

Local Government Transport Advisory Panel

Minutes

Meeting held Thursday 1 July 2021 at 12:00pm
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1. Attendance

Panel Members:

- **Mayor Keith Parkes** (Alexandrina Council) – member of the LGA Board
- **Richard Dodson** (Light Regional Council) – member from a country Council
- **Peter Tsokas** (City of Unley) – member from a metropolitan Council
- **Lea Bacon** (LGA) – delegate of the Local Government Association
- **Peter Ilee** (South Australian Local Government Grants Commission, Attorney General's Department) – nominee of the Minister for Planning and Local Government
- **Andrew Excell** (Department for Infrastructure and Transport) – nominee of the Minister for Transport
 - Proxy for Andrew Excell: Mike Wilde

2. Apologies

- Andrew Excell

3. Review of minutes from previous meeting

Moved: Richard Dodson

Seconded: Peter Tsokas

That the minutes of the meeting held 4 June 2021 are approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

4. Governance review

Lea advised that he will now be moving onto the next body of work for the Governance Review recommendations and further information will be provided to the Panel once prepared.

5. 2021-22 applications

LGTAP considered thirty-five (35) applications totalling \$19,553,716 for the 2021-22 SLRP. Available funding: \$15,807,000.

There were three applications that were not lodged through the SmartyGrants system but were lodged with the Regional LGAs for prioritisation. There were two from The Barossa Council and one from Renmark Paringa. Those Councils were provided with the opportunity to formally submit their late applications on the SmartyGrants system for consideration by LGTAP in their assessment process.

Renmark Paringa submitted their application and the Barossa Council submitted its application on Stockwell Road but withdrew its second late application from the SLRP process.

The Panel worked through all of the applications provided by Councils and formed draft recommendations. Questions will be sent to Councils where further information is required and the Panel will meet again to formalise the recommendations. The Panel agreed that in future we need to be seeking a clear statement of intention and scope for a road so that the full duration and cost of the project can be understood.

Conflicts

During the LGTAP meeting, it was noted that:

- Mike Wilde declared an interest as the Department for Infrastructure and Transport representative (non-voting member) of the Legatus Group.
- Mayor Keith Parkes declared an interest as the President of the Southern and Hills LGA.
- Panel Members Peter Tsokas (Unley) and Richard Dodson (Light) declared an interest and did not participate in the funding recommendation decisions for their respective Council applications.

Follow-ups

LGTAP identified follow-up questions for the following applications:

- City of Unley – Duthy Street
- Yorke Peninsula Council – North Coast Road
- Kangaroo Island Council – The Lane, Penneshaw
- Naracoorte Lucindale Council – Boddingtons Road West

6. Underspent funds

The Panel agreed that the issue of underspent funds for projects still needs to be addressed.

The Department of Treasury and Finance has suggested that the Panel come back with a formula. The Panel discussed a percentage or dollar figure. This will need to be discussed further. The Grants Commission may seek an agreement with the LGFA for use of the account. Lea will speak to the LGA about use of the R&D Scheme account.

7. Unallocated funds

The Panel agreed that any unallocated funds through the program would need to go to a supplementary round if there are no continuing projects that can potentially be brought forward.

It is not currently an option to hold the funding for the next financial year. The Council contributions to the identified local road grants and SLRP could potentially be reduced.

8. Date of next meeting

8 July 2021

8. Close

The meeting closed at 3:05pm.