### Roads

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

An investigation into road data collection technologies for Local Governments in WA was recently published on the <u>LGTRRIP website</u>. The development of a road safety rating tool for intersections is progressing.

### **Road Rail Interface Agreements**

The model *pro forma* Interface Agreement template between Local Governments and Arc Infrastructure has been disseminated by Arc Infrastructure to Local Governments in the South West, Goldfields, and Great Southern regions. Agreements will be sent to Local Governments in the Mid West and Wheatbelt regions in due course. A memorandum outlining what has changed between the old and new agreements, the main issues of contention, their resolution, and other key updates was also provided to all Local Governments hosting Arc Infrastructure operated rail in July 2025.

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

## **Funding**

## State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC)

WALGA and Main Roads WA have been progressing activities to implement resolutions made by the SAC at the September meeting. These include efforts to reduce funding expected to be carried forward at the end of 2025/26 by calling for additional shovel ready projects in regional locations and additional rehabilitation projects in the Metropolitan region.

SAC have also requested that Main Roads WA and WALGA draft amendments to the State Road Funds to Local Government Procedures to clarify methodologies for the allocation of road project grant funding.

## 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 Agreement. The proposed changes to the MCA models reflect the new focus areas of the State Roads Funds to Local Government 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**

The paper is now published on the WALGA website. The paper provides an overview of the current situation for Active Transport in Western Australia, including existing infrastructure, planning frameworks, and local government initiatives. It also outlines key challenges and opportunities identified through consultation with Local Governments across the State.



The Discussion Paper aims to inform ongoing policy development, encourage collaboration, and support the creation of safer, more connected, and more sustainable transport networks across Western Australia. Read the discussion paper here.

#### **Active Transport and Micromobility Advocacy Plan**

The Active Transport advocacy positions were endorsed by State Council in September. These positions were developed through a process that began with a draft discussion paper, supported by consultations and a stakeholder workshop involving local governments and State agencies. You can view these positions here: <a href="Advocacy-Positions-Manual-(updated-19-September-2025">Advocacy-Positions-Manual-(updated-19-September-2025)</a>.pdf.

Work has commenced on an Active Transport Advocacy Plan to guide efforts to achieve the changes identified.

## **Asset Management**

## Road Assets and Expenditure (RAE) Report Project

Procurement to appoint a qualified contractor to undertake the works associated with improving the data collection, interpretation and presentation of information concerning Local Government road assets and expenditure closed on 17 October. Work is now underway to evaluate the proposals and award the tender. The study detailing the current processes used to develop the Road Asset and Expenditure Report and a future state will be used as a basis for completing this work. 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. Work has progressed on the report and WALGA is currently undertaking a review of the updated document. 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**

#### 2025 Australasian Road Safety Conference

Western Australia's hosted more than 600 delegates from across the globe at the 2025 Australasian Road Safety Conference in October. WALGA's expertise through the RoadWise program contributed to the impact of this event including by: participating in the organising committees, planning and delivering a conference workshop especially for Local Governments, and showcasing Local Government contributions to road safety program through an exhibition booth and the presentation of two papers. Home - ARSC 2025 Conference | Road Safety Excellence - Australasia

#### Regulatory Impact Analysis to reduce the open road default speed limit

WALGA provided a submission to the National Office of Road Safety in response to the Consultation Regulatory Impact Analysis to reduce the open road default speed limit. This submission is based on advocacy positions endorsed by State Council in August 2022 and May 2023.

#### **Road Safety Council**

The Road Safety Council Communiques can viewed at Road Safety Council Meeting Communiques