

<b>INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE</b> <b>15 FEBRUARY 2012</b>	<b>5</b>
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ROAD SAFETY TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE –  
MEETING OF 29 NOVEMBER 2011

S. Tyter : 8/23/3: #3410527

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That this report and the attached minutes be noted.**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

A meeting of the Road Safety Traffic & Transport Advisory Committee (RSTTAC) was held on 29 November 2011.

Attached are the minutes of the meeting and actions arising for noting by Council.

**BACKGROUND:**

Councillor Pyne has been nominated to Chair the RSTTAC. Meetings are generally held quarterly. The objective of the committee is to enable a forum for discussion and information exchange between relevant groups and Council about issues of concern relating to traffic matters. The scope of the committee includes any strategic traffic related issue which affects all or the majority of committee members and is within the boundaries of Cairns Regional Council.

**COMMENT:**

The meeting of 29 November 2011 saw representation from Council; Department of Transport & Main Roads – Road Operations; the Department of Transport & Main Roads – Road Safety (old Queensland Transport); Queensland Police Service; and Sunbus.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

Corporate and Operational Plans:

This report links to:

Corporate Plan

- Item 2.1.4 and item 2.1.5 under the Key Goal 2.1 “A transport network that better matches the service level expectations and growth of the community” and

Operational Plan

- Infrastructure Management Activity in the Infrastructure Management Sub Program.

**Statutory:**

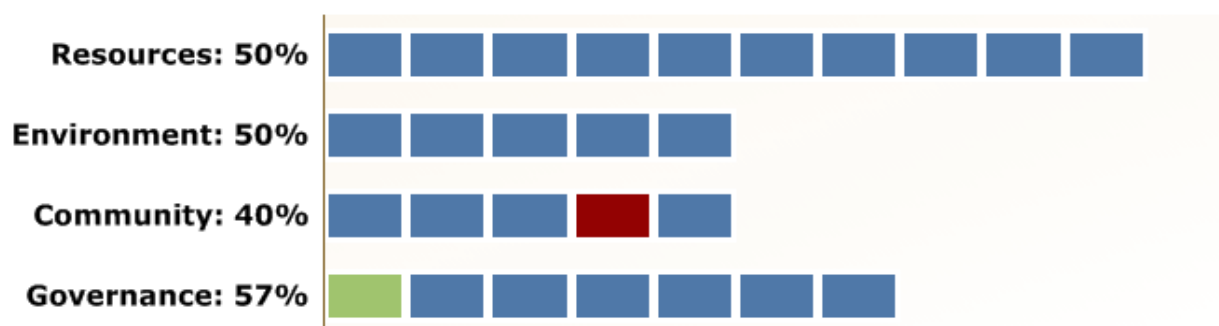
Under the Local Government Act, Council has jurisdiction to ensure good government in its area.

**Financial and Risk:**

{Detail the financial impact of the decision and the financial impact of any options. Also include a risk assessment of the decision and a risk assessment of any options.}

**Sustainability:**

Encouraging the co-operation between whole of government agencies to plan and work towards a safer road network.

**CONSULTATION:**

The following organisations are members of the Road Safety Traffic & Transport Advisory Committee

- Cairns Regional Council - Councillor Robert Pyne (Chair)
- Department of Transport & Main Roads
- Queensland Police
- RACQ
- Education Queensland.

**CONCLUSION:**

The Road Safety Traffic & Transport Advisory Committee has seen the emergence of a number of relevant issues as well as proposals for further action on:

- School traffic safety
- General traffic safety
- Co-ordination roles / responsibilities of Local / State departments
- Proposed road works by Council and DTMR
- Traffic regulation & law enforcement (Queensland Police Service / Queensland Transport).

There are no current issues requiring resolution by Council. The report and attached minutes are presented for noting only.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Minutes of the Road Safety Traffic & Transport Advisory Committee Meeting of 29 November 2011 (Refer # 1653183v20).

STEPHEN TYTER

**Manager Infrastructure Management**

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**General Manager Infrastructure Services**

## MINUTES

### Road Safety Traffic & Transport Advisory Committee

#### Meeting No. 36

*Held at 10.00am on Tuesday 29 November, 2011*

Present:

Cairns Regional Council (CRC)	Cr. Robert Pyne Cr.RP)(Chair); Stephen Tyter (ST); Natasha Murray (NM); Dean Hislop (DH); Cr.Nancy Lanskey (Cr.NL), & Cr Margaret Cochrane (Cr.MC)
Queensland Police Service (QP)	Preben Farbaek (PF)
Dept. Transport & Main Roads – Road Operations	David Hamilton (DH); Michael Ringer (MR); Peter McNamara (PM); Darren Lierkamp (DL)
Dept. Transport & Main Roads – Road Safety	Paul Ford (PFo)
SUNBUS	Richard Gabasa (RG)
RACQ (RACQ)	Not represented
Education Queensland (EQ)	Not represented

Apologies : Brian Hughes/ DTMR; Ian Pearl /CRC  
 Distribution of Minutes : Those present;  
 Councillors;  
 General Manager Infrastructure Services (CRC).

ITEM	DISCUSSION	PROPOSED ACTION / STATUS	ACTION OFFICER	DUE DATE
1.	Welcome: Cr. R. Pyne/ Chair opened meeting at 10.05am.and welcomed guests.	To note	Minute taker	
2.	Apologies: Given .	To note	All	

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3.	<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes:</b> Moved by Natasha Murray (NM) & seconded Michael Ringer (MR) and carried.	To Note	All	
4.	<b>Review of Actions from previous Meeting:</b> No further action required on following: N/A. .			
	<b>Matters Arising from previous RSTTAC Meeting –</b>	Refer ' <i>Outstanding Matters</i> ' as attached.	Various.	
5.	<b>Agency Reports :</b>			
5.1a	<b>Cairns Regional Council - <u>Major Projects</u></b>			
	<b>Reseal Program:</b> ST advised that CRC is identifying a reseal program to be implemented in the next dry season.	To Note	All	
	<b>Lake Street Extension:</b> NM advised that CRC is preparing a concept design and estimates for Lake Street. The traffic model will detail impacts on the Airport Ave./Sheridan St. intersection so that further discussions can be held with DTMR.	To Note	All	
	<b>Walker Road/ Mt. Peter Road Link:</b> ST advised that Council had submitted an application for \$15M for upgrade of Walker Road to Mt. Peter Road. He advised that it will be an important link to the new Mt. Peter residential area.	To Note	All	
	<b>Walker Road Upgrade:</b> Cr. Lanskey advised that the landscaping & footpath are to be completed and Bus pull-overs are completed.	To Note		
	<b>Aumuller Street Upgrade:</b> ST advised that Council is firming up the proposals to allow further consultation to establish a final design. He also stated that the Mann street and Gatton/ Hoare street intersections were identified Black Spots & funding has been applied for under the latest round.	To Note	All	

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5.1b	<b><u>Cairns Regional Council – Road Safety initiatives</u></b>  <b><u>Black Spot considerations:</u></b> These have been submitted for the latest funding round for Mann St/Aumuller St and Gatton St/Aumuller St intersections. <i>Cr. Cochrane joined meeting at 11.00am.</i>	To Note	All	
5.1c	<b><u>Cairns Regional Council - Other Items</u></b> None.			
5.2a	<b><u>DTMR - Road Operations – Major Projects</u></b>			
	<u>Moody/ Hoare St.</u> MR discussed the Moody/ Hoare St intersection. They are looking for a better right turn into Moody St. and an extra leg on approach to Moody and extra lane on Hoare St., depending on funds.	To Note	All	
	<u>Harley Street Signs.</u> MR advised that signs being designed for delivery early 2012 – depending on funding.	To Note	All	
	<u>Ellis Beach.</u> MR advised that he was having meeting next week on issues and will report back to Council with feedback re right turn, pedestrian crossing etc.	Update to next meeting	MR	7 Feb. 2012
	<u>Evergreen St. (south of Clifton Rd.)</u> MR advised there are issues here and they are currently looking at ways to rectify the problems. DH said they are looking at connecting the footpath on western side.	DH to present update at next meeting	DH	7 Feb. 2012
	<u>Bike Lanes - Whitfield St.</u> MR advised that bike lanes had been done. Will discuss further works with CRC for when funds become available.	To Note	All	
	<u>Babinda Rest Area.</u> MR advised that the toilet block and shelter are going in.	To Note	All	
	<u>Port Douglas Road.</u> MR advised that line marking should be finished now.	To Note	All	

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	Caravonica Primary School. DH discussed school crossing. Spoke about purchasing the small allotment of land on southern side of school and he would look favourably on the purchase. DH to ascertain cost for this purchase.	To Note	All	
	Bruce Highway progress. PM advised that there had been an initial sod turning ceremony and it is at the detailed planning stage. He advised that minor works to start before Christmas.	Further update at next meeting	DH	7 Feb. 2012
5.3	<b><i>DTMR - Road Safety Services (former Qld Transport)</i></b>			
	<u>SafeST Program:</u> PFo stated that they are continuing with the SafeST program with all schools next year. He advised that the standard school zone times state-wide will be 7-9am and 2-4pm.. He advised that at split campuses they will be making all day school zones, and will be installing vehicle activated signs at schools also.  Cr Pyne asked to be kept up to date on any developments.	Update at next meeting	PFo	7 Feb. 2012
	<u>Isabella School:</u> Cr. Lanskey discussed Isabella School on Walker Road and problems with the crossing at the roundabout. She said that she had been advised that more children are crossing at the bridge rather than at the school crossing. Signs needed for the roundabout as children are now using scooters instead of bikes and there is also a need for storage for scooters rather than bikes.			
5.4	<b><i>Queensland Police Service (QPS)</i></b>			
	PK thanked DTMR and NM & DH for input on SafeSt restrictions on roads. Seems to be accepted. He discussed two cameras that they now have for speeding and red lights which are a great improvement.	To Note	All	
5.5	<b><i>RACQ</i></b> <i>No representative at meeting.</i>	To Note		

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5.6	<b>Education Queensland</b> <i>No representative at meeting</i>	To Note		
5.7	<b>Sunbus</b> <u>Real Time Passenger Information System:</u> Richard Gabasa advised that Real Time Passenger information has been a success. He stated that issues at White Rock school had been addressed with assistance from DTMR & Council. He advised that this information can be accessed on their website - <a href="http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Qconnect/Cairns-Real-Time">http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Qconnect/Cairns-Real-Time</a>	To Note	All	
	<u>Loretta &amp; Anderson St.</u> RG advised that crossing into White Rock is a daily challenge. 'Keep Clear' line marking on Anderson Road needs renewal. Cr. Pyne said this problem is to be discussed at upcoming meeting with DTMR. RG asked for solution to problem as it is now critical. He suggested that line marking would assist.	IP to report back to next meeting.	IP	7 Feb. 2012
6.	<b>General Business</b>			
	CRC - no general business issues..	To Note		
	<u>CTN – City Place/ Lake St.</u> PM advised that they are progressing with the Lake St. Transit Mall planning. DTMR hope a recommendation will go up to Council in December for approval of certain aspects of the plan. Project was to take 2 years to complete but will not meet time frame. It will probably take another 12 months to finish and will be a huge benefit to Cairns.	To Note	All	
	<u>Bus Layovers:</u> Cr. Lanskey asked about layovers for buses in CBD. Peter said that they are also looking at a layover somewhere around the CBH. Other location could be somewhere around Cairns Central/ Spence Street.	To Note – Update at next meeting	PM	7 Feb. 2012

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	<u>Bus Stop at JCU:</u> ST discussed Panguna St./JCU and the proposed premium bus stop to be installed as entrance to JCU is to be changed. New entrance will now be at roundabout from McGregor Road. Model of bus stop now on display at the Smithfield Shopping Centre.	To Note – Update at next meeting.	PM	7 Feb. 2012
	<u>Signage – Trinity Beach Roundabout:</u> Cr. Cochrane discussed Trinity Beach and complaints from residents that the Capt. Cook Highway roundabout is full of signs which can be distracting. They asked if they are necessary. DH discussed the knock-down chevrons that are more visible. He also said that the signage will probably not change as it appears to be successful. Cr. Cochrane also discussed possibility of installing rumble strips like at Yorkeys Knob. General discussion agreed that they are too noisy in residential areas.	To Note	All	
	<u>Trinity Beach Bike school bus:</u> Cr. Cochrane advised that a teacher stands on road to assist students crossing, and asked if this could be looked at.	DMR (Road Safety) to investigate.	PFo	7 Feb. 2012
	<u>Grass adjacent to the Highway at Edmonton:</u> Cr. Cochrane asked if DTMR could arrange mowing of grass on highway as you drive into Edmonton.	DTMR to investigate	DH	7 Feb. 2012
	<u>DTMR Representation:</u> PM said that he won't be able to attend any future RSTTAC meetings due to his new role within DTMR, but Brett Martin would attend in his stead.	To Note	All	
7.	The Committee agreed that the next meeting be set for :  <u>10.00am Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.</u>  <u>Future suggested dates for meetings are:</u>  - 8 May 2012 - 7 August 2012, and	To Note	All.	

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**OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

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		<u>Upgrade of Cairns Western Arterila</u>	Peter McNamara provided a brief outline on McCoombe, Hoare & Reservoir Road works. DTMR looking at link to end of road. Should have list of areas to progress to planning stage shortly. They would like to progress some items but need funds to do, e.g. Ramsay Drive to next section. Also looking at alternatives for Reservoir, Pease & Anderson Street intersection. Will do some work on the Moody/Hoare St. intersection next year. Peter said that next option will be quite expensive for this section. DH advised that here is money for a Business Case development from QTIP but work will not be done for next 4/5 years. Discussion on fact that Redlynch Intake Road and Redlynch Connection Road need			

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			looking at also. DH said that DTMR have a long list of works that will take place over the next 20 years.			
32		<u>Cane Rail Crossing – Walker Road / Hambleton Drive –</u>	MR advised that DMR would look at synchronizing the crossing signals as there are 4 pedestrian crossings at the intersection and will monitor it. He advise that he has a meeting with Natasha & Dean each month and will discuss this further with them. Cr. Lanskey said it appears to be very congested particularly with the new Sugarworld opening shortly. She also discussed Logomeir Rd and traffic problems there. NM advised that Council is looking at linking it with the Edmonton Town Centre. ST advised that both Natasha & Dean have been working on this with GHD to assess the impact of the new Edmonton Town Centre.	MR to monitor the signals and ensure they are coordinated with cane rail crossing.	MR	
.029	145	<u>B-Double Break-Up locations</u>	MR advised DTMR is having a workshop on 6 <sup>th</sup> December on B-Doubles. MR said it will be concentrating more on Kuranda Range Road and heavy vehicles traveling along that road to Mareeba but will also discuss Cairns and B-Double break-up locations there as well. He said that he will advise Council on the outcome of this workshop. NM said that this would be a good opportunity to include these traffic issues and integrate them with the Cairns Strategic Plan.	Update at next meeting following Workshop on 6 Dec.2011.	MR	7 Feb. 2012