



MINUTES OF THE 55TH MEETING OF THE FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT GROUP

MONDAY 9 October 2017

Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Room, 119-145 Spence Street, Cairns

REPRESENTATIVES:	Cr John Kremastos, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Chair Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Julia Leu, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Warren Devlin, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Deputy Chair Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Ms Sandra Burke	Department of Transport and Main Roads
OBSERVERS:	Mr Bill Kerwin, Interim CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Mr Norm Garsden, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Peter Franks, CEO	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Joe Paronella, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
RAPT REPRESENTATIVES:	Ms Jo Lencz	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Ms Simone Talbot	LGAQ
FNQROC STAFF:	Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
	Mr Lachlan Rankine	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
	Ms Teresa Schmidt	Office & Project Coordinator

OBSERVERS:	Cr Jack Bawden, Mayor	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Cr Jeff Norman, Deputy Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Joe Paronella, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
	Mr Michael Rowland, Chair	Weipa Town Authority
 APOLOGIES:		
	Cr Terry James, Deputy Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
	Mr John Andrejic, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
	Mr James Gott, CEO	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Mr Tim Cronin, CEO	Cook Shire Council
	Ms Linda Cardew, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Ms Hurriyet Babacan, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
	Ms Eileen Demaal-Hall, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Janelle Menzies, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

86 Chair's Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The meeting commenced at 1.35 pm. Chair, Cr Peter Scott, Mayor Cook Shire Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cr Scott acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and paid respects to Elders past and present.

87 Apologies

As noted above.

88 Presentation -

Nil this meeting.

89 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED: Cr Trevor Pickering

SECOND: Cr John Kremastos

"That the minutes of the 55th Far North Queensland Roads and Transport Group held on 12 June, as distributed with the agenda be confirmed."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

90 Minute 76 – TMR (S Burke) and FNQROC to seek guidance from the Roads and Transport Alliance regarding bringing projects forward to ensure TIDS expenditure

Ms Burke reiterated the need to ensure that expenditure is monitored monthly and confirmed that projects brought forward must be identified. Variations to the program need to also be endorsed by the RRTG and signed off by DTMR.

91 Minute 81(a) – TMR to provide separate briefing to Yarrabah Council CEO and Mayor re Yarrabah Road issues

Cr Andrews advised that Janelle Menzies, CEO has been provided an update on the signage and safety issues. DTMR have carried out a safety audit and committed to getting some timelines on those activities back to the Council.

92 Minute 81(b) – TMR to follow up with Cr Kremastos regarding (Bruce Highway Upgrade) Ash and Blackwood Street

Cr Kremastos advised that Ms Burke has provided an update and is looking forward to the project commencing.

93 Minute 82 (a) – Councils to individually raise RMPC concerns with TMR

Ms Irvine advised that Ms Burke had advised that no Council had approached her with individual concerns.

94 Minute 82(b) – Councils to advise Ms Burke (TMR) of any examples of where DTMR have advised the customer to contact the Council

Related to item 93. No further action required.

95 Minute 82(c) – Cr Scott to invite Weipa Town Authority to attend the FNQ RRTG as an observer

Ms Irvine advised that an invitation has been extended to Weipa Town Authority.

Cr Scott welcomed Mr Rowlands to the meeting as an observer.

96 Minutes of Technical Committee Meetings

The minutes for the RRTG Technical meeting, no. 93 held on 14 July 2017 were noted.

The minutes for the RRTG Technical meeting, no. 94 held on 5 October 2017 will be included in the next FNQ RRTG meeting.

Ms Irvine noted that while the minutes of the recent meeting have not yet been finalised there are two recommendations from the meeting for consideration.

1. 2017/2018 to 2020/21 Works Program recommendation

MOVED: Cr John Kremastos

SECOND: Cr Annette Haydon

“That the following amendments to the 2017/218 to 2020/21 Works programme be adopted

- 1 Record 206 – MSC - Mt Mulligan Rd (0.00-1.022) – Moved forward from 2018/2019 to 2017/2018.**
- 2 Record 216 – MSC - Springmount Rd (6.175 - 10.47) – Moved forward from 2020/2021 and split between 2018/2019(\$200,000) and 2019/2020(\$275,000) .**
- 3 Record 001 – MSC - Springmount Rd (10.43 - 10.5) (Oakey Creek Bridge) – Removed. Works completed utilizing bridge renewal funding**
- 4 Record 224 – TRC – Tolga-Kairi Road (1.385-1.54) – At-grade intersection improvement – Ranked 84th – Added to Beyond**
- 5 Record 225 – TRC – Tolga-Kairi Road (3.08-5.36) – Widen and seal Ranked 95th – added to Beyond**
- 6 Record 226 – CRC – Kenny Street (0.82-1.3) – Ranked 93rd – added to Beyond**
- 7 Record 222 – TRC – Mary Street (0.07-0.50) – Ranked 71 – added to Beyond**
- 8 Record 137 – DSC – Bloomfield road sealing works - Removed**

CARRIED

Ms Irvine advised that a 4 year program (18/19 – 21/22) will be presented to the FNQRRTG in February for adoption. She stressed that we need councils to identify and put forward projects for consideration; we are under allocated currently for 20/21.

Cr Devlin discussed potential projects on Gregory Development Road which is a State Road. Due to Genex there are now an additional 800 road trains and they have private funding and are prepared to add local government funding, both of these are not quite enough to provide the passing opportunities needed.

ACTION 96 – Cr Devlin to provide proposed projects on Gregory Development Road and current funding available to Ms Burke so that she may find alternative funding other than TIDs to fill the gap.

2. Development of Regional Investment Strategy

MOVED: Cr Julia Leu

SECOND: Cr Trevor Pickering

“That a Regional Investment Strategy is developed taking into consideration the FNQ Regional Transport Plan and the adopted FNQROC Strategic Goals”

CARRIED

97 Update from the Roads and Transport Alliance

Ms Lencz provided an update.

- RRTG Assembly to be held next Monday 16 October. Cr John Wharton (Richmond Shire Council) and Cr Scott are on the Board for the next two years.

- Signing of cost sharing agreement – to be done at the Assembly
 - Ms Lencz congratulated the RRTG TC on how the group works collaboratively
- Ms Irvine queried Simone Talbot LGAQ if all modules are complete. Ms Talbot confirmed that the module for bridges is still to be agreed on and the document may proceed without this module.
 - Cr Scott noted that with his position on the Board it is a good opportunity for the FNQROC region to have a voice at this level.
 - Ms Talbot advised that the LGAQ Road Alliance agreement is due for renewal in 12 months. LGAQ will be working with the RRTG TC groups to discuss the Alliance partnership.

98 Works Program Update

Refer item 96.

99 Road safety

Cr Devlin highlighted the road safety concerns on the Gregory Development Road and the single lane issues on the Gulf Development Road.

Cr Devlin noted that the signage installed by DTMR on the single lane bridge on the Gilbert has been effective.

Cr Scott noted the importance of passing opportunities on the roads with the growing number of grey nomads and conflicts on the road.

Cr Leu raised the Captain Cook Highway and the balancing rocks pull over point. Ms Burke advised that a meeting had been organised for Thursday with DSC staff.

GENERAL BUSINESS

100 Consideration of weighting for local contractors

General discussion on the different ways Councils weight criteria such as value for money and local employment in awarding contracts.

101 Beef Road funding

Cr Pickering queried the status of the Beef Roads funding for the Richmond Croydon Road and concerns that the required report has not yet been received by the Commonwealth Government.

Ms Burke advised that she was of the understanding that the project proposals report had been submitted to the Commonwealth Government and that the Indigenous employment targets are being developed.

Cr Pickering and Mr Kerwin noted their concerns with the process and the timeframe for delivery.

Cr Gilmore also advised that he had discussions with Senator McGrath as he was concerned over the timeframe for delivery of funding and the processes involved.

ACTION 101: Ms Burke to follow up on the status of the Beef Roads funding and confirm with Croydon Shire Council if the project proposals report has been submitted with the Commonwealth Government.

102 Road closures for the delivery of the Mt Emerald wind farm turbines

Cr Kremastos requested details on the planned Palmerson Highway road closures for the delivery of the Mt Emerald wind farm turbines.

ACTION 102: Ms Burke to follow up with Cr Kremastos on the planned road closures for the delivery of the Mt Emerald wind farm turbines.

103 Next RRTG Technical Committee Meeting

Ms Irvine advised that the next meeting for the RRTG Technical Committee will be held in December 2017 or January 2018 dependent upon project proposals being received.

Ms Irvine reiterated that projects are required for LRRS and non LLRS and that Councils must get the required project proposal forms completed for consideration.

Cr Kremastos left at 2.48pm

Cr Scott noted that the current Chair of RDA FNQ&TI, Mr Alan Dale is standing down. Nominations close 20 October.

104 Next RRTG Board Meeting

The next RRTG meeting will be held in Cairns on Monday 11 December 2017.

105 Conclusion

There being no further business the Chair, Cr Scott declared the meeting closed at 2.50 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)
96	Cr Devlin to provide proposed projects on Gregory Development Road and current funding available to Ms Burke so that she may find alternative funding other than TIDs to fill the gap.	Cr Devlin
101	Ms Burke to follow up on the status of the Beef Roads funding and confirm with Croydon Shire Council if the project proposals report has been submitted with the Commonwealth Government.	Ms Burke (TMR)
102	Ms Burke to follow up with Cr Kremastos on the planned road closures for the delivery of the Mt Emerald wind farm turbines.	Ms Burke (TMR)