

# Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group

<b>Meeting No</b>	72
<b>Meeting Name</b>	FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group
<b>Date</b>	3 February 2022
<b>Time</b>	9.30am – 10.30am
<b>Venue</b>	Virtually – via 'Go To' Meeting

## REPRESENTATIVES

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<b>CHAIR</b>	Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
<b>DEPUTY CHAIR</b>	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Ross Hodgman, District Director	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Cr Kevin Davies, Deputy Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
	Mr Steve Wilton, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

## OBSERVERS

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Mr Sanjay Ram, Regional Director NQ	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Mr Ken Timms, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
Ms Juanita Warner,	Douglas Shire Council
Ms Linda Cardew, CEO	Cook Shire Council
Mr John Gillespie	Department of Transport and Main Roads

## FNQROC STAFF

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Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
Ms Paula Power	Executive Support Officer
Ms Wendy Hughes	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator (RRTG Technical Coordinator)

## 358 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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The meeting commenced at 9.36am.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting attending virtually and in person. He acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met today and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

## 359 APOLOGIES

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Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
Mr Bill Kerwin, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
Cr Mark Nolan, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Mr Gary Rinehart, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Brett Moller	Cairns Regional Council

## 360 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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**MOVED: Cr Michael Kerr**

**SECOND: Mr Ross Hodgman**

*“That the minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group Meeting held on 2 December 2021 be confirmed.”*

**CARRIED**

## 361 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

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**Minute 348:** R Hodgman/Cr Scott to discuss and agree general requirements for Bamaga Road – Cape York Infrastructure package prior to inclusion on the LRRS register.

Current funding for PDR is to 2022/2023 and there is no current commitment to continue after 2023. The ROSI Corridor is Cooktown to Weipa and the State does not intend to extend this to include Bamaga Road.

**Action 361: Bamaga Road to be reconsidered by the RRTG TC and if deemed to be LRRS, re-submitted as a recommendation to the RRTG in April.**

## 362 MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS OF RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### FOR RRTG ENDORSEMENT

<b>Allocation of TIDS funding to TMR LRRS</b> <b>Recommendation 1 – Prioritisation of TIDS Investment</b> <i>“That the FNQ RRTG endorse that TIDS funding be retained for investment in local government controlled LRRS roads”</i>	<i>Refer to RRTG TC Minutes No.118 – Pages 4 and 9)</i>
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### MOTION:

#### **FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSION IS REQUIRED.**

Concern raised that there are no local roads in some rural communities where community access roads are low-order State roads. The proposed motion would prevent TIDS from being allocated to communities requiring bitumen access.

RRTG TC to look at what impact inclusion of State roads would have on the 4-year program and present this back to the RRTG. Further investigation and discussion is required in partnership with TMR to clearly map the implications.

T. Lindenberg noted that while this is a decision for the Board, the proposal is unusual and unique to the FNQ RRTG. From a policy perspective the intent of the LRRS register is to help direct funding towards regionally significant roads that are either lower order SC or higher order LG roads. If a road is identified as significant and included in the LRRS register then it is eligible for TIDS funding, if deemed a priority by the group.

As a minimum, a revision to the motion is required to allow for some flexibility on a case-by-case basis. Proposed revised motion for RRTG TC to consider:

*“That the FNQ RRTG endorse that TIDS funding be ~~retained~~ prioritised for investment in local government controlled LRRS roads”*

**Action 362 a: RRTG TC to investigate what impact projects on State-controlled LRRS roads would have on the forward 4-year program for FNQ and present this back to the RRTG in April.**

**Action 362 b: Invite Ross H to the Tech Committee to clearly map the implications of funding projects on State LRRS roads**

## MOTION:

<b>Amendments to the PPT Multi Criteria Analysis</b> <b>Recommendation 2 – PPT Weightings</b> <i>“That the FNQ RRTG endorse that the new PPT weightings be amended to include a 10% weighting for Risk and a revised weighting of 10% for the RRIS to improve the results of the project prioritisation tool.”</i>	<i>(Refer to RRTG TC Minutes No.118 – Pages 5 and 9)</i>
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**Moved – Cr Peter Scott**

**Second – Cr Michael Kerr**

**CARRIED**

## WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE

- TIDS works program update as at 28 January 2022

An anticipated underspend of more than \$1M was identified in December. To mitigate the underspend and ensure projects added to the program are deliverable by June 2022, the RRTG TC has included and prioritised a number of smaller projects to be delivered within the current year.

- TIDS 4-year works program for 2022/23 – 2025/26. For ease of reference, the program includes the current (2021/2022) works program as well as forward 4 years. Projects brought forward and newly prioritised projects are indicated in red.

<b>Recommendation - 2021/22 – 2025/26 current year + 4 year rolling program</b> <i>“That the FNQ RRTG endorse the 2021/2022 to 2025/2026 program attached as appendix B which includes amendments to the current 2021/2022 year”.</i>	<i>(Refer to Appendix B – Document No 6884374)</i>
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**Moved – Cr Barry Hughes**

**Second – Mr Kevin Davies**

**CARRIED**

- Increase in annual FNQ RRTG TIDS allocation from \$5,714,660 to \$5,933,258 (excluding ATSI TIDS allocation) was noted (additional \$218,598 per annum effective 1 July 2022).

## 363 UPDATE FROM THE ROADS & TRANSPORT ALLIANCE.

- Statewide TIDS expenditure to Jan is 32% compared to 39% at the same time last year.
- FNQ program is 38% spent which is the same as last month. However, the program change request to adjust the 2021/22 project budgets has not yet been finalised in the system so the January data doesn't reflect this. Changes to the 4 year works program are also still being processed.
- T Lindenberg thanked the group for working closely with TMRs district office to identify and manage underspends early in the financial year to allow for funding to be reallocated and projects brought forward.

It demonstrates good management of the program. The statewide perspective is still of concern with 43% of the program forecast to be delivered in the last quarter.

- A reminder that ATSI TIDS applications are open until 15 Feb and are open to any council who provides primary access to indigenous communities
- The current SCDF balance is \$275,000 and a mid-year review will be conducted in the coming weeks. Any additional training for the current FY should be submitted as a matter of urgency.
- The RTA Board has a new member. Ann-Maree Knox, GM Program Delivery and Operations has replaced Les Dunn who recently retired.
- The Road Length review is now complete and changes to allocations will take effect from 1 July 2022. As a reminder, LG road length, as reported by LGs to the Local Govt Grants Commission, is an input to the TIDS allocation methodology. This ensures that TIDS funding is reflective of the amount of road each group road network. Since the last meeting the review has been completed and changes to TIDS allocations have been approved by the Board. FNQ had a reported increase in road length of 425km which correlated to an increase in annual TIDS allocations of \$219,000.

## 364 JOINT PURCHASING AND RESOURCE SHARING

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The FNQROC Regional 2021/22 Bitumen Reseal is all but complete (small amount of works to be completed in Cook Shire post wet season) and attention is now on the 2022/23 Bitumen Reseal. The current arrangement includes the option to vary the scope to include resealing required for 22/23 at council's discretion. It also allows for members not included in the existing arrangement to include their programs for 22/23 should they wish to do so.

An email went to councils last week inviting them to participate in the 2022/23 FNQROC Bitumen Reseal, with a request for councils to advise the preferred procurement method. I.e. seeking pricing under the existing arrangement or going back out to market.

## 365 ROAD SAFETY

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Cr Andrews – Briefing needed on the safety aspects of Yarrabah jetty. R. Hodgman will provide the contact details of the Cairns Harbour Master who is responsible for marine harbour safety and operational aspects.

**Action 365: R. Hodgman to provide the Cairns Harbour Master contact details to Cr Andrews for marine harbour safety information.**

## 366 GENERAL BUSINESS

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- Letter to Cr Andrews from Neil Scales, Department of Transport and Main Roads dated 21 December 2021

Cr Hughes – asked for more clarity on eastern side of Savannah Way and a starting date. R. Hodgman will liaise with Cr Hughes offline.

**Action 366a: R. Hodgman to discuss eastern side of Savannah Way with Cr Hughes**

- Project Proposal requirements (PPR) for ROSI projects  
Mr R Hodgman advised that councils will be required to develop Project Proposal Requirements (PPR) for the recently approved ROSI projects on Ootann Road. He will provide a recent example for councils.

**Action 366b: R. Hodgman to provide a recent example of a PPR so councils can commence the process to access ROSI funding on Ootann Road.**

## 367 NEXT RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 120

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- Friday 18 March 2022

## 368 NEXT FNQ RRTG MEETING NO. 73

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- Thursday 7 April 2022

## 369 CONCLUSION

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The Chair thanked members for their contribution. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.29am.

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Cr Peter Scott

FNQ RRTG Chair

### AGREED ACTION ITEMS

Thursday 3 February 2022

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
361	Bamaga Road to be reconsidered by the RRTG TC and if deemed to be LRRS, re-submitted as a recommendation to the RRTG in April.	RRTG TC	
362a	RRTG TC to investigate what impact projects on State-controlled LRRS roads would have on the forward 4-year program for FNQ and present this back to the RRTG in April.	RRTG TC	
362b	RRTG TC to Invite Ross H to the Tech Committee to clearly map the implications of funding projects on State LRRS roads	RRTG TC	
365	R. Hodgman to provide the Cairns Harbour Master contact details to Cr Andrews for marine harbour safety information.	R. Hodgman/ Cr Andrews	
366a	R. Hodgman to discuss eastern side of Savannah Way with Cr Hughes	R. Hodgman/ Cr Hughes	
366b	R. Hodgman to provide a recent example of a PPR so councils can commence the process to access ROSI funding on Ootann Road.	R. Hodgman	