

STATE ROAD FUNDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

MINUTES – Tuesday 10th December.
(Meeting 03/2024)

Held at WALGA, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville, WA 6007

SAC Members Present:

John Erceg	MRWA (Chair)
Mr D Snook (DS)	MRWA
Mr M Cammack (MC)	MRWA
Cr K Chappel (KC)	WALGA
Mr N Sloan (NS)	WALGA
President C Antonio (CA)	WALGA
Mayor Deb Hamblin (MH)	WALGA
Mr D MacLennan (DMS)	WALGA

Others in Attendance:

Mr I Duncan (ID)	WALGA
Mr S Purdy (SP)	IPWEA
Ms R Lewis (RL)	MRWA (Secretariat)
Mr K Pethick (KP)	MRWA

Apologies: Mr D Morgan (DM) MRWA

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Chair opened the meeting at 10:00am with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed SAC members.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – 27th August 2024.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 27th August 2024 as attached to the agenda, were accepted as a true record of proceedings.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.2 Summary of Outstanding Actions

Reference Item No/Officer	Action Required / Taken / Agenda Items
Vanguards Cont...	Circulation of options for supporting smaller and/or more remote LGA representatives to attend. - Complete Information regarding past attendee's, location and roles would also be distributed to SAC members. - Complete.
GRRG Correspondence In. Additional Project options	Delegates agreed that a letter be drafted for signature by the SAC Chair and President Cr Karen Chappel. - Complete.
WALGA roads program Manager report	Doug Pearson to draft letters both acknowledging good performance and where he is looking to support better delivery outcomes- Ongoing.

Briefing Note to the State Advisory Committee

Local Government Road Safety Vanguards Program – Additional Information

SAC endorsed the funding increase of \$100,000 for the Road Safety Vanguards Program for the of the current agreement, the increase will take the program from \$250,000 to \$350,000 for the duration of the current agreement, to 2027-28.

Vanguards

Action: MC to explore options with the Road Safety branch to create a shorter course for elected members, perhaps including a common core with the existing Vanguards program which would be targeted to officers.

WALGA Roads Program Manager

Action: ID to draft a general letter to the Regional Road Group Chairs to inform them of the letters going to Local Government regarding good performance and the areas for improvement in 2023-24.

3.CORRESPONDENCE

The latest Correspondence to the Gascoyne Regional Road Group was acknowledged.

4.FINANCIAL REPORTS - 2024-25

4.1 Expenditure Profile/Sub Programs

SAC noted the report on the Summary of expenditure for the period ending 31st October 2024.

MC provided a summary of the expenditure for the 2024-25 Program to date.

2024-25 Budget	\$345M
YTD Expenditure	\$124M (25% of the program)
Year-end forecast	\$ 32M (Under expenditure)

All Regions have claimed their direct grant payments, compared to this time last year when 90% of direct grant payments had claimed.

Road Project Grants budget of \$163M (including re-programmed funds from 2023-24) with \$46M (28%) claimed YTD.

Great Southern and Mid-West have claimed 40% of their budgets for 2023-24 YTD, forecasting to spend their full allocated budgets by the end of the financial year.

Remote Access Roads to Communities have claimed \$1.7M out of the \$5.8M budget. Main Roads have allocated regions additional funding which will increase expenditure for 2024-25.

Traffic Management Signs and Pavement Markings has a budget of \$37M and have spent \$9.2M YTD (25%).

Bridge works are forecasting a \$6.5M under expenditure as getting access to bridge contractors remains problematic. We are focusing our efforts on making sure the forecast is correct, so we get more of an accurate view earlier on in the year.

Bridge Inspections are currently forecasting an underspend of \$3.4M compared to this time last year the forecast was at \$1.5M. We are working closely with Project managers to get a more realistic forecasting on what work will be delivered in 2024-25.

State Initiatives has a budget of \$47M and claimed \$18M (38%). State Initiatives are forecasting an underspend of \$5M.

State Black Spot has a budget of \$24.3M and has an expenditure of \$3.5M YTD. Forecasting an underspend of \$4.4M.

Total Current Projects in Black Spot Co-Contribution Program – Local Roads: 107.

- **In Progress:** 27 projects.
- **Completed:** 15 projects.

Total Region Current Projects in Co – Contribution Program – Local Road: 44

- In Progress: 9 Projects.
- Completed: 7 Projects.

Total Metro Current Projects in Co-Contribution Program – Local Road: 63

- In Progress: 18 Projects

- Completed: 8 Projects

Action: MC to explore the options for a Mass Action Treatment within the Metropolitan area.

4.2 Australian Government Program (Black Spot)

MC Provided a summary of the expenditures for the program to date.

SAC Noted the report on the Summary of the Australian Government Black Spot Program.

Metropolitan is a concern as 38 projects are still to commence construction out of 53, 10 currently in progress.

4.3 Commodity Route Fund 2025-26

ID commented briefly on the report provided.

34 applications received and assessed.

15 Projects listed totalling \$3.9M grant funding recommended for inclusion in 2025-26 Local Roads Program Budget and a further 13 projects listed recommended as Reserve Projects should funding be available.

5. GENERAL REPORTS

5.1 WALGA Local Roads Program Manager

A new Local Roads Program Delivery Manager, Mr Reza Najafzadeh, has been appointed to the role commencing 13th January 2025.

Reza will be working closely with the Metropolitan and Southwest Regions.

5.2 MINDER

ID commented briefly on the report provided.

SAC noted the report.

5.3 Regional Road Group Report

ID commented briefly on the report provided.

SAC noted the report.

5.4 RRG Key Performance Indicators 2023-24

Ian Duncan discussed key items in the report.

1.1 Percentage of Black Spot funding acquitted. Gascoyne achieved 100%, with Great Southern achieving 71% and Metropolitan achieving 40%.

1.2 Percentage of Road Project grants acquitted. Gascoyne achieved 100%, with Pilbara achieving 26% and Metropolitan achieving 64%.

2.2 Number of Local Governments by RRG that provided a road inventory date update to Main Roads WA for uploading into the IRIS database in the last three years. Chair noted that the data may no longer be current and suitable to support decision-making. Main Roads and WALGA need to communicate to regions to spend more time updating the IRIS database.

2.3 Level 1 Bridge inspections were completed and documented on more than 80% of the bridges in regional areas. Gascoyne and Goldfields-Esperance regions conducted inspections on 100% of their bridge assets, while Wheatbelt South achieved just 59%.

5.5 Agreement Commitments

Aboriginal Employment Working Group

DS raised the concern that the Aboriginal Employment Working Group won't be able to fulfil the tasks due within the procedures before July 2025. The Aboriginal Employment Working Group will only be able to complete the work by July 2026.

Action: DS to provide SAC members with a progress report on the Aboriginal Employment Working Group.

Road Safety - SAC noted the report.

Recycled Material - SAC noted the report.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Heavy Vehicle Services

DS commented briefly on the report provided.

SAC Noted the report.

6.2 Classifications & Proclamations

Chair commented briefly on the report provided.

SAC noted the attached table of classifications and proclamations.

6.3 Roundtable/Other

LG TRRIP report noted.

WALGA Transport and Roads forum will take place on **Thursday 14th August 2025.**

Safer Rural Local Roads Program – Main Roads has appointed a program manager to do program development work in anticipation of the \$50M per year 5-year program being funded by the State and Federal Government to improve regional road safety outcomes.

Action: MC to provide an update at the next SAC meeting on the Safer Country Local Roads Program development.

Funding for the Transport Sustainability Knowledge Hub:

Paper provided by Steve Beyer, Director Transport Sustainability and Strategic Projects

It was resolved that the State Advisory Committee:

1. Promotes the Knowledge Hub across local government.
2. Supports a funding contribution of \$142,000 from the State Initiatives allocation in the State Road Funds for Local Government Agreement in 2025/26 subject to a commitment to expand the hub to include tools suitable for Local Government scale projects and road design requirements.

Submission to the State Advisory Committee:

Paper provided by Steve Beyer, Director Transport Sustainability and Strategic Projects

Mine Waste Rock

The State Advisory Committee:

1. Supported a two-year trial of mining waste on local roads in the Goldfields Esperance Region.
2. Noted the indicative \$730,000 value of mining royalties payable over the two year trial period.

The State Advisory Committee does not approve recoup of the mining royalties from the Goldfields Esperance Road Projects Grant funding component of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement.

Action: MC & ID to meet with Steve Beyer regarding the feedback from the SAC and develop options for further consideration.

7.NEXT MEETING

10:00 am Tuesday 29th April 2024 at Don Aitken Centre, Main Roads WA.

8.MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:30pm.

**APPENDIX A
Action List**

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RRG 2.2 ID	Action: ID to draft a general letter to the Regional Road Group Chairs to inform them of the letters going to Local Government regarding good performance and the areas for improvement in 2023-24.
Financial Report 4.1 MC	Action: MC to explore the options for a Mass Action Treatment within the Metropolitan area.
Agreement Commitments / Aboriginal Employment. 5.5 DS	Action: DS to provide SAC members with a progress report on the Aboriginal Employment Working Group.
Safer Country Local Roads Program 6.5 MC	Action: MC to provide an update at the next SAC meeting on the Safer Country Local Roads Program development.
Mine Waste Rock 6.5 MC & ID	Action: MC & ID to meet with Steve Beyer regarding the feedback from the SAC and develop options for further consideration.