

# Regional Road Group Report

## August 2025

## Roads

### Transport and Roads Forum

Finalising arrangements for the 2025 Transport and Roads Forum held in August was a key activity during the reporting period. Events such as this provide an opportunity for Local Government leaders to engage with government policy makers and key stakeholders to influence future directions.

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

Work progressed on two new projects: an investigation into 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

Field work for the road condition survey in the Kimberley region was completed. The final report remains outstanding. When received, this will mark completion of condition assessments of all Local Government Roads of Regional Significance in WA, outside of the metropolitan region.

### Road Rail Interface Agreements

A model *pro forma* agreement between Local Governments and Arc Infrastructure has been drafted and agreed. A memorandum outlining what has changed between the old and new agreements, the main issues of contention, their resolution, and other key updates was provided to all Local Governments hosting Arc Infrastructure operated rail in July 2025. Arc Infrastructure has commenced providing proposed agreements to Local Governments.

Rail Interface Agreements have been required since 2010 with the details now set out under the *Rail Safety National Law (WA) 2024*.

## 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, Great Southern, and South West region now complete. Significant progress has been made in each of the other regions.

## Transport

### Active Transport and Micromobility-Discussion Paper

Building on the outcomes of the two stakeholder workshops and the associated discussion paper, WALGA has developed a series of proposed policy positions to support Active Transport initiatives across the Local Government sector. These draft positions reflect the key insights and priorities identified through engagement and will form the basis for WALGA's ongoing policy development and advocacy in this area.

## Asset Management

### Road Assets and Expenditure (RAE) Report Project

A project to identify options to improve data collection, interpretation and presentation of information concerning Local Government road assets and expenditure progressed. A study detailing the current processes used to develop the Road Asset and Expenditure Report was completed and work is ongoing to prepare tender materials and commence the project to deliver a new, contemporary process. This phase will include the development of a database, reporting interface, and dashboard.

### Review of the WALGA Road Visual Condition Assessment Manual

The WALGA Road Visual Condition Manual was published in 2016. Significant technology advances and stakeholder feedback have triggered the need for a review and update. Consultants, CivilSE, have been appointed to undertake the review, which will include comprehensive consultation with users, and preparing a second edition. This manual provides important support to Local Government road managers and provides the framework for being able to understand the condition of the road network statewide.

## Road Safety

### Road Safety Council

The Road Safety Council met on 14 March and 13 June 2025. The Council's Communiques can be viewed at [Road Safety Council Meeting Communiques](#)

### RoadWise Recognised

Seventy-five Local Governments are registered RoadWise Councils. The RoadWise Recognised Advisory Committee met in May and August 2025. Points, which signify road safety actions undertaken, were considered for 72 (95%) of RoadWise Councils who together recorded more than 200 activities each quarter. The Points that were allocated reflected actions delivered across the different areas of the [RoadWise Framework](#). The spread of activity demonstrates how holistic the approach to road safety across governance, management, and operations has been and is acknowledged with the awarding of RoadWise Recognised Ribbons, up to a maximum of five. In this way, the allocation of Points and Ribbons is designed to encourage local road safety toward better and ultimately best practice.

At the 2025 WALGA Local Government Awards on 19 July, 10 RoadWise Councils; the shires of Broome, Capel, Dowerin, Dundas, Exmouth, Jerramungup, Quairading, along with the Town of Claremont and Cities of Greater Geraldton and Karratha were acknowledged for achieving the largest increase in level of activity recorded for their regional road group and the Shire of Dowerin received the WA RoadWise Council perpetual trophy for achieving the largest increase in level of activity recorded across all RoadWise Councils. The 2025 Ribbon Status for all RoadWise Councils was revealed with five RoadWise Councils, the Shire of Harvey, Shire of Manjimup, City of Rockingham, City of South Perth and Shire of Wyalkatchem receiving a Five-Ribbon status. A full breakdown of the 2025 Ribbons can be viewed [here](#).