

Regional Road Group Report

April 2026



Roads

Local Government Transport and Roads Research and Innovation Program (LGTRRIP)

The development of a road safety rating tool for intersections and a guideline for the use of Marginal Materials in road construction is progressing. During March, WALGA and NTRO have convened a series of workshops with Local Government and industry to develop the next pipeline of projects.

Guidelines and Specifications for Residential Crossovers

WALGA is reviewing the Residential Crossover Guidelines and Specifications to ensure they continue to meet the needs of Local Governments. Following the completion and analysis of a survey to gather feedback from Local Governments on how the document is applied, which sections are most useful, and where improvements may be required, the document is now being reviewed and revised accordingly. Further engagement will inform potential updates to the guidelines.

Heavy Vehicle Access on Local Roads

Main Roads recently announced that they were changing the access condition that requires a restricted access vehicle operator / generator to obtain a letter of approval from a Local Government (referred to as a CA07 condition) to a notification system. Main Roads allege that this condition is unlawful as only Main Roads can approve access.

This decision is contrary to the WALGA policy position that states that WALGA:

“Opposes the withdrawal of the “Letter of Approval” Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition until an acceptable alternative to Local Government is developed by Main Roads WA.”

After discussions with Main Roads, they have agreed to convene a working group to develop an acceptable alternative.

Funding

Regional Road Safety Program

Working is progressing on 28 projects totalling 457km across 21 Local Governments under Tranche 1 of the Regional Road Safety Program (Local Roads).

Nominations have been received and evaluated for Tranche 2 and recommendations prepared for Ministerial approval.

WALGA and RAC are continuing to seek Federal Government funding support for the program in line with the State Government commitment.

Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) Model Revisions

The WALGA Infrastructure Team continues to work with the Regional Road Groups to better align the MCA models used by Regional Road Groups to prioritise projects for Road Project Grant funding with the provisions outlined in the procedures document of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement (Agreement). All the Regional Road Groups have commenced the MCA revision process, with the process in the Gascoyne, Great Southern, Kimberley, and South-West region now complete. Significant progress has been made in each of the other regions.

Transport

Active Transport and Micromobility Advocacy Plan

Development of the Active Transport and Micromobility Advocacy Plan is progressing. Recent work has included reviewing the State Government's response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into eRideables, which has informed and refined the advocacy approach. The initial policy positions included a range of supporting actions, which have now been consolidated into a more focused and strategic set of advocacy actions, reducing duplication and clarifying priorities. The consolidated actions will be presented to the Infrastructure Policy Team for feedback prior to progressing to the next stage.

Asset Management

Road Assets and Expenditure (RAE) Report Project

The WALGA Infrastructure team together with the Business Intelligence & Analytics team is undertaking work to modernise the architecture and processes used to manage data and generate the annual Road Assets and Expenditure Report. The project will include the development of a database, reporting interface, and dashboard and will go live in August 2026 for the data entry component of the 2025/26 report. WALGA will be delivering a range of measures to assist Local Government navigate the changes.

Review of the WALGA Road Visual Condition Assessment Manual

A revised WALGA Road Visual Condition Manual, originally published in 2016, has been finalised and will be published soon. The revised manual will necessitate some changes to the RAMM software and to allow LG practitioners time to adjust proposed surveys, there will be a three-month lag period before switching RAMM to the revised manual. An instructional webinar will be delivered shortly.

Western Power

WALGA continues to liaise with Western Power to support more efficient and timely delivery of Local Governments projects with impacts to Western Power infrastructure.

The Association successfully advocated for Western Power to reintroduce the option for Local Governments to undertake streetlighting installation and modification projects using approved consultants and contractors (Option B). This allows Local Governments to circumvent the lengthy and costly Western Power process for programming, funding, and implementing streetlighting projects, offering significant cost and time savings on projects. The Association is seeking to promote this choice to Local Governments, so Western Power retain it.

Road Safety

Road Safety Council

The Road Safety Council met on 6 March, primarily to consider submissions for Road Trauma Trust Account funding. The other matters considered at that meeting included: eligibility criteria for RTTA submissions, serious injuries reporting and safer speeds. The Road Safety Council meet next in June.

The Road Safety Council Communiques can viewed at [Road Safety Council Meeting Communiques](#).