



# Regional Road Group Report

## February 2025

## Roads

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

Guidelines for the use of crumbed rubber modified asphalts, sprayed seals, reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) and a catalogue of standard pavement profiles are scheduled for publication in the next quarter. Work has commenced on an investigation into available technologies for best practice road condition assessments and data collection and the development of a road safety rating tool for intersections.

### Condition Assessment of Roads of Regional Significance

The condition assessment survey of significant roads in the Pilbara and Gascoyne regions is nearing completion. The condition survey work for the Kimberley region will commence in March/April 2025, following the wet season in the Kimberley region.

### Road Rail Interface Agreements

Rail Interface Agreements are a requirement under the *Rail Safety National Law (WA) Act 2015*. Each metropolitan Local Government with road/rail crossings with PTA electrified network was recently sent an Interface Agreement for review and execution. All nine Local Governments have now signed this updated agreement. For road/rail interfaces on the Arc Infrastructure network, a model *pro forma* agreement between Local Governments and Arc Infrastructure is nearing the end of negotiations and should be available for Local Government review and action soon. WALGA will begin a process to liaise with each relevant affected Local Government to provide advice around the new agreement, once the *pro forma* agreement has been finalised.

### Update of User Guides for calculating the cost of road wear for defined freight tasks

Due to recent escalation in road construction costs, WALGA has initiated an update of the unit rates that are used to underpin the methodologies in the User Guides for calculating the cost of road wear for defined freight tasks on sealed and unsealed roads. NTRO have been appointed to update the guides and to compile an online calculator and the project is scheduled for completion in February 2025.

### Operational Boundaries and Asset Responsibilities in Rural Regions

Main Roads have released a draft policy document that defines the operational and maintenance boundaries between State and Local Roads outside of the Metropolitan Region (a policy for the Metropolitan Region was published in 2020). WALGA has initiated a sector consultation process and will provide feedback to Main Roads.

## Funding

### Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) Model Revisions

The WALGA Infrastructure Team is working with the Regional Road Groups to harmonise the MCA models used by Regional Road Groups to prioritise projects for Road Project Grant funding. The proposed changes to the MCA models reflect the new focus areas of the State Roads Funds to Local Governments Agreement, while still allowing for flexibility to recognise the significant differences between regions. Six out of nine Regional Road Groups have

commenced the MCA revision process, while the remaining three Regional Road Groups will begin the process in the upcoming months.

## Transport

### Bus Stop Infrastructure

WALGA State Council sought some amendments to the draft Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement 2025 to 2029 at the December 2024 meeting. The Public Transport Authority has provided an initial response to these matters and further discussions are progressing.

### Active Transport and Micromobility-Discussion Paper

The discussion paper has now been completed. WALGA proposes to host a forum and workshop with Elected Members and key stakeholders, followed by a workshop with the Local Government Active Transport Reference Group. The aim of these sessions is to engage high-level strategic stakeholders in shaping actionable and strategic policy positions for WALGA in active transport. This forum presents a valuable opportunity to collaboratively develop practical and effective policy outcomes that address Active Transport challenges at the local, state, and national levels.

## Asset Management

### Road Assets and Expenditure Report Update Project

Tango IT has completed a final report detailing the current processes used to develop the RAE Report and identifying options for improvement in data collection, interpretation, and presentation. The consultant has also prepared final Request for Proposal documentation for WALGA to use in going to market to undertake the suggested improvement works.

## Road Safety

### RoadWise Councils

As of 1 January 2025, there were seventy-four (74) Local Governments registered as a RoadWise Council. There is a spread of RoadWise Councils across all ten Regional Road Group regions. In terms of road safety activity, 81% (60) of registered RoadWise Councils recorded 237 local road safety activities in the period October and December 2024.

### RoadWise Recognised

The RoadWise Recognised Advisory Committee last met in November 2024. Points, which signify road safety actions undertaken, were allocated to 62 RoadWise Councils. The Points that were allocated reflected actions delivered across the different areas of the [RoadWise Framework](#). This then converted to Ribbons which were awarded in recognition of a holistic approach to road safety across governance, management, and operations. In this way, the allocation of Points and Ribbons is designed to encourage local road safety toward better and ultimately best practice.