

Local Government Transport Advisory Panel

Minutes

Meeting to be held Friday, 14 June 2019 from 10am to 2:30pm
at the LGA (Eyre Peninsula Meeting Room)

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 minutes from previous meeting

The minutes of the meetings held 8 June 2018 and 17 May 2019 were noted and accepted as a true and correct record.

4. 2019/20 SLRP submissions

The Panel discussed the process being undertaken by each region in deliberating over applications for their priority rankings. Local Government Research & Development Scheme Funding is available for a Governance Review of the Special Local Roads Program process. Following the LGA Governance Review, the Panel would like to see the applications process and the overall process of the program reviewed for improvements. The next meeting of the Panel will predominantly discuss the governance review.

The Panel discussed the 2019/20 regional and metropolitan Special Local Roads Program funding submissions. Fifty-two (52) applications were received seeking funding in total of \$26,782,264. The Panel has recommended thirty-two (32) applications for a total of \$15,536,000.

Feedback will be provided to each region regarding the LGTAP recommendations.

It is to be noted that Panel Members Peter Tsokas and Richard Dodson did not participate in the funding recommendations for their respective Council applications.

5. Other business

5.1 Progress reports received since the last meeting

The progress reports were noted.

5.2 Statement of expectations for the next five-year allocation of Roads to Recovery funding to commence on 1 July 2019

The new Statement of Expectations was issued to Councils with the new Roads to Recovery Program. Peter Ilee will provide a link to be included in the next application form.

5.3 Management of underspent funding

The Panel would like a process to be put in place to recover unspent funding. The unspent funding will then be held for allocation for the next SLRP funding round.

The LGA is using Smartie Grants software for the Local Government Research & Development Scheme funding. There may be an opportunity to use the software for SLRP applications.

Funding may be required to put back into SLRP for improvements and software. The Grants Commission will need to have a discussion with the LGA regarding options for this.

5.4 SLRP funding for Aboriginal communities

The five (5) aboriginal communities that are funded through the Financial Assistance Grants are ultimately contributing to the Special Local Roads Program but are not benefiting from the program. We need a process for the aboriginal communities to access the SLRP noting also that Anangu Pitjantjatjara is an Associate Member of the LGA.

It is recommended that the Governance Review consider this matter. The Panel would like to see funded organisations that fall outside of the current process (Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs included) to not have to contribute their 15%. It is noted however that Coober Pedy received funding in 2007-08 and Whyalla, Port Lincoln and Roxby Downs Councils haven't ever received funding through the program. Peter Ilee will take this matter back to the Grants Commission for further discussion.

5.5 Update from LCCG

Noted.

5.6 Governance Review of the SLRP

- SLRP Agreement
- Funding Split (Metro 50/50 and Regional 2/3)

The Panel discussed the historical agreement funding splits and that the Roads to Recovery funding requires equal contributions. As part of the Governance Review, the funding splits should be discussed, i.e. should it be 50/50 across the board.

It is noted that also as part of the Governance Review a new agreement needs to be investigated between the LGA, State Government and Federal Government.

Lea will prepare a report to the LGA Board regarding the Governance Review Brief.

5.7 Application form template and progress report template

The updated report template is approved to be used for future progress reports.

5.8 Guidelines and Terms of Reference review

The Panel would like to see these documents updated as part of the governance review.

5.9 Database review

The roads prioritisation database needs updating. Patricia to organise a meeting with the Grants Commission to see how this can be technically achieved. The database may be moved from 'MS Access' to 'MS Excel'.

5.10 Metropolitan Strategic Roads – Hierarchy Maps

The existing hierarchy maps are now out of date. This item needs to be addressed through the governance review. We ultimately need a strategic roads document for the metropolitan region.

6. Date of next meeting

22 November 2019

7. Close