

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT ADVISORY PANEL

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| VENUE | LGA House Meeting Room 1 Level 1 16 Hutt St ADELAIDE |
| DATE | Tuesday 23 January 2007 |
| Time | 4.00 pm |

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes LGTAP 20/4/06 and 10/5/06**
- 4. Update on the status of unallocated monies**
- 5. Consideration of allocation of unallocated monies**
- 6. Closure**

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The recent Australian Government budget announcement of further local road funding under the Supplementary AusLink Roads to Recovery program provided an additional \$27.7m for South Australian roads. Councils received grants equal to one quarter of their share of Roads to Recovery program allocation and funds are required to be spent by 30 June 2009.

The budget announcement included \$3.75m which was allocated direct to the SA Local Government Grants Commission and distributed to Councils through the Special Local Roads Program (SLRP). The SLRP is administered by the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP) and total funding available for the 2006/07 SLRP process was \$13.69m.

This year the LGTAP made two calls for funding to cater for the separate application time frames and processes for the once off additional AusLink Strategic Regional funding program and the annual SLRP application process. The AusLink Strategic Regional program funding is an Australian Government initiative to assist Councils to develop regional land transport infrastructure and is separate from the \$13.9m of the SLRP.

AusLink Strategic Regional Program applications received were considered by the LGTAP and forwarded to DOTARS for final evaluation and funding. The LGTAP recommended favourable consideration be given by DOTARS to all South Australian Local Government applications received.

To assist DOTARS with deliberations the LGTAP provided the following identification of SA Local Government priority weighting for selected applications. Ranking of 1 being highest priority weighting.

Large Projects

1. Penola Bypass Access Routes to Penola Pulp Mill - Wattle Range Council
2. Curtis Road Upgrade - City of Playford
3. Ferris Mc Donald Road - Rural City of Murray Bridge
4. Bowmans Intermodal Facility - Wakefield Regional Council

Small Projects

1. Moppa Road South Extension - The Barossa Council
2. Jamestown OD5 - Northern Areas Council
3. Bridge-Culvert Replacement for wine roads - City of Onkaparinga

All AusLink applications received by the LGTAP were forwarded to DOTARS on 26 April 2006.

The LGTAP also noted that the following applications had been submitted and recommended for both the AusLink Strategic Regional Program and the SPLRP:

- Ferris Mc Donald Road - Rural City of Murray Bridge
- Curtis Road Upgrade - City of Playford
- Kangaroo Road - Alexandrina Council

In making recommendation for allocation of the SLRP funding the LGTAP agreed to defer allocation of appropriate SLRP monies (in the order of \$3.7m) pending announcement of the AusLink Strategic Regional Program expected in November 2006, to ensure that Councils were not disadvantaged by receiving recommendation for both funding programs .i.e Should the LGTAP recommended projects not be successful under the AusLink program funds would be still available under the SLRP.

The separate SLRP applications were considered by the LGTAP with recommendations for funding being made to the SA Local Government Grants Commission and subsequently the Federal Minister for Transport. Refer attached summary of recommended funding allocation 06/07.

The Moppa Road South Extension, The Barossa Council, was the only successful application recommended by the LGTAP to the AusLink Strategic Regional Program.

Attached is a spreadsheet, kindly compiled by Jane Gascoigne of the SA Local Government Grants Commission, which outlines the proposed SLRP funding allocations to the unsuccessful AusLink projects, plus allocation to Helps Road, Salisbury Council, which had previously been identified by LGTAP as the next priority "reserve" for any unallocated SLRP monies. The spreadsheet indicates remaining funds of \$458,600 which is now required to be allocated at this meeting. The other two reserves identified by the LGTAP are Hallett/Stonyfell \$40,000 and The Parade \$90,000 (Burnside Council) which have not been included in the spreadsheet.

It is recommended that the LGTAP review the summary of recommended funding allocation 06/07, as attached, to consider allocation of remaining SLRP monies to appropriate priorities.