

Local Government Transport Advisory Panel

Minutes

Meeting held Friday, 17 May 2019 at the LGA

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, Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure) – nominee of the Minister for State/Local Government Relations
- **Phil Lawes** (Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure) – nominee of the Minister for Transport

Proxies:

- Proxy for Phil Lawes: **Mike Wilde** (Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure)

2. Apologies

- Phil Lawes

3. Review of progress reports received for the 2018/19 financial year

The Panel worked through each progress report and noted the following reports that require follow up in relation to their financial statements:

- Ceduna – savings
- Elliston – savings
- Murray Bridge Mary Terrace – savings
- Onkaparinga Justs Road – nil spent
- Tatiara Ramsey and Railway and Brown – savings
- Port Adelaide – Bedford – savings
- Port Adelaide – Church Street – overspent
- Port Adelaide – Osborne Road – savings

4. Progress report template

It is noted that the report has been completed differently by each Council. The report would benefit from the following updates:

- Include a half page description of the project progress.
- Description for previous financial years – make sure it's clear.
- Add a financial line for committed work orders.
- Add a question as to a variation of scope to the works if it changes.

5. Underspent funds

The Panel discussed the process for funding that is underspent by Councils for SLRP projects.

6. Supplementary road funding

Supplementary road funding has been renewed but the amount for the next two financial years will be paid before the end of this financial year. Special local roads "pots" will be carried over and not paid in advance (business as usual). Could potentially fund strategic roads earlier given the funding is coming in one hit (i.e. staged projects).

7. Application form updates

The application form for 2020/21 will need to be reviewed together with the LGTAP Guidelines. One of the items for consideration is to review the funding split between SLRP funding and Council contributions.

An explanation needs to be included for staged project. Why is this project staged? Projects need to be shovel ready. The Panel could provide some examples to assist with completion of the application form.

8. Governance review

Following the new LGA constitutional arrangement, the Panel agreed that it is timely that the SLRP process would benefit from a review for effectiveness and efficiencies. The review could possibly attract LG Research and Development Scheme funding.

As part of the review, the funding agreement will need to be reviewed. The funding agreement needs to be between the Grants Commission and the Council. The Panel discussed approved projects having an individual formal agreement to commit Council to implement the project. The agreement would need to cover:

- Funding splits (Council contributions vs SLRP funding request).
- Jobs need to be completed as per the application.
- Project reports to be completed quarterly for each individual project.

Moved: Peter Tsokas

Seconded: Richard Dodson

That an external consultant be engaged by the LGA to review the current governance arrangements regarding the SLRP funding and generate some options/recommendations to review and advise options for improvement.

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