



Agenda Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Thursday 4 May 2023 11am

Microsoft Teams Meeting

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1. Welcome Chairperson Dr Helen Macdonald

2. Attendance TBC

Members: Mayor Leon Stephens, Helen Macdonald, Steven Kaesler, Lee Wallis, Tim Neumann, Andre Kompler, Daniel Willson, Karen Lee-Jones, Stuart Roberts and Mitchell Foote.

Non-Members: Mayor Rodney Reid, Simon Millcock and Tracey Rains

3. Apologies

4. Conflict of Interest

5. Minutes of the committee meeting held 9 February 2023

The draft minutes of the Legatus Group RTIAC were provided to all members following the meeting and can be found at: <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Draft-Minutes-9.2.23-RTIAC.pdf>

These minutes will be provided to the Legatus Group 19 May 2023 meeting.

Recommendation: That the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee minutes of the 9 February 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

6. Matters Arising

6.1 SLRP Role of Regional LGAs in the assessment of roads.

Author: Simon Millcock

Following this matter being discussed at previous Legatus RTIAC and Legatus Group meetings Helen Macdonald attended a meeting with the Regional LGA Executive Officers on 16 February 2023.

A subsequent letter was sent by Mayor Rodney Reid Chairman of the Legatus Group to the LGA CEO recommending that there is a process within the upcoming application round that would require an applicant to identify where the road they are applying for is positioned within their region's regional

road priority listing and that a letter of support is provided with the application by the relevant Regional LGA outlining their assessment of that road.

On the 2 March 2023 Clinton Jury the LGA CEO provided a letter with the key response being;

The LGA Secretariat has considered the recommendation that applications are required to identify where the project is positioned on their region's regional road priority listing. While the current application form does ask applicants to describe how the project aligns with local, regional, state and national road/transport plans and strategies, we agree that this can be strengthened.

As such, in the forthcoming 2023-24 SLRP grant round applicants will be asked to:

"Describe how the project aligns with local, regional, state and national road/transport plans and strategies. If applicable, advise where your project is positioned within your region's regional road priority listing. If the project is not included in a relevant road/transport plan, provide a rationale as to why the project should be considered outside of your region's prioritisation process."

All Legatus Group Councils were advised of this and reminded of the process approved by the Legatus Group for assessing the Legatus Group's regional priorities.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.

6.2 Legatus Group SLRP 2023/2024 and Legatus Group Roads Data Base

Author: Simon Millcock

Tim Viner-Smith made an initial request in January 2023 for Legatus Group Councils to include roads into the data base. This was followed up again in March advising that roads need to be regionally significant and looking for funding support within the next 3-5 years to be nominated.

These requests included a form with the currently available data, including a sentence or two for each claimed factor to justify them. This was not a commitment to the project and elected member support is not required at this stage, these will be undertaken in the funding year if Council wants to progress the project.

The LGA advised all councils that SLRP grant process had opened and that they close on 1 May 2023. The Legatus Group CEO advised all member councils of this information and the need to ensure that any roads they were seeking to submit for SLRP grants be included in the Legatus Group Roads Data Base.

Tim Viner-Smith has subsequently provided the attached Summary of Road Proposals - Updated 28 March 2023 and undertook the Stage 1 assessments for their prioritising.

Tim will attend the meeting and facilitate the committee undertaking the Stage 2 assessment to provide the final prioritising. Tim has also offered assistance to member councils submitting applications. There will be a short turnaround time for responses by the Regional LGAs.

The Legatus Group Draft Budget has now included the recommendation from the RTIAC of a proposed levy of 1% funding from those members councils successful in securing SLRP grants and that this is allocated towards matters associated with roads.

At the time of compiling the agenda the Legatus Group Road Action Plan has yet to be completed with Tim requiring some further information from a council. The Road Action Plan will be distributed to the committee prior to the meeting by HDS.

Recommendation:

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That committee recommends that the Legatus Group approves the Legatus Group Roads Data Base and final priority list as agreed by the committee after the stage 2 assessments and the updated Legatus Group Road Action Plan.

6.3 Expansion of QGIS Legatus Group Road Transport Plan

Author Simon Millcock

HDS have been contracted to:

- Finalise population of “Purpose” road differentiator attribute. (ie Freight, community access and tourism routes identified in QGIS)
- Include key industry centres, tourism sites and community access details. (the dots and diamonds within transport plan maps put into QGIS)
- Online presentation to explain.

Tim Viner-Smith can provide an update at the meeting. The proposed date for the presentation is Friday 26 May and invites to be distributed to all member councils.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report and encourages member councils in attending.

6.4 Legatus Group Roads Forum

Author: Simon Millcock

There were 41 registrations received for this year’s forum and Hon Geoff Brock MP Minister Regional Roads opened the forum. Attendance was from 13 of the member Councils and a cross section of Elected Members and staff.

Feedback received was that the forum provided a great cross section on areas that councils need to consider and that there were timely updates provided. The continued workshop on the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan during the process of updating the current roads data base was of value.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.

7. Other Business

7.1 NHVR Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Program - Request to host Workshop with Legatus Group

Author: Simon Millcock

Melanie Cooper the Project Manager Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project Freight and Supply Chain Productivity National Heavy Vehicle Regulator approached the Legatus Group CEO seeking assistance with scheduling a workshop for members of Legatus Group to discuss the benefits and opportunities for your region through involvement in the Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project (SLGAAP).

In late 2019, the Australian Government provided the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) with \$7.96 million in grant funding for the SLGAAP to assist road managers with heavy vehicle assessments of on-road assets such as bridges and culverts on key local government roads. An additional \$12 million funding was provided in May 2021 to continue the SLGAAP over the next three years.

The project works collaboratively with engineering consultants and local government road managers to support councils in better understanding their asset capability and inform heavy vehicle access decision-making. The SLGAAP team has undertaken assessments in our region and worked with Adelaide Plains, Light Regional and The Barossa councils.

They are seeking to strengthen their relationship with councils in our region to understand whole-of-network challenges and identify known bottlenecks, particularly where there is an interface with local government owned roads and assets, through a face-to-face workshop.

The workshop will provide members of Legatus Group, to understand the benefits of the project to their communities, region and roles, and importantly review heavy vehicle priority routes identified by the SLGAAP on their local government owned roads, for possible engineering assessments of assets that play a critical role connecting regions and communities.

They are looking at including all 15 member councils in the workshop, as they have identified local government priority routes in all councils and would like the opportunity to meet with them to demonstrate what we've identified and hear directly from them about other areas of interest for the project, particularly assets that might be suitable for assessment.

They are targeting road managers and engineers for the workshop, or those that make heavy vehicle access decisions on behalf of their council.

The intention is that the workshop would go for approx. 3-4 hours, given the number of councils that would be present and the information we would like to explore, and it is their preference to have participants attend in person, rather than online.

The Legatus Group CEO suggested that there be 2 workshops with an afternoon session for day 1 and morning session for day 2 located in our southern and northern sections (e.g., Balaklava and Port Pirie) to give some flexibility for people to choose.

Suggested dates are Wednesday 24 May and Thursday 25 May.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report and encourages member councils to attend.

8. Close and next meeting.

Proposed date Thursday 13 July 2023 (on line).