

Notes from the LGTAP meeting Wednesday 13 May 2009

LGA 48473

The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate discussion and establishment of appropriate Special Local Road Program policy to assist with consideration of regional LGA 2009/10 funding submissions.

Present

- Mr. Brian Hurn (Mayor of Barossa Council) as chair and a member from a country Council,
- Mr. Kym McHugh (Mayor of Alexandrina Council) as a member of the LGA State Executive Committee
- Mr. Wally Iasiello (Director of Technical Services, City of Port Adelaide Enfield) and as a member from a metropolitan Council
- Mr. David Hitchcock as delegate of the Executive Director of the LGA;
- Ms. Jane Gascoigne as nominee of the Minister for State/Local Government Relations
- Mr. Mark Elford as nominee of the Minister for Transport;

The Chair Mayor Brian Hurn welcomed Mr Barry Parsons and Vanessa Blakelock who were to provide a verbal update of progress of the Metropolitan Transport Strategy which had been previously funded by LGTAP.

Mr Parsons advised the following

- QED had been commissioned to complete the project and were progressing quite well with metropolitan workshops being held to develop the road hierarchy. It was anticipated comments from Metropolitan Councils would be in by 18 May 2009 with a presentation due to the metropolitan group by the end of June 2009. Once finalised the document will be utilised as the test for strategic road directions and future SLRP funding applications.
- A copy of the new document will be provided to Mark Elford, DTEI, to enable State Government input;
- The Metropolitan Strategic Roads Committee had considered the King Street Bridge application by City of Holdfast Bay and recommended allocation of \$1.3 million rather than the application amount of \$1.5 million.
- This was to enable additional metropolitan projects to be included in the funding bid and it was the intention of the metropolitan committee to recommend additional funding (\$1.7 million) in the 2010/11 financial year to account for the shortfall in 2009/10.

Jane Gascoigne undertook to provide Mr Parsons with an information sheet which outlines how the roads data base information is applied and weighted.

The LGTAP then discussed the following issues

Budget overruns on previously funded projects.

It has been LGTAP policy, subject to regional LGA support, to support applications for budget overruns on previously funded projects. However a number of recent applications have requested material increases.

The panel revisited LGTAP initiated correspondence from John Olsen HDS which provided independent analysis of the projected cost over runs on the Laura to Orroroo Road. The LGTAP expressed concern at the delay in advice from the Council on original project variations and considered that an onsite inspection of the road, including further discussion with the Council was required. A suitable visit was to be organised.

It was agreed that the Northern Areas Council would also be visited to discuss cost over runs on their portion of the Laura to Orroroo Road project. Possible dates being 21 May and 1 June 2009.

Berri Barmera Council

The Berri Barmera Council had previously requested opportunity to meet with LGTAP to advise of required alterations to a previously funded project and to seek approval for modification to overcome current difficulties. The panel considered additional information regarding the proposal and understood that the extent of the works now proposed will not be to the level as per the original application, due to unforeseen escalation of infrastructure costs. (ie Council will reduce the scope of works from that previously proposed so that it can be fitted into the original funding levels))

The LGTAP agreed that this was acceptable provided the Berri Barmera Council expends the total SLRP amount allocated on McKay road (\$370,000) and Council must ensure it also maintains its contribution of \$370,000 expenditure.

Administration processes

It was agreed that further work be undertaken to facilitate development of a suite of new documents to ensure transparency and probity of the SLRP funding process. In particular status reports, verification of project cost estimates and acquittal reports

Heritage Drive

It was noted that Heritage Drive, Copper Coast had inadvertently missed the 2009/10 regional LGA submission process and following advice of support from Central LGA that the application would be included in 2009/10 process.

2009/10 SLRP Applications

Further consideration was given to the 2009/10 SLRP applications. It was noted that 52 applications seeking funds of \$21million had been received. The amount of funding available for the 2009/10 SLRP is not yet known. It is anticipated funds available may be in the order of \$11.3 million. Further recommendations will be undertaken at the 9 June 2009 LGTAP meeting.

Date of next meeting 2.30 pm Tuesday 9 June 2009

Action Items Meeting 13 May 2009	Status
Arrange onsite inspections of Laura to Orroroo Road and visitations to DC Northern Areas and Orrorro Carrieton	Completed with visit on 1 June 2009
Assessing the Financial Sustainability of road funding applications	Requires further discussion at next meeting
Status reports, verification of project cost estimates and acquittal reports	Seek expressions of interest for development of documents
Heritage Drive	Central LGA has confirmed support as continuing project. Copper Coast Council has provided the 2009/10 application for the next meeting
Berri Barmera Council	Emailed Berri Barmera that the amendment as requested is agreed
2009/10 SLRP Applications	For consideration at next meeting