



# Regional Road Group Report

## February 2026



## Roads

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

The development of a road safety rating tool for intersections is progressing, while work on the Crumb Rubber in Asphalts Guideline is nearing completion. Work on a guideline for use of Marginal Materials will commence soon.

### Road Rail Interface Agreements

Following an internal error on the part of Arc Infrastructure, model *pro forma* Interface Agreement templates between Local Governments and Arc Infrastructure will be redistributed by Arc Infrastructure to Local Governments in the South West, Goldfields, and Great Southern regions. Agreements will also be sent to Local Governments in the Mid West and Wheatbelt regions as part of this re-release. 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.

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

### Guidelines and Specifications for Residential Crossovers

WALGA is currently reviewing the practicality and effectiveness of the Residential Crossover Guidelines and Specifications to ensure they continue to meet the needs of Local Governments. A survey was undertaken to gather feedback from Local Governments on how the document is being applied, which sections are most useful, and where improvements may be required.

The survey responses have now been reviewed, and the next phase of work is progressing, including further engagement to inform potential updates to the document.

## Funding

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

To reduce the impact of project delays on funding carried forward, a rapid evaluation of 68 "shovel ready" project proposals from Local Governments with a grant value of over \$30 million was undertaken with Main Roads WA and a series of recommendations made. The SAC met in December and approved:

1. 2025/26 funding for 27 "shovel ready" projects from non-metropolitan regions with a grant value of \$10.1 million to be funded from future Metro RRG funding allocations.
2. 2025/26 funding for 21 rehabilitation projects in the metropolitan region with a grant value of \$5 million to be funded from future Metro RRG funding allocations.
3. changes to the SAC Procedures to provide guidance on Regional Road Group Policies.

Key issues for discussion and further action were:

1. Overcoming challenges in delivering an aboriginal employment commitment project;
2. Response to the Auditor General Report on regional Local Government road maintenance
3. Timetable for BlackSpot program to be completed and communicated to Local Governments

4. Support from Main Roads WA for DRFA WA assessments on local roads
5. Changes made to the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) condition of access requiring Local Governments to provide a letter of support for transport tasks.

## Regional Road Safety Program

Working in partnership with the RAC and Main Roads WA the Association provided guidance to updating the original 2022 Business Case for investment in regional road safety improvements. The update reflects road improvements recently completed, revised cross-sections, construction cost increases and benefits from reduced shoulder maintenance costs. Main Roads WA have provided the updated case to Infrastructure Australia.

Responses from the 27 Local Governments invited to deliver projects funded under Tranche 2 of the program will be assessed in February, with a proposed program to be finalised as soon as possible.

Changes to the MOU between Main Roads WA and participating Local Governments were negotiated following feedback from Igis regarding proposed provisions in relation to liability and insurance.

## 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 provisions outlined in the procedures document of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement (Agreement). The proposed changes to the MCA models reflect the new focus areas of the 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, Kimberley, and South-West region now complete. Significant progress has been made in each of the other regions.

## Transport

### Active Transport and Micromobility Advocacy Plan

Development of the Active Transport Advocacy Plan is underway, with a number of initial advocacy actions identified to support the implementation of the endorsed policy positions. These actions include a range of advocacy and engagement activities, with indicative timeframes and target audiences identified.

Delivery of the advocacy actions will require both internal and external collaboration, with stakeholder engagement undertaken as appropriate to the purpose of each action.

## Asset Management

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

In a significant shift, WALGA's Strategic Executive Team was presented with and approved a proposal to engage the internal WALGA Business Intelligence & Analytics team to undertake the work to modernise the architecture and processes used to manage data and generate the Road Assets and Expenditure Report, rather than moving forward with an external consultant. The work undertaken by Tango IT to detail the current processes used to develop the Road Asset and Expenditure Report and a future state will still be used as a basis for completing this work. The project will include the development of a database, reporting interface, and dashboard and will commence in early 2026.

## Review of the WALGA Road Visual Condition Assessment Manual

The revisions of the WALGA Road Visual Condition Manual, originally published in 2016, are now almost complete, with a final draft version currently circulating with key stakeholders for a final review. 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. This is aligned with recommendations in the Auditor General's report, *Maintaining Regional Local Roads*.

## Road Safety

### RoadWise Councils

As of 1 January 2026, there were 75 Local Governments registered as a RoadWise Council and spread across all 10 Regional Road Group regions. During the October – December 2025 quarter, 65 RoadWise Councils implemented 257 local road safety activities, supported by WALGA's team of road safety staff.

### RoadWise Recognised

The RoadWise Recognised Advisory Committee last met in November 2025 and endorsed the allocation of 3,441 Points to the 73 RoadWise Councils who collectively recorded road safety actions during the July-September quarter. Points are allocated for each road safety activity or intervention undertaken as per the RoadWise Framework. Points are based on the effectiveness, longevity and scale of the road safety activity and considers the capacity of the RoadWise Council.

### Road Safety Council

The Road Safety Council Communiques can be viewed at [Road Safety Council Meeting Communiques](#).