2023 Legatus Group Roads Forum including but not limited to:

- Workshop on the Legatus Group Transport Plan
- Location and date
- RAA / LGTAP involvement
- QGIS Cloud web-based GIS platform
- Case studies

#### **6.4 Legatus Group Transport Plan Update**

HDS have been contracted to under the following 3 actions for this year. Stage 1 – Regional Route and Road Action Plans – Intermediate Update Stage 2 – Prepare 2023 Regional Roads Database Stage 3 – Prepare 2023-24 SLRP Regional Priorities List.

They advise that as of 11 November 2022 all Councils have been emailed about updates to regional routes and action plans which are due by 30 November 2022. The current feedback from Councils is:

1. Wakefield RC – some changes to routes and working on providing supporting evidence
2. Adelaide Plains Council – looking into updates
3. Flinders Ranges Council – Quorn bypass which he would like included
4. DC Mt Remarkable – being discussed week commencing 14 Nov
5. Light Regional Council – route updates to be provided
6. Pt Pirie RC – Updates occurring as part of Spencer Gulf Cities project and will be rolled into Legatus updates to keep aligned, timeframe similar so will work well
7. Yorke Peninsula Council – Will be some updates and information to be provided

Following SLRP funding decisions by the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP) the Legatus Group Regional Roads Database has been depleted of potential regional road upgrade projects, with North Coast Road partially funded and only Cotton Road, Snodgrass Road, Wallaroo Plain Road and Claremont Road remaining on the list (all with a relatively low Stage 1 score).

As such the 2022-23 update includes a refresh/rebuild of the Regional Roads Database, so that a three to five year program of potential regional road upgrade projects is maintained. Noting that the last intermediate level update of the 2030 Regional Transport Plan occurred three years ago in 2019-20.

**Recommendation:** That the Legatus Group CEO contacts all member councils encouraging them to include roads that they have potential interest in funding over the next 3-5 years.

### **7. Other Business**

#### **7.1 Impact of Recent Rains and major Highway improvements**

At the recent Northern and Yorke Alliance Meeting this topic was discussed and the following questions were posed with a request they be discussed at the RTIAC.

- Have the Local Government Sector looked at re-specification of roads given increased prediction extreme events forecast under Legatus and either way can this topic be rolled into the Legatus Road Forum;

- Is there a forum/ mechanism, or does this happen already, where when there are alternative road management plans in place and worked through with Councils i.e. Horrocks Highway and the displacement of traffic volumes to Kapunda to Marrabel Road and Balaklava to Blyth;
- Can Legatus encourage all local government members to immediately put out traffic counters, with the predicted harvest these peak numbers for future assessment of freight routes and funding analysis would be useful.

**For discussion.**

**8. Close and next meeting.**