

# MINUTES

## South East Metropolitan Regional Road Sub-Group

Civic Centre, 2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells

2 October 2019

### 1. OPENING

- 1.1 Cr Julie Brown opened the meeting at 2:00pm

### 2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Membership</b>
Cr Julie Brown	City of Gosnells (Chair)
Cr Ruth Butterfield	City of Armadale
Cr Rob Coales	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
Cr Travis Burrows	City of South Perth
Mayor Trevor Vaughan	Town of Victoria Park
Ben Killigrew	Town of Victoria Park
Frank Squadrito	Town of Victoria Park
Patrick Bingham	Town of Victoria Park
Mal Shervill	WALGA
Mark Bondietti	WALGA
Prad Maha	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
Steven Harding	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
Mark Taylor	City of South Perth
Chris Jansen	City of South Perth
Simon Lee	City of South Perth
Laura Alderslade	Main Roads WA
Geoff Eves	Main Roads WA
Kathryn Siegert	Main Roads WA
Martyn Glover	City of Gosnells
Shane Asmus	City of Gosnells
Chandra Suppiah	City of Gosnells
Ashley Mckinnon	City of Canning
Ben Moore	City of Canning
Jim Polinelli	City of Belmont
Theo Naudè	City of Armadale
Mathew Tapscott	City of Armadale
Vesna Baskovic	City of Armadale
Yolanda Armitage	City of Armadale (Minutes)

#### 2.1 APOLOGIES

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Membership</b>
Ben Killigrew	Town of Victoria Park
Laura Alderslade	MRWA
Kathryn Siegert	MRWA
Steven Harding	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
Jim Polinelli	City of Belmont
Mark Taylor	City of South Perth
Chris Jansen	City of South Perth
Simon Lee	City of South Perth

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the South East Metropolitan Regional Road Sub Group meeting held on 6 March 2019 be confirmed.

**Moved:** Ashley Mckinnon

**Seconded:** Cr Rob Coales

#### 3.1 Election of Technical Officer Representative

Martyn Glover from the City of Gosnells nominated for the position Technical Officer representative for the South East Metropolitan Regional Road Group.

Cr Brown requested a show of hands for all in favour and declared the motion carried.

**Moved:** Theo Naude

**Seconded:** Ben Moore

### 4. REPORTS

#### 4.1 Review MRWA schedule of Direct Grant payments to Local Governments

##### 4.1.1 Identify those Local Governments that have not claimed their Direct Grant funding for the 2019/20 financial year from MRWA

The draft documents: 2020-21 Improvement Project listing and 2020-21 Rehab Project Submissions listing provided by Kathryn Siegert were distributed to members at the meeting.

Kathryn provided the following information:

#### Direct Grants

Metro's indicative allocation for 2020/21 is \$7,170,407. Individual Local Government (LG) allocations are yet to be advised.

#### Improvement Program

The assessment workshop has been scheduled for Thursday 10 October 2019. LG's required to present at this workshop and invitations will be sent within the next few days. Funding allocations for new projects will be determined after this workshop.

#### Rehabilitation Program

The proposed allocations have been determined to maximise possible funding for each LG based on a cap of \$750k, this is subject to review.

LGs are asked to review the proposed allocations and advise if they would like a revision of priorities to be considered.

Penalties, based on the performance results of the 2018/19 FY, were applied after determining the maximum possible funding for relevant each LG. If an LG is seeking a change in priorities the penalties will be applied to the revised maximum possible allocation.

Geoff Eves noted that following an update next week he will follow up with LG's that haven't put in claims. Cr Brown canvassed members for any outstanding project to be claimed. No projects were raised.

**4.2** Confirm road projects and Black Spot projects are on schedule for completion in the 2019/20 financial year.

Gosnells – Spencer Road improvement project has been opposed by a community group and a consultation process is currently underway. The City will know if the project will proceed by mid December 2019.

Geoff Eves advised that there were a large number of outstanding projects this year and further information would be proved later in the meeting.

Armadale - Railway Avenue / Centre Road – currently in the process of land acquisition and is on target for January this year.  
Powell Cres extension. Opposition from some members of the community and the Council decided to cancel the project.

Victoria Park – Shepperton Road/Mint Street variation will be submitted. In second year will not be completed this financial year.

S J Shire– Wright Rd clearing permit issue. Has taken over six months and still awaiting outcome. Abernathy Road – ongoing.

City of Canning - Webb Street -reached agreement to submit variation for the Black Spot funding due to an issue with unallocated crown land which will need to be resolved. The project might require an extension or cancellation.

Geoff Eves advised MRWA is aware of the unallocated land issue and has a group working on it.

**4.3** Review MRWA schedule of payments to Local Governments for road project grants and Black Spot projects - identify projects and the Local Governments that have not claimed the first 40% of funding.

Geoff Eves advised that when LG's claim the 1<sup>st</sup> 40% it's a good indication to MRWA that a LG is going ahead with the project. LG's have until 31 Dec to advise MRWA if it is not going to proceed with the project. The sooner an LG surrenders the funds, the sooner funding can be redistributed and allocated elsewhere. LG's are able to claim the 1<sup>st</sup> 40% from the middle of July.

**4.4** Discuss, prioritise and confirm list of shovel ready reserve projects (for the 2019/20 financial year).

4.4.1 Identify those projects that are unlikely to be acquitted in the 2019/20 financial year - identify actions to address if required i.e. can the project be recovered or can funding be reallocated to reserve projects. (Actions can be out-of-session).

\*Footnote

Confirmation from each member of the group that reserve Project/s will be available and ready to be included in the reserve projects list. Identify projects that were not funded initially are available to be funded by any surplus reserve.

Post Meeting Note:

At the meeting, Cr Brown asked for clarification on the matter.

Item 4.4.1 was lifted from the attached *Meeting Agenda Aide Regional Road Sub-Group or Technical Group* – the relevant part is highlighted in yellow.

After discussions with Mark Bondietti, I can confirm the intent of the wording at 4.4.1 is for a Regional Road Sub-Group or Technical Group (at their meetings between July to December) to review the status of all projects to identify those projects at risk or those Local Governments that have not claimed the first 40% for particular projects, which may indicate an at risk project. If any projects are identified as unrecoverable or the risk of the project not being delivered is deemed too great, then the Chair is entitled to explore (with Sub-Group or Technical Group members) reallocation of funding to reserve projects. The action is then for the Chair to report any at risk projects and/or decisions in this regard to the Metropolitan Regional Road Group.

**4.5** Confirm program submissions for the 2020/21 financial year.

4.5.1 Confirm necessary action is underway to apply for/obtain necessary permits, third party approvals, proper scheduling, etc. for proposed projects and reserve projects for the 2020/21 financial year.

No issues flagged with any projects.

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Shane Asmus & Ben Moore – Discussed PTA funding contribution process regarding continuation of South Street bus lane.

Theo Naudé – Noted movement in membership of the SEMRRG.

Mal Shervill – Level 1 Bridge inspection framework has been developed by MRWA/WALGA and is available on the WALGA website.

A draft of the IPWEA Guidelines will be distributed for feedback by 31 October 2019.

The policy template for Local Government works in road reserve was approved at the last meeting of the State Council and is available on the website

Cr Coles asked what the process was to change a speed zone. Members advised that as MRWA have authority a Local Government should write to MRWA. Although under review, the current policy titled 'Policy and application guidelines for speed zoning' is available on the MRWA website.

Cr Coles discussed how to gain clarification of funding for the Tonkin Hwy project.

Geoff Eves noted there had been minor improvement in rehab programs. Black spot didn't deliver as expected and carry forwards had reduced over the last 3 years. 27 projects did not commence construction, 11 for legitimate reasons. It is a political imperative that we do start spending the money and really manage projects and surrender the funds if necessary.

Approximately \$3.3M could have been claimed. Be aware state road funds to local government clearly place accountability on local government for the delivery of the various stages and when a LG accepts the money it confirms that the project/s are going to deliver in that 12 months. – it was requested that MRWA be informed at the soonest opportunity when there are changes in scope or funding

requirements.

## **6. NEXT MEETING**

Cr Brown canvassed members, 10:30 am on a Wednesday morning was acceptable for the next meeting. Discussion confirmed that the next meeting would take place in March/April 2020.

## **7. CLOSURE**

Cr Brown declared the meeting closed at 3:00 pm.

\*Footnote:

Email dated 11 October 2019 from Kathryn Siegert:

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This statement is not in line with the MRRG current practice. The reallocation of MRRG funding to Reserve projects is not a decision made at Sub Group level.

If an LG is unable to proceed with a Project advice is to be sent to the MRRG via Main Roads requesting the project be withdrawn from the Program. Identified surplus funds either from projects completed under budget or withdrawn from the Program are returned to relevant MRRG Pool for reallocation to Reserve Projects and cover approved variations for scope changes and/or additional funding.

The identification of eligible Reserve Projects is undertaken by Main Roads based on priority order during the second quarter of each FY and submitted to the MRRG Technical Group for recommendation to the Elected Members for approval. Prior to submitting the proposed listing of Reserve Projects for approval, Main Roads seeks confirmation from the relevant LGs that the projects as submitted are still deliverable and the proposed funding is able to be acquitted within the current financial year.

The role of the Sub Groups is to monitor the progress of the Groups current projects to ensure funding allocated to members in the group is acquitted within the required timeframe or advise them to notify Main Roads of any surplus funds.