



MINUTES OF THE 69TH BOARD MEETING OF THE
FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ROADS
AND TRANSPORT GROUP

Monday 14 June 2021

Croydon Shire Council, Doris Casey Hall, Croydon

REPRESENTATIVES:	Cr Brett Moller, Councillor	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
DEPUTY CHAIR	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Sanjay Ram	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Cr Ross Andrews	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
ROAD ALLIANCE PROJECT TEAM	Tanya Lindenberg	Department of Transport and Main Roads (via phone)
	Rob Ferguson	LGAQ
OBSERVERS:		
	Mr Ken Timms, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Bill Kerwin, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Mr Leon Yeatman, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Ross Hodgman	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Mr Mark Girard	QTC
	Ms Diana Lollato	QTC
	Ms Katherine Livanis	QTC
FNQROC STAFF:		
	Ms Wendy Hughes	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
	Mrs Paula Power	Executive Support Officer
	Mr Travis Sydes	Regional Natural Asset Management & Sustainability Coordinator
	Ms Darlene Irvine	FNQROC Executive Officer

APOLOGIES	Cr Mark Nolan	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Angela Toppin, Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Kevin Davies	Mareeba Shire council
CHAIR	Mayor Peter Scott	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Bradley Creek	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

314 Chair's Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The meeting commenced at 9.05am.

The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Tanya Lindenberg from Roads and Transport Alliance, TMR joined the meeting via teleconference.

315 Apologies

As noted.

316 Presentation/s

Nil

317 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED: Cr T. Pickering

SECOND: Cr B. Moller

That the minutes of the 68th Far North Queensland Regional Roads and Transport Group held on 8 February 2021, as distributed with the agenda be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Minute 304 – FNQROC, TMR, RRTG and RRTGTC representatives to convene in the coming weeks to discuss the site inspection, ROSI list and project costs in more detail.

- D. Irvine - Complete.

Minute 310 – urgent correspondence be drafted for endorsement by RRTG in response to the debate matter being raised Parliament by Senator Malcolm Roberts. The RRTG Chair additionally requests correspondence from FNQROC also be drafted. D Irvine.

- D. Irvine – complete

A decision was made for FNQROC to support councils. Given the political nature and the risk of FNQROC being drawn into the debate, the decision was made not to send correspondence, to support councils involved and leave the advocacy to LGAQ and QRA.

318 Minutes & Recommendations of RRTG Technical Committee Meetings

Minutes as tabled.

12 March and 28 May 2021

Recommendations to the FNQ RRTG

1. That given the due and extensive consideration given to considering and prioritising potential projects on the entire ROSI corridor (Cairns to the NT Border), the FNQ RRTG write to the Department of Transport and Main Roads to request a formal response as to why they did not support the FNQ RRTG's recommendations for the remaining unallocated ROSI funding (\$31.7mil) on the Gulf Developmental Road.

SUPPORTED BY FNQRRTG WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TMR REPRESENTATIVE

ACTION: D. Irvine to draft correspondence to Minister Bailey seeking to understand why TMR would not support the FNQ RRTG recommendation for prioritisation of the remaining ROSI funding on the Cairns to Northern Territory border.

2. That the FNQ RRTG approve the recommended changes to the overall weightings and the Multi-Criteria Assessment component of the Project Prioritisation Tool (PPT).

MOVED: Cr T. Pickering

SECOND: Cr B. Moller

That the FNQ RRTG approve the amendments to the PPT weightings recommended by the technical committee in meeting No. 115

CARRIED

ACTION: D Irvine / W Hughes to amend the weightings in the PPT to reflect the recommendations from the technical committee meeting No. 115

319 Works Program Update

D Irvine advised that in April we were looking for councils with underspends however due to significant wet weather and an additional \$412,000 in TIDS funding from past years we had approximately \$1mil in funding to distribute. The endorsed back up projects will cover this underspend and additional funding.

320 Update from the Roads & Transport Alliance

- The State-wide TIDS expenditure was reported as 72% at end May, and for FNQ end of May was 84% which is a little lower than forecast.
- The key aspects of the TIDS program - funding will not be carried over and it is critical that RRTG work closely with the district office to ensure outstanding claims are submitted in time to be included in the EOFY report.
- T. Lindenberg advised that TMR relies on 100% delivery in order to maintain TIDS funding levels.

- SCDF applications can be made for next FY, and \$100k of the \$600k available has already allocated.
- Reminder to please submit stories for the Annual Progress Report along with images.
- T. Lindenberg advised that the updated Operational Guidelines have been endorsed by the Board and thanked members of the technical committee, in particular D. Irvine for her input during the consultation.
- Reminder of the recognition signage requirements on projects above \$250k threshold. T. Lindenberg advised that the policy is being reviewed and discussed, a generic sign that is being introduced to deliver some cost savings to local councils.
- The State Budget will be handed down on 15 June and will be followed with the release of the new QTRIP.

321 Joint Purchasing & Resource Sharing

- Nil.

322 Road Safety (if any issues)

- Nil raised.

324 Asset Management (if any issues)

- W. Hughes advised a regional audit of Aerodromes and airstrips has been planned for 5 member Councils who are required to undertake annual/bi-annual Aerodrome Safety Inspections in accordance with the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations. The tender for this project will be circulated in July, with a view to engaging a supplier September/October 2021 for the audits to take place in early 2022. Project deliverables will include a Technical Inspection, Manual Validation or Aerodrome Safety report (as required) for each participating Council, plus a regional summary of the key findings, lessons learned, and emerging issues identified through the audits.
- W. Hughes advised investigations are underway for the development of Airport Services Operational business plans for member Councils. The collaborative approach will help deliver a consistent approach to the management, maintenance and renewal of aerodromes across the region. The plans will consider factors such as levels of service, demand planning, lifecycle management planning and financial forecasts over the next 10-20 years. They will also aim to identify the costs of providing aerodrome services to the community and provide recommendations on how councils may seek to recover these costs (for example through standardised landing fees).

GENERAL BUSINESS

325 General Business Items

- Mayor Pickering asked if there was to be a load limit on the Gilbert Bridge. TMR advised they were in process of gathering information from industry. At this stage they are looking at all options.
- Mayor Hughes asked if the Etheridge River Bridge in Georgetown was going to be single laned like all the other bridges as this would have an impact on their street scaping plans and dealing with the traffic building up. TMR advised that at this stage they did not believe it would not transition to single lane.

326 Next RRTG Technical Committee Meeting

The Chair advised the next RRTG TC meeting will be held Friday 6 August 2021

327 Next RRTG Board Meeting

The next RRTG meeting is proposed for **Thursday 5 August 2021 – Cairns.**

328 Conclusion

The Chair thanked members for their contribution.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.13am.

AGREED ACTION ITEM

Monday 14 June 2021

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
318.1	D. Irvine to draft correspondence to Minister Bailey to seeking to understand why TMR would not support the FNQ RRTG recommendation for prioritisation of the remaining ROSI funding on the Cairns to Northern Territory border.	D. Irvine FNQROC	
318.2	D Irvine / W Hughes to amend the weightings in the PPT to reflect the recommendations from the technical committee meeting No. 115	D. Irvine / W. Hughes FNQROC	

Cr Ross Andrews
FNQ RRTG Chair