Agenda Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Tuesday 31 October 2023 10.30am

Join via Microsoft Teams
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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.

Non-Members: Mayor Rodney Reid, Simon Millcock and Tracey Rains (Legatus Group) plus Lisa Teburea (BRM Advisory) and Tim Viner-Smith (HDS).

3. **Apologies**

4. **Conflict of Interest**

5. **Minutes of the committee meeting held 21 July 2023**

The draft minutes of the Legatus Group RTIAC held on 21 July 2023 were provided to all members following the meeting and can be found at: https://legatus.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Draft-minutes-210723.pdf

These minutes were provided to the Legatus Group 23 August 2023 meeting

Recommendation: That the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee minutes of the 21 July 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

6. **Matters Arising**

6.1 Legatus Group Reviews

Author: Simon Millcock

The 2023/2024 Legatus Group Business Plan includes:

- Advocate on behalf of the region to secure increased and equitable resources identified in the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan and Bridges Report and the SAROC Priority Roads Report.
- 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

The Legatus Group AGM on 23 August 2023 confirmed the continuation of the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee (RTIAC).

The Terms of Reference for the RTIAC include the primary function of the committee is to coordinate and progress regional road and transportation issues and activities. This includes overseeing the implementation, coordination and review of the Region's regional transport strategy and assessing and prioritising regional transport projects as necessary. Relevant reports for the RTIAC can be found at: https://legatus.sa.gov.au/sustainable-development-infrastructure/

The Legatus Group Strategic Plan, Charter and CEO position are being reviewed and Lisa Teburea from BRM Advisory is leading the review. Lisa will attend the meeting to seek thoughts and feedback from the committee with reference to the reviews.

Recommendation: For noting

6.2 SLRP 2023

Author: Simon Millcock

Following the application process and recommendations by the Legatus Group the region has secured $4,597,000 for 5 projects this year. This makes up 34.5% of all SLRP funding for Regional Roads and 25.7% if you include the metropolitan roads.

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Council	Road	SLRP Grant Funding
Light Regional Council	Seppeltsfield Road, Seppeltsfield	$1,400,000
Yorke Peninsula Council	North Coast Road Stage 2, Point Turton	$1,157,000
Copper Coast Council	Magazine Road, Wallaroo	$899,000
Wakefield Regional Council	Koolunga Road, Brinkworth	$750,000
Copper Coast Council	Sharples Road, Wallaroo	$391,000

In keeping with the 2023/2024 approved Business Plan and Budget there will be $33,000 raised from a levy which will come from member councils who receive SLRP funding in that year to assist with covering the costs associated with the Regional Transport Plan. For this year that will equate to around 0.7178%.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.

6.3 Legatus Group Roads Data Base

Author: Simon Millcock

Following the recommendations from the RTIAC meeting held on the 21 July 2023 the Legatus Group have contracted HDS to undertake:

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

Tim Viner-Smith will attend the meeting to discuss their approach.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.

6.3 Lobby for increased funding re SLRP

Author Simon Millcock

Attachment A was recently received from Hon Geoff Brock Minister for Regional Roads.

Following previous advisory committee recommendations and with support from the Legatus Board there is an advocacy position of the Legatus Group to lobby for increased funding for the SLRP Program which is to be undertaken through the SA Regional Road Priority Working Group.

The Legatus Group CEO approached HDS to consider a series of points listed below to support this approach and the responses have been provided.

1. SAROC budget for and implement an ongoing annual support arrangement to ensure that the base graphical roads database, SAROC Regional Road Hierarchy classification data and structure for holding additional road attributes is maintained and periodically updated, along with provision of continued access to the SAROC state-wide dataset and six regional datasets for all users through QGIS Cloud.

Response: *We propose a SAROC budget of $1,900 (excl GST). This comprises a $ 1,600 (excl GST) charge for 12 months of help desk support and minor updates to the underlying SAROC Regional Road Hierarchy classification data and structure for holding additional road attributes, and a $300 (excl GST) annual contribution towards the software cost charged to HDS Australia to maintain a licence for the QGIS Pro database development platform that feeds into QGIS Cloud.*

2. Individual Regional LGAs budget for and implement separate annual support arrangements to ensure that additional regional data stored within the main SAROC dataset (potentially including road differentiators and road action plans) is maintained and periodically updated, along with provision of continued access to and help-desk support for authorised council users of their regional dataset through QGIS Cloud.

Response: *S&HLGA is already undertaking this at a cost of $1,900 (excl GST) per year, a figure which would also apply to any other Regional LGA seeking this support. Once again, the fee comprises a $ 1,600 (excl GST) charge for 12 months of help desk support and updates to any specific attribute data developed and added to the underlying SAROC Regional Road Hierarchy classification data by individual Regional LGAs. Such data could include maintaining "Purpose" differentiator information (i.e. Freight, Tourism and/or Community Access) in the QGIS spatial database, to allow for regional transport maps to be published by road purpose. It could also include maintenance of key industry centres, tourism sites and community access*

details in the QGIS database, based upon data available on the latest hard copy regional route drawings. The addition of Class 4B routes, and subsequent maintenance of this information, could be achieved by using DIT's RAVnet database to ensure that all gazetted B-Double commodity routes which are not already included in the QGIS database as Class 4A or higher, would be added as Class 4B. Any locally important tourism routes shown on existing hard copy regional route maps could also be included as Class 4B roads in the QGIS database. Finally, a Regional LGA might choose to link spatial records to their regional road action plan spreadsheet records, then upload to QGIS Cloud, allowing for spatial definition of identified strategic level road deficiencies. It is strongly recommended that some or all of these data options be adopted by all Regional LGAs to help manage data associated with their regional road network. Should all Regional LGAs adopt this approach across the board, and if this was supported by SAROC as an overall project, a 20% discount could be provided on the total cost. Based upon SAROC, five Regional LGAs and the Spencer Gulf Cities (SGC) Group all participating on a single project basis, the normal total annual cost of $ 1,900 x 7 = $ 13,300 (excl GST) would reduce to $ 10,640 (excl GST).

3. The Limestone Coast LGA, Legatus Group, Eyre Peninsula LGA and Spencer Gulf Cities identify any Class 2 Key Freight Routes within their respective regions, using the SAROC Regional Road Hierarchy Framework.

Response: *As noted in HDS Australia's final report for the original SAROC project, some initial work has been done here by the regions, specifically the South Coast Freight Corridor (S&HLGA) and Kulde Rd (MRLGA). However further investigation would be required across the state. This is a minor task and would be expected to be one to two days of work in liaison with Regional LGA CEOs/EOs and review of freight volumes on routes identified by the regions. For this item, allow an upper limit fee of $ 3,000 (excl GST) spread across the three Regional LGAs plus SGC Group which you have mentioned above.*

4. The Eyre Peninsula LGA and Spencer Gulf Cities re-examine the regional road networks defined within their respective regional transport plans, with a view to expanding the Class 3 and Class 4A road network consistent with the SAROC Regional Road Hierarchy Framework.

Response: *HDS Australia has recently prepared the SGC 2030 Regional Transport Infrastructure Plan using our standard methodology. EPLGA have also engaged HDS Australia to review/refine road hierarchy definitions within their existing Regional Transport Plan along the same lines as other Regional LGAs. Over the next twelve months or so, both entities will have addressed the issue identified in this item, with no need to separately budget for this beyond commitments already made by both SGC and EPLGA.*

5. One full revision of the SAROC Regional Road Hierarchy digital maps be budgeted for (either by SAROC or by individual Regional LGAs), allowing for anticipated updates mainly by the EPLGA and SGC, but with consideration of DIT road classification changes and other Class 2 road classification upgrades by Regional LGAs.

Response: *The majority of work has been done on this but some review and combining of updates would be required. This is expected to be a maximum two to three day exercise for our QGIS operator to review and update accordingly, based upon information developed (and paid for) through the current Regional Transport Plan minor updates which all Regional LGAs are working through. Most of these changes would likely be absorbed at no extra cost as it will fall under the annual support arrangement covered by Items 1 and 2 above. It is only the DIT road classification changes which, if substantial, would need to be separately charged for, along with the time associated with any review meetings to specifically discuss any major updates to the SAROC Regional Road Hierarchy digital maps. Allow an upper limit fee of $ 3,000 (excl GST) for this task.*

Indicative cost summary:

Item 1: $ 1,900 (excl GST) per annum.
Item 2: $ 1,900 (excl GST) per annum per Regional LGA or $ 10,640 (excl GST) in total for all seven entities to participate under a single project arrangement.
Item 3: $ 3,000 (excl GST) once off upper limit fee.
Item 4: No separate charge as SGC and EPLGA have both committed funds to make these changes.
Item 5: $ 3,000 (excl GST) once off upper limit fee, plus funds already committed by individual Regional LGAs as part of this year's regional transport planning minor updates.

The Legatus Group CEO has raised this as an agenda item at the Regional LGA Executive Officers meeting on 30 October and he will report on the outcome of this meeting.

The State Wide Working Group will be meeting on Thursday 30 November 2023 where this matter will be further discussed.

Tim Viner-Smith will also be attending the meeting and available for any questions.

Recommendation:

1. **That the committee notes the report.**
2. **That the committee recommends the Legatus Group fund up to $1,900 for annual support for the Legatus Group data to be stored within the main SAROC dataset.**

6.4 AusRoads Standardising Road Data

Author Simon Millcock

An online workshop for the Legatus Group was held on 29 September and this was recorded for those who were unable to attend and will be posted on the Legatus Group website.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.

7. Other Business

8. Close and next meeting.

Date of next meeting to be advised.