

Minutes of the 75th FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group

Meeting No	75
Meeting Name	FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group
Date	1 December 2022
Time	9.30am to 10.30am
Venue	Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Room

REPRESENTATIVES

Cr Mark Nolan, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
Cr Kevin Davies, Deputy Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council (Online)
Cr Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Rod Marti, Mayor	Tablelands Shire Council
Cr Bradley Creek, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Ross Hodgman	TMR
DEPUTY CHAIR Cr Ross Andrews	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

OBSERVERS

Delia Atkinson	LGAQ
Jordan Robinson	TMR
Kylee Peterson	TMR (online)
Andrew Graffen	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Brian Joiner	Cook Shire Council
Jacqui Cresswell	Croydon Shire Council (Online)

Ken Timms	Etheridge Shire Council
Kiley Hanslow	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Richard Wright	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

FNQROC STAFF

Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
Ms Amanda Hancock	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator, FNQROC
Ms Paula Power	Executive Support Officer, FNQROC

391 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The meeting commenced at 9.43am.

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.

392 APOLOGIES

CHAIR	Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Ms Rachel Brophy, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Brett Moller	Cairns Regional Council
	Ms Tanya Lindenberg	RAPT, DMTR

393 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED: Cr Michael Kerr

SECOND: Mr Ross Hodgman

“That the minutes of the 74th FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group Meeting held on 28 September 2022 be confirmed.”

394 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
NO ACTION ITEMS			

395 RRTG ELECTION

RRTG Election, nominations for Chair and Deputy Chair. Ms Darlene Irvine declared all positions vacant and called for nominations for the position of RRTG Chair.

Cr Peter Scott

Nominated by: Cr Michael Kerr

Second: Cr Annette Haydon

Cr Peter Scott accepted the nomination in absentia for RRTG Chair.

There being no further nominations Cr Peter Scott was declared elected as Chair of RRTG.

CARRIED

Cr Ross Andrews

Nominated by: Cr Michael Kerr

Second: Cr Annette Haydon

Cr Ross Andrews accepted the nomination for RRTG Deputy Chair.

There being no further nominations Cr Ross Andrews was declared elected as Deputy Chair of RRTG.

CARRIED

396 NOTING OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Recommendation 1: That the FNQRRTG Board;

That the RRTG endorse the amended program recommended by the Technical Committee 11 November 2022 to manage funding released by two projects.

'Move that the amended program recommended by the technical committee 11 November 2022 be endorsed'.

MOVED: Cr Annette Haydon

SECOND: Cr Mark Nolan

CARRIED

Recommendation 2: That the FNQRRTG Board;

'Move To support the technical committee to undertake a road trip in May/June 2023 to view projects in Douglas, Wujal Wujal and Cook, inclusive of Bamaga Road. The benefits gained will assist both the technical committee and councils individually.'

The FNQ RRTG Board agreed that road trips are an important initiative within the region.

There was concern with a number of councils being short of resources that they may not be able to release staff for nearly a week. It was suggested that technical committee looks to options to reduce the time out of the office for those unable to attend the whole trip i.e. splitting the trip into two sections allowing staff to attend a portion or using the weekend for a portion (only IF staff wished to).

There are many factors in play so a date cannot be set at this time. It will be dependent on when the wet season finishes and the safety grading of roads. Once inspectors have assessed and graded the roads the road will be opened to vehicles (up to 5 tonne). School holidays to be avoided.

Mr Ross Hodgman offered to present on the progression of works on the Peninsula Developmental Road over 15 years. Approximately 150km of the most difficult sections remains unsealed. They are currently funded up to 2024 for this package no commitment after 2024. Work packages dependant on State and Federal funding.

ACTION: Mr Ross Hodgman to present on the progression of works on the Peninsula Developmental Road at the next FNQ RRTG meeting in February.

397 LGAQ UPDATE

Delia Atkinson, LGAQ, Lead Transport and Logistics

- Delia Atkinson has joined LGAQ in the role, Lead – Transport and Logistics. Mike Furniss and Delia will be sharing attendance at RRTG meetings across the state.
- LGAQ Annual Conference in Cairns was held 17 to 19 October 2022 - had some great feedback. Thank you for submitting motions. 138 motions with 130 motions carried > 10 of these are roads and transport related
- With respect to the new Roads and Transport Accord (in lieu of Roads and Transport Alliance), Delia reinforced LGAQ's support and continued attendance at RRTG and technical committee meetings wherever possible to support local governments.
- Regarding the Personal Mobility Devices (PMD) new road rules introduced on 1 November 2022 (links to TMR information is provided on Congruent). LGAQ has raised concerns about cost implications for local governments to the PMD Safety Reference Group (eg initial/assessment costs, ongoing maintenance costs, resourcing) and we continue to progress work on this matter and e-scooter-related motions moved at Conference.

Cost Sharing Arrangement Review Project

- The TMR/Local Government Cost Sharing Arrangement provides a framework that supports engagement and a mutual understanding regarding cost-sharing for works within state-controlled road corridors.
- Subject to agreement between the LGAQ and TMR, the latest iteration is intended to operate for a further five-year period. To ensure the new iteration is relevant, the LGAQ invited councils to provide feedback and suggestions through a survey to all members on 30 August 2022. 23 responses were received, and a number of councils also volunteered to join a working group.
- This working group met for a TMR / LGAQ co-facilitated workshop on 9 November 2022. Items discussed included the survey results, feedback, and a collaborative way forward. The project team and working group continue to progress this work.

Roads off Alignment Project

- The working group consisting of representatives from LGAQ, TMR, Dept of Resources, and DSDILGP (Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning - Local Government division) met again 8 November.
- The working group has drafted a simple flow chart assessment tool/guideline to guide councils through these steps of identifying low-cost resolution to roads off alignment issues where adjacent land was leasehold tenure.

Jordon Robinson, TMR RTAPT, LGAQ

RTA TIDS Expenditure

- State-wide expenditure is 24% at the end of November 2022.
- FNQ RRTG expenditure is at 60%. Congratulations on the hard work to date.

ATSI TIDS

- ATSI TIDS provides \$8.2 million each year for the upgrade of transport infrastructure that improves primary access to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- 2022-23 program includes 5 projects with expenditure from Kowanyama (100% spent) and Wujal Wujal (82% spent).
- Applications for 2023-24 are open now. Closing date is 15 February 2023.

SCDF

- \$277,000 remaining for this financial year. Please review training needs and consider lodging applications before the January review.

Future of the Alliance and relationship between TMR and LGAQ

- TMR's Director-General advised all RRTG Chairs the new arrangements on 14 October 2022, with the intent this would be cascaded to TCs.
- In summary, the Alliance has moved from operating under a 'Memorandum of Agreement', where LGAQ acted on behalf of local governments, to a less prescriptive 'Accord'.
 - The Accord sets out the principles of a continued working relationship between TMR and local governments - these principles reflect those that were in the MoA
 - The Accord does not prescribe roles and responsibilities (as were set out in the MoA)
 - The Accord will be an addendum to the Partners in Government Agreement, which is the long-established overarching governance document between the state and local government
- The Accord provides a more streamlined approach by dissolving some of the Alliance's governance arrangements:
 - The Roads and Transport Alliance Board has been dissolved
 - The joint TMR/LGAQ RTAPT is now just TMR RTAPT (the Local Government Partnerships team in Brisbane led by Michelle)
- Importantly, there are no changes to TIDS funding, the RRTG framework, TMR District membership/participation at RRTG and TC meetings, or TMR RTAPT's role in supporting RRTGs and managing the TIDS program state-wide.

RTA Annual Progress Report

- The 2021-22 Annual Progress Report has now been released. An electronic copy was emailed to RRTGs on 22 November 2022 and will also be available on the TMR Alliance webpage in the coming weeks.
- The reports will be distributed in hard copy at future RRTG and Technical Committee meetings.

- Thank you to all RRTG's for their contributions to this publication. It's an excellent record of the outstanding work done last year.

TIDS Project Recognition Signage

- A friendly reminder that photographic evidence of recognition signage must be provided to the TMR district office and emailed to RTAPT as compliance is reported annually to the Minister and is subject to audit.

Personal Mobility Devices

- New rules for Personal Mobility Devices (PMD), including e-scooters and e-skateboards, were introduced by TMR on 1 November 2022.
- LG now have a role in assessing speeds on shared paths and are encouraged to prioritise high-volume active transport corridors for assessment as soon as possible.
- TMR has developed specific regulatory signage and a technical guidance note, to support consistent assessment and speed limiting of shared paths.
- RTAPT hosted a webinar with TMR's Land Transport Safety and Regulation Branch on Speed Regulatory Framework for PMDs on 15 November that was well attended by RRTG members.
- For more information visit the QRSTUV: Guide to Speed Management on the TMR web site.
<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Technical-standards-publications/Queensland-Road-Safety-Technical-User-Volumes/QRSTUV-Guide-to-Speed-Management>

Qld Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Charging Scheme

- Stage 1 EOI applications for proposed sites have now been assessed. Successful EOI applicants have been directly contacted and invited to submit a detailed application as part of Stage Two.

2023-24 Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program

- Local governments with a published Principal Cycle Network Plan can apply for funding towards projects that provide infrastructure on the principal cycle network's highest priority routes.
- Projects are jointly funded between TMR and individual councils.
- Councils can match TMR funding with other Queensland Government program funding if the project is delivered within an ATSI community.
- Applications are open now and close 23 December 2022. Apply through the TMR website.
<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Cycling/Cycling-grants/Cycling-infrastructure-grants>

399 JOINT PURCHASING AND RESOURCES SHARING

Nil

400 ROAD SAFETY

Nil

401 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

402 NEXT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 120

- Friday 20 January 2023

403 NEXT FNQ RRTG MEETING NO. 76

- Thursday 2 February 2023 – Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Centre

404 CONCLUSION

The Chair thanked members for their contribution. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.33am.

AGREED ACTION ITEMS

Thursday 1 December 2022

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396	Mr Ross Hodgman to present on the progression of works on the Peninsula Developmental Road at the next FNQ RRTG meeting in February	Mr Ross Hodgman	

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Cr Ross Andrews

FNQ RRTG Deputy Chair