



## 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 shortly. 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 now complete and Local Governments have been provided access to the condition data via an online tool and hard drive. The condition survey project for the Kimberley region has commenced, with data logging to begin in April.

### 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 has 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. The updates are scheduled for publication in April.

### 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 consulted Local Governments and Zone committees. Feedback has been collated, and a submission response has been provided 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. All the Regional Road Groups have commenced the MCA revision process, with the process in the Gascoyne and South West region now complete.

## Transport

### **Bus Stop Infrastructure**

Bus stop infrastructure agreement is in its final stages. It is anticipated that the parties will sign the new agreement in April.

### **Active Transport and Micromobility-Discussion Paper**

On 6 March, WALGA hosted the Active Transport Strategic Forum, where high-level stakeholders were invited to provide insights on the gaps and challenges in active transport that WALGA had identified. These discussions will help shape the development of WALGA's Active Transport policy position. As the next step, an online workshop for Local Government officers is scheduled for 2 April.

## 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. Work has commenced to prepare the procurement documents to progress to Phase 2 of the project. This phase will include the development of a database, reporting interface, and dashboard.

## Road Safety

### **Road Safety Council Update**

The Road Safety Council met on 14 March, primarily to consider submissions for Road Trauma Trust Account funding and to prepare the Council's recommendations to the Minister responsible for road safety for the 2025-26 budget. The other matters considered at that meeting included: updates on the road safety research program, a proposal to introduce demerit point penalty for lower-level speeding offences, and reviews of both the e-rideable regulations and the graduated licensing systems. The Road Safety Council meet next in June.