

STATE ROAD FUNDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

MINUTES – Tuesday 27th August 2024.
(Meeting August - 02/2024)

Held at MRWA

SAC Members Present:

Mr John Erceg (JE)	MRWA (Chair)
Mr D Snook (DS)	MRWA
Mr M Cammack (MC)	MRWA
Mr D Morgan (DM)	MRWA
Cr K Chappel (KC)	WALGA
Mr N Sloan (NS)	WALGA
President C Antonio (CA)	WALGA
Mayor Deb Hamblin (MH)	WALGA (Attended via TEAMS)
Mr D MacLennan (DMC)	WALGA

Others in Attendance:

Mr M Bondietti (MB)	WALGA
Mr S Purdy (SP)	IPWEA
Mr Doug Pearson (DP)	WALGA
Mr K Pethick (KP)	MRWA

Apologies:

Mr I Duncan (ID)	WALGA
Ms R Lewis (RL)	MRWA (Secretariat)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Chair opened the meeting at 10:00am with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed SAC members.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Monday, 20th May 2024.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024, as attached to the agenda, were accepted as a true record of proceedings.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.2 Summary of Outstanding Actions

Reference Item No/Officer	Action Required / Taken / Agenda Items
Roads 2040 Additional Roads 01/2024 DM	27 August 2024 - Complete All roads approved to be removed from ROADS 2040 ACTION: A proposal from the Kimberley Regional Road Group to remove six roads from ROADS 2040 was deferred pending further response from the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley regarding the future approach for these roads.
Vanguards Program 01/2024 MC	27 August 2024 – Completed Additional information was provided ACTION: MC to provide a more detailed report regarding components of the proposed expenditure including any funding to support participants attending.
Local Roads Program 2024-25 01/2024 RL	27 August 2024 – Completed Minister has signed the program off, regions were advised ACTION: RL to seek approval of the Local Roads Program 2024-25 from the Minister.

ROADS 2040

Both the region and LGA were followed up and it was confirmed that there was currently no works planned for these roads. SAC noted that roads removed from ROADS 2040 would not automatically be removed from an LGAs inventory as many roads on an LGA inventory are not currently on ROADS 2040.

Given the above, all five road removal requests (as per the agenda) were approved. Duncan Road, King River Road, Mt Elizabeth Road, Ninbing Road and Port Warrender Road.

Further noting that Glen Hill Road, one of the original six requested was not showing on ROADS 2040.

Vanguards

An updated paper was distributed at the meeting. It noted a further breakdown of expenditure. The paper included two recommendations, neither were voted on. After discussions around the success of the program, target audience and potential impediments to even great attendance, an action was for circulation of options for supporting smaller and/or more remote LGA representatives to attend.

Information regarding past attendee's, location and roles would also be distributed to SAC members.

Local Roads Program

This has been signed off by the Minister with all RRGs notified.

3.CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the Gascoyne Regional Road Group (GRRG) was noted and considered.

Delegates agreed that a letter be drafted for signature by the SAC Chair and President Cr Karen Chappel. It was acknowledged that the Gascoyne RRG had achieved 100% deliver over the past two years.

4.FINANCIAL REPORTS 2023-24

4.1 Expenditure Profile/Sub Programs

SAC noted the report on the Summary of expenditure of State Funding on Local Roads for the period ending 31st June 2024.

MC provided a summary of the expenditure for the 2023-24 Program.

2023-24 Budget	\$315M
YTD Expenditure	\$243M
Overall Result	\$ 72M (under expenditure)

It was noted that the overall percentages were close to the previous year however there had been a \$value increase due to the increased budget.

Individual categories were discussed with particular attention to Road Project Grants, Black Spot and Bridges. For Bridges the overall program was on a better delivery projection, however, the Station St Bridge delay was a significant part of the poor result.

Black Spots were an improved category, although it was noted that the Mass Action program played a significant role in the improved deliver outcome of the program. Results for 2024-25 will be closely monitored.

Road Project Grants and SBS were the focus of Doug Pearson's report and analysis. Some time was spent going through the report (included in agenda) and the individual actions items that were proposed in the report.

There were many positives in the report, noting that delivery was up in many regions. Metro RRG had made many positive steps.

Areas which continue to impede delivery include;
Services, EPA Delays and Rail shut down.

Road Engineers or lack of.
Limited use of effectively staging projects.
Deliverability assessments not being supported by outcomes.

Looking at the Proposed actions list (as included in Doug's report);
Doug Pearson to draft letters both acknowledging good performance and also where he is looking to support better delivery outcomes. Letters to be targets at Mayor and/or CEO so they may stand out within all LGA general correspondence.

Doug will continue to focus the two RRGs with the largest budgets being Metro and South West. This will include working with RRGs on;

MRRG

- Deliverability assessment process.
- Review 25/26 submissions, potential to include additional Rehab projects.
- Report back to SAC after the delivery review.
- Work with LGAs whom have significant carryover projects.
- For Black Spots, is there an opportunity to move some funding towards a further mass action treatment program. Issues to be looked at would include, are the treatments correct for roads changing function (volume rather than shoulder sealing), do those LGAs also have capacity to spend.

SWRRG

- Work with the RRG on potential benefits for a Deliverability Assessment process.
- Greater emphasis on staging projects.
- Work with LGAs whom have significant carryover projects.
- Review any potential mass action treatment programs.

Expenditure Profiles YTD 2023/24

SAC noted that the report on the Summary of State Funding on Local Roads for the end of July 2024 period.

The report reflected the 2024-25 allocation of \$273 million approved by the Minister (State budget allocated funds) and \$72 million carried over resulting in a total budget of \$345 million for delivery this year.

4.2 Australian Government Program (Black Spot)

MC Provided a summary of the expenditures for the program to date.

SAC Noted the report on the Summary of the Australian Government Black Spot Program.

5. GENERAL REPORTS

5.1 WALGA Local Roads Program Manager

The report was briefly discussed highlighting the progress on the condition assessment of roads of regional significance. Also, ongoing work for the introduction of a common based multi-criteria assessment methodology.

5.2 MINDER

MB commented briefly on the report provided.

SAC noted the report.

5.3 Regional Road Group Report

MB commented briefly on the report provided.

SAC noted the report.

5.4 Agreement Commitments

Aboriginal employment – DS

It was noted that Mayor Deb Hamblin was part of the working group. Email has already gone out to LGAs about the work of the group. There are multiple other LGAs already participating directly in the process.

The report in the agenda was noted.

Road Safety – DM

Report was noted and that next steps would include grouping LGAs into some sort of tiered arrangement for variations to depth of recording.

Recycled Materials – DM

Report noted. Support was giving for data to be collected this financial year as part/combined with data requests for the WALGA Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure Report.

5.5 Heavy Vehicle Services

DS acknowledged that there was no written report available but was open to any questions. One issue was the ongoing work for signage of oversized vehicles. This issue is being discussed with the Minister's Office but will also be referred to a reference group for input.

SAC noted the report.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Roads 2040 Additional Roads

Great Southern RRG requested that the Turner Road – Walter Road be included in ROADS 2040. This was endorsed by SAC.

6.2 Classifications & Proclamations- for noting

SAC noted the attached table of classifications and proclamation actions.

6.3 ROUNDTABLE/OTHER

Note on LGTRIP was taken as read.

7.NEXT MEETING

Friday 29th November 2024 at WALGA.

8.MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:00pm.

**APPENDIX A
Action List**

Reference Item No/Officer	Action Required / Taken / Agenda Items
Vanguards Cont...	Circulation of options for supporting smaller and/or more remote LGA representatives to attend. Information regarding past attendee’s, location and roles would also be distributed to SAC members.
GRRG Correspondence In. Additional Project options	Delegates agreed that a letter be drafted for signature by the SAC Chair and President Cr Karen Chappel.
WALGA roads program Manager report	Doug Pearson to draft letters both acknowledging good performance and also where he is looking to support better delivery outcomes