

STATE ROAD FUNDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES (Meeting 02/2022)

Held at Main Roads on
Friday, 2nd September 2022 10:00am

Committee Members Present:

Mr D Snook	MRWA	(Chair)
Cr K Chappel	WALGA	
Cr M Rich	WALGA	
Cr C Pavlovich	WALGA	
Cr H Sadler	WALGA	
Mr N Sloan	WALGA	
Mr M Cammack	MRWA	
Mr J Erceg	MRWA	

Others in Attendance:

Mr I Duncan	WALGA	
Mr K Pethick	MRWA	
Mr S Purdy	IPWEA	(Observer)
Mr G Eves	WALGA	
Mr A Chew	MRWA	(Secretariat)

Apologies:

Mr D Morgan	MRWA
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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed the Committee members and noted Doug Morgan was an apology.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Three items of correspondence were noted, those being;

1. A request from the South West Regional Road Group (RRG) for the SAC to endorse their Road Project Prioritisation Guidelines, to be discussed at item 11.2
2. A copy of the letters from the SAC to the Pilbara and Kimberley RRG Chairs, requesting information on their Road Project Grant allocations for 2022/23
3. An extract of the response received from the Pilbara RRG Chair

It was noted that no response had been received from the Kimberley RRG and a further response from the Pilbara RRG was received after the circulation of the Agenda to SAC. A revised copy of the Road Project Grant allocations for 2022/23 in the Pilbara was circulated at the meeting.

The additional information was noted by SAC with any follow up to be taken off-line via WALGA.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (03/2021)

The minutes of the Meeting number 01/2022, held on 29 April 2022, as attached to the Agenda, were accepted as a true record of proceedings.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Summary of Outstanding Actions

Reference Item No/Officer	Action Required / Taken
2021-22 SBS Projects 03/2021-1 MC	<p>02/09/2022 COMPLETE - Discussion was held at Workshop that occurred on 08/08/2022 – refer to item 6.1</p> <p>29/04/2022 An extraordinary meeting/workshop will be arranged when a paper has been prepared to determine options for implementation to stabilise the SBS</p> <p>10/12/2021 Follow up with RRGs to provide a list of State Black Spot projects that will not be fully delivered this year and what the specific reasons are. Organise an offline out of session meeting to examine resolutions and the approach for next year</p>
Review Road Funding Distribution Methodology 03/2021-2 ID / MC	<p>02/09/2022 Workshop occurred 08/08/2022 to discuss and analyse the data. ACIL Allen are now undertaking further work using the outcomes of the workshop to provide options of potential distribution of Road Project Grant funds.</p> <p>29/04/2022 Refer Agenda Item 10.2 ACIL Allen appointed as consultants and are currently analysing the data to be reviewed at yet to be confirmed workshop with SAC</p> <p>10/12/2021 Ian Duncan to come back before Xmas with a recommendation for one of the two suppliers for commissioning in early January 2022 and then meet with SAC mid-February 2022 to organise a workshop.</p> <p>13/08/2021 Ongoing – The separate workshop for SAC to be held after 31 August 2021 to discuss the Assessment Framework deliverables under Items 6.1 and 6.2 from the paper included with the 01/2021 meeting's agenda has been reset to during September 2021.</p> <p>16/04/2021 Dependent on the progress of the consultant, a separate workshop for SAC will be held after 31 August 2021 to discuss the Assessment Framework deliverables under Items 6.1 and 6.2 from the paper included with the previous meeting's agenda.</p> <p>16/04/2021 Refer item 10.2 for a draft scope of work to a review the current Road Project Grant funding split between Metropolitan and Rural RRGs</p> <p>01/12/20 Maurice Cammack and Ian Duncan to update progress to report back to SAC at the next SAC meeting on 16 April 2021</p> <p>13/08/2020 Maurice Cammack and Ian Duncan to develop a potential scope of work for a review of the current Road Project Grant funding split between Metropolitan and Rural RRGs</p>
Road Safety and Next Agreement 01/2022-1 KP	<p>02/09/2022 MC gave an overview of the progress to date and confirmed that work was still in progress to provide more detail. The Paper to be circulated is intended to provide the appropriate level of guidance and linkages to the National Road Safety Strategy and State Strategy</p> <p>29/04/2022 A document will be prepared and circulated to delegates offline summarising current discussions around the topic of Road Safety and how it may be strengthened in the next agreement.</p>
2022/23 Road Project Grant Program Allocation 01/2022-2 ID/MC	<p>02/09/2022 As per correspondence in/out. KC proposed that WALGA engage with the Local Governments in Pilbara and Kimberley outside of the SAC This item is now complete.</p> <p>29/04/2022 SAC to review the Kimberley & Pilbara RRG supporting information that demonstrates their program allocation reflects the strategic needs of the region</p>

Heavy Vehicle Permits 01/2022-3 DS	02/09/2022 COMPLETE - Refer to Item 11.1 02/09/2022 This is covered at 11.1, the Heavy Vehicle report and now completed. 29/04/2022 A/MD to have out-of-session discussion with Director, Heavy Vehicle Safety with regards to 'last mile' local roads and related permits
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5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROADS PROGRAM

5.1 Expenditure Profiles 2021/22

Maurice Cammack provided a summary of the final expenditures for the 2021/22 Program:

The 2021/22 Program was for a total of \$259.6m (which included a \$45.6m carryover from the previous year) with \$213.6m spent during 2021/22. This has resulted in a \$45.9m carryover into 2022/23. While still not ideal, it was noted that the program slightly improved compared to the previous year with an increase in total value expenditure from the previous year.

A question was raised as to whether the carryover of unspent funds would be allowed to continue once the current Agreement concludes at the end of 2022/23. The response was that it would be expected to be carried over.

Some further discussion occurred around opportunities to increase project delivery and acquittal particularly for the SBS program. It was noted that some recommendations had already been proposed to be discussed in item 6.1, it was agreed by all delegates that any proposed recommendations going forward would require a measured approach focusing on ways to increase project delivery.

5.2 Expenditure Profiles 2022/23

The Committee noted the current program for 2022/23, summarised below.

A \$279.8m program (which includes the \$45.9m carryover from 2021/22).
\$185.5m within Category 1 (Local Govt delivered) and \$94.3 within Category 2 (Main Roads WA delivered).

The current End of Financial Year Variances indicated in the report are predictions based on current forecasts, noting some forecasts are missing.

Once all forecasts are entered, it will provide further information on the 2022/23 program and any programs that will require particular attention.

An updated report can be distributed to SAC members once updated forecasts have been entered at the end of September.

5.3 MINDER (Financial Report)

The Committee noted the report included in the agenda.

Noted the continued challenge around Bridge Inspections and that the amount of Bridge Inspections was higher in the previous year. Also noted that the next Transport and Roads Forum is scheduled to take place in March 2023.

Question was raised regarding the lack of resources in some Regions to conduct Level 1 Bridge inspections and whether this could be conducted by external consultants. While there could be capacity for consultants to conduct Level 1 Bridge inspections, the costliest aspect of the work involved would be the travel, especially to the more remote regions and probably does not represent the best value for money. It was noted that the Level 1 inspections were a visual assessment against a checklist and not technical in nature and as such could be undertaken by a non-technical person.

5.4 **2020/21 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure**

The Committee noted the report included in the agenda.

Ian Duncan spoke to the report and commented on the trends identified during this period.

5.5 **Local Roads Program Manager Report**

The Committee endorsed the report included in the agenda.

Geoff Eves spoke to the report and commented on the major activities undertaken this period

6. STATE BLACK SPOT PROGRAM

6.1 Summary and Financial Reports

The Committee noted the Summary and Financial Reports for 2021/22 and the continued challenges with delivery of the SBS program.

Overall

- Total expenditure was \$24.51M being 58% of the approved budget

State

- Total expenditure was \$15.29M being 72% of the approved budget

Local

- Total expenditure was \$5.35M being 25% of the approved budget

A Paper identifying and evaluating options to improve the delivery of the program was presented. It was noted that there was a numerical error contained; in Table Two, underneath column titled "Total Funds for Expenditure" should read \$24.591m instead of \$23.455m, which means the "Funds Reallocated" amount should also now read \$12m instead of \$10.864m.

The proposed options were discussed in detail with agreement to the introduction of a required staged approach for projects nominated for SBS funding in future. Funding to strengthen design works in Year 1, with further funding for construction activities in year 2 or before if the pre-works are fully completed.

The Committee approved a nominal 50/50 split in funding for design and construction in the first and second year with flexibility to adjust the split depending on the nominations put forward.

The Committee also endorsed all but two of the options presented for the available funds (\$9m) provided in the paper. The two exceptions were.

- Line marking equipment; and
- Fund Reallocation

Final allocations will be weighted towards the ability to deliver within the current financial year and into 2023-24 if required. Work will now be undertaken to identify suitable projects/programs for out of session approval.

7. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BLACK SPOT PROGRAM

7.1 Summary and Financial Reports

The Committee noted the Summary and Financial Reports for the 2021/22. Delivery is marginally better than SBS program.

Overall

- Total expenditure was \$14.59m being 75% of the approved budget

State

- Total expenditure was \$4.01m being 67% of the approved budget

Local

- Total expenditure was \$10.59m being 57% of the approved budget

8. REGIONAL ROAD GROUP ATTENDANCE

The Committee noted the report attached to the Agenda.

9. ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW

9.1 Classifications & Proclamations

The Committee noted the attached table of classifications and proclamation actions.

9.2 Future State Roads Project

The report was noted

10 STATE ROAD FUNDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

10.1 Commitments list

Maurice Cammack provided a brief update on activities that arose from the current Agreement.

9 Activities in total, 6 have been completed. The outstanding items are

- 1) Local Government Road Safety Project – embedding in the MCA process.
- 2) Roads of Regional Significance Document – Has been drafted.
- 3) Review Road Funding Distribution Methodology – ACIL Allen project.

Work continues to progress on all three.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Heavy Vehicle Issues - Over Size, Over Mass Unit, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and Harvest Management Scheme

The Committee noted the report included in the agenda.

Action item 01/2022-3 was completed and addressed in the report regarding 'last mile' local roads and related permits

11.2 South West Regional Road Group Project Prioritisation Guidelines

The committee endorsed the revised Road Project Prioritisation Guidelines with a greater focus on Road Safety.

11.3 Multi-Criteria Assessment Model for Road Project Grant Prioritisation

The Committee agreed in principle on the intent of the framework acknowledging some models may need to be tailored to suit a region's particular needs..

ACTION 02/2022-1 – ID/MC to develop a pro forma model ready to circulate to Regional Road Groups by mid October.

11.4 Roundtable (Other business as raised)

Question was raised on Federal Black Spot and how WA's performance compares with other States/Jurisdictions. The response is unknown at this stage although will investigate as to what data is available to determine WAs performance in comparison with other States and jurisdictions.

ACTION 02/2022-2 – MRWA Investigation into how WA compared to other States and jurisdictions regarding Federal Black Spot program funded project delivery.

Maurice Cammack provided a comment that WA's Regional Road Safety Program did perform very well compared to other States and jurisdictions and that was a comment reiterated by the Commonwealth Government

Des Snook informed the Committee that John Erceg would commence his new role as Managing Director effective 5 September 2022. The Committee offered its congratulations and thanked both Des and John for their continued efforts representing the Committee.

12 NEXT MEETING

9 December 2022 at WALGA

13 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:50am.

APPENDIX A

Action List (To be updated as per above list)

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<p>Multi-Criteria Assessment Pro Forma Model 02/2022-1 ID/MC</p>	<p>2/09/2022 Prepare a Pro Forma MCA Model to provide to each RRG and metrics for the determination of Road Project prioritisation going forward</p>
<p>Federal Black Spot Performance 02/2022-2 MRWA</p>	<p>2/09/2022 MRWA to conduct an analysis into how WA performed on the Federal Black Spot Program compared to other States and jurisdictions</p>