

## Local Government Transport Advisory Panel

### Minutes

Meeting held Friday, 22 November 2019 from 10am to 11:30am  
at the LGA (Eyre Peninsula Meeting Room)

#### 1. Welcome and 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)

Apologies:

- Phil Lawes

#### 2. Project updates

The project updates were discussed by the panel and the following issues were noted:

- Justs Road (Onkaparinga) – no expenditure.
- Bedford Street (Port Adelaide Enfield) – large underspend, not brought to the Panel's attention.
- Church Street (Port Adelaide Enfield) – large overspend.
- Ramsay Terrace (Tatiara) – underspend noted; however, project is not quite complete. Overspend noted for previous financial years.

The panel discussed the variations in spend and that Councils are potentially reducing their scope. The project reports provided at this meeting and the meeting in May will be taken into consideration during the 2020-21 funding round.

#### 3. Governance review

The Panel discussed the brief for the review and would like to see it broken up into the following sections:

- Background
- Issues
- Objective
- Skill Set
- Project
- Outcomes

We need to ensure it is very clear what the reason for the review is – what are the issues and potential risks.

Items that need to be considered as part of the Governance Review have been identified as follows:

- Outback communities
- Projects need to be shovel ready
- Councils changing the scope of projects then having an underspend for their project but not informing the Panel
- Retrieval of underspent funds – this could be by way of a holding account or the SLRP funds the first half of the project upfront and then reimburses the rest of the expenses at the end of the project.
- New agreement – SLRP MOU between the LGA, State Government and Federal Government
- Guidelines and criteria – provide a template that assists Councils to understand that applications need to be for strategic roads
- Clear statement of intent to be submitted by the Councils – what is the Council wanting from the road, basic asset management plan or reference of evidence to show commitment to the road.
- Metropolitan wide transport plan – is one required? The historical hierarchy maps are out of date.

#### **4. 2020 SLRP funding round. Timeframes and meeting dates.**

The Panel agreed to run the 2020-21 funding round business as usual. Improvements and changes will be investigated as part of the Governance Review, including the possible use of the Smartie Grants system.

#### **5. Any other business**

Lea Bacon and Mayor Parkes met with the Grants Commission a few weeks ago to discuss how we can include the outback communities in the program and how we can handle potential applications from organisations that aren't members of the LGA in future. This matter will be investigated during the Governance Review.

The Panel would like all minutes between meetings included in the major meeting usually held in June each year.

#### **7. Close**