



Agenda Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Friday 21 July 2023 10.30am

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1. Welcome Chairperson Dr Helen Macdonald

2. Attendance

Members: Mayor Leon Stephens, Helen Macdonald, Steven Kaesler, Lee Wallis, Tim Neumann, Andre Kompler, Daniel Willson, Stuart Roberts, Mitchell Foote and (Russell Troupe tbc)

Non-Members: Mayor Rodney Reid, Simon Millcock and Tracey Rains (Legatus Group) plus invite to Todd Wellard (NHVR).

3. Apologies

4. Conflict of Interest

5. Minutes of the committee meeting held 4 May 2023

The draft minutes of the Legatus Group RTIAC held on 4 May 2023 were provided to all members following the meeting and can be found at: <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/DraftMinutes-RTIAC-4-May.pdf>

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

Recommendation: That the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee minutes of the 4 May 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

6. Matters Arising

6.1 SLRP 2023

The Legatus Group noted the report provided by the advisory committee at their 19 May 2023 meeting and approved the Legatus Group updated Roads Data Plan and Legatus Group Roads Data Base priority list.

The Legatus Group CEO provided the required responses to the applications submitted on the 5 roads which had been presented for consideration re SLRP funding in 2023 (YPC) North Coast Road Point Turton Township to Point Souttar Road, (LRC) Seppeltsfield Road Peter Seppelt Road to Gerald

Roberts Road, (CCC) Magazine Road Spencer Highway to Sharples Road and Sharples Road Magazine Road to Bowman Road and (WRC) Koolunga Road End K/wt to Boucaut Road.

As of the date of developing this agenda there has been no notification of these roads being approved yet for funding and it is anticipated that the assessment will be completed by September 2023.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.

6.2 Legatus Group Roads Data Base

Author: Simon Millcock

The 2023/2024 Legatus Group Business Plan and Budget have been approved and can be found at: <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/23-24-LEGATUS-Group-Business-Plan.pdf>

This includes:

- Review the needs for upgrades to Legatus Group Transport Plan
- Progress with updates for the Legatus Group Transport Plan and develop priority listings for 24/25 SLRP.
- Support member councils with grant applications for bridge infrastructure based on the Legatus Regional Bridges Report
- Review the progress and commence an extended lobby campaign based on the SAROC Regional Roads Priority Report

There is an allocation of \$17,000 in the 2023/2024 Legatus Group Budget for the Regional Roads Plan Update and \$3,000 towards the Legatus Group Roads Forum.

HDS were approached (Attachment A) to provide a quote to cover:

- Regional Route and Road Action Plan – Update
- 2024 Regional Roads Database
- Presentation at Roads Forum
- 2023 – 2024 SLRP Regional Priorities List

Recommendation:

- 1. That the committee notes the report.**
- 2. That committee recommends that the Legatus Group approves HDS to undertake the work as outlined in Attachment A.**

6.3 Lobby for increased funding re SLRP

Author Simon Millcock

Following the last advisory committee there was support from the Legatus Group for a report from the Legatus Group CEO on a recommended approach by the Legatus Group to lobby for increased funding for the SLRP Program.

There has been a SA Regional Road Priority Working Group established which met on 13 July 2023 and this matter was discussed. It was recognised at the meeting of the need for the LGA and State Government to be actively involved in discussions and the Legatus Group CEO is attempting to bring these parties together. The meeting noted a need to have consistency around classification descriptions and the work on national service agreements.

There has been a recent announcement of \$750 million for local road and infrastructure priorities funding under Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program available to South Australian councils to nominate projects.

Phase 4 grant allocations include an additional \$250 million targeted to improve rural, regional and outer urban roads. Projects funded under this round are expected to be completed by 30 June 2025.

The LRCI program works in partnership with councils to provide them flexibility to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects relevant to their region, creating jobs and long-lasting benefits for communities.

An updated progress report will be provided to the next advisory committee.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report and supports the Legatus Group CEO to continue to investigate.

6.4 NHVR SLGAAP/Legatus Group Heavy Vehicle Priority Route Collaboration

Author Simon Millcock

Note that Todd Wellard will join the meeting – see Attachment B for their report. There were 2 workshops held in the region in reference to the NHVR’s Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project (SLGAAP). This is an Australian Government funded initiative to optimise heavy vehicle access on the local road networks across Australia.

The project assists local government road managers to undertake heavy vehicle assessments of on-road assets, such as bridges and culverts. Working collaboratively with engineering consultants and local government road managers, the project supports councils to better understand their asset capability and inform heavy-vehicle access decision-making.

The NHVR thanked the Legatus Group for coordinating the two workshops and for those who attended and advised they look forward to working with the Legatus Group over the coming months to look further at the routes and assets identified. The project website for more information: <https://nhvr.engagementhub.com.au/>

The Legatus Group CEO sought a report on the outcomes and the proposed trial sites and noted that there will be a review of the Legatus Group regional priority roads as part of the Road Transport Plan. It was also suggested that with the QGIS system the Legatus Group are using could be the opportunity to map out the bridges and culvert assets.

There was also interest at Balaklava meeting for the train / rail crossings and the issue about having 2 different mapping systems and these could be item for further discussion.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report including specific reference on the 2 projects occurring in the region and recommends that the work by NHVR be provided to HDS for consideration in reviews of the Legatus Group Transport Plan.

7. Other Business

7.1 Research Project Electric Charging Stations

Author: Simon Millcock

Dr Mirjam Wiedemann Lecturer & Researcher in Aviation School of Aviation, Faculty of Science UNSW is looking to develop a grant application for the LGA R&D Scheme re “Hydrogen and Electric Charging Stations in Regional Australia”.

The Research Questions she would be looking to answer are:

1. What is the volume of flights that supports an electric charging station in SA?
2. What is the volume of road trips that supports an electric charging station in SA?
3. What is the volume of flights that supports a hydrogen charging station in SA?
4. What is the volume of road trips that supports a hydrogen charging station in SA?
5. What are other, e.g. political, economic, social, technological and environmental factors that need to be considered when deciding for a location of charging stations?

This would be undertaken via

1. Literature Review including grey literature and technical pamphlets plus ethics application.
2. Focus Groups with Council leaders and other regional stakeholders.
3. Interim Report to be shared for comment and feedback.
4. Interviews with suppliers and manufacturers.

The proposal would include the Legatus Group CEO as part of the reference group and where needed Council leaders will be invited to some of the meetings. An interim report will be shared with the 15 Councils in the Legatus Group for feedback and getting their insight to thinking. The final draft report will be shared with the Legatus Group for feedback.

Attachment C is the Emerging Aviation Technology Partnerships Program 2022 Round One Grant Opportunity Application which was seeking to develop a feasibility study to connect regional and remote SA with Adelaide using Electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing Vehicles. Note this has yet to gain funding.

Recommendation: That the committee recommends in-kind support is provided by the Legatus Group for the research project proposed by Dr Mirjam Wiedemann.

7.2 AusRoads

Author Simon Millcock

A consultant working for AusRoads has reached out regarding a body of work they have completed on standardising road data (nationally). The work has passed at a federal level (and whilst the content is not mandatory) they now seek to connect with councils about how it could (if they wish) it to be integrated into operations.

To begin understanding their scope, work to date and objectives it was thought it would be good to start with an online meeting to hear from them. They presented at the SA Regional Road Priority Working Group and are aiming to trialling the content past each Regional LGA with an invite to attend this meeting.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report and invites the consultants to provide an online workshop for Legatus Group members.

8. Close and next meeting.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed after the Legatus Group AGM.