

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 AUGUST 2015

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Wednesday, 5 August 2015

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – HSC), Mr Jeff Aitchison - (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control - HTC), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mrs Denise Elrick (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Robert Giuliano (Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer - ECTO), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Mr Robert Lyon (North Queensland Bio Energy – NQBE), Ms Kirrily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Secretary); Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services – EMES), Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Ms Krystle Wittingslow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Kevin Scheuber (Department of Transport and Main Roads - DTMR Compliance).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Ms Nicole Smart (Transport and Main Roads – TMR), Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Frank Russo (Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism – HCCI&T).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 3 JUNE 2015

Meeting held on 3 June 2015, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Ms Alison Barlow

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 3 JUNE 2015

3.1 Confusion tourists are having regarding DTMR signs directing them from the highway south (TYTO) to Wallaman Falls.

Mr Robert Giuliano (ECTO) met with Department of Transport and Main Roads [DTMR] to discuss. DTMR to investigate.

Waiting on response from DTMR in Brisbane. To be carried

To be carried.

Ms Nicole Smart to discuss with Ms Cheryl Ridd from Transport and Main Roads.

Ms Denise Elrick advised of correspondence from Ms Nicole Smart [DTMR] advising that the Wallaman Falls sign at Hawkins Street intersection would be relocated as it was found to be misleading. Mr Robert Giuliano asked about removing the Wallaman Falls sign on McIlwraith Street corner as it was confusing tourists.

Denise Elrick to follow up on

It was suggested that the tourist directional sign on the approach to McIlwraith Street, Ingham, be removed however there is no place to relocate it. Ms Denise Elrick to discuss the matter further with Cheryl Ridd from Transport and Main Roads.

ACTION:

Ms Denise Elrick advised that removing the sign is the option however Transport and Main Roads are waiting on funds to carry out the works. Matter closed

- 3.2 Robert Lyon raised that there is a bad sink in the road at the bottom of the cutaway just before Gowrie Creek Bridge on Abergowrie Road.

Mr James Stewart noted and to discuss the concern further with Mr Dale Mackenzie.

To be brought up with Council's Infrastructure Engineer to discuss if works can be included in the NDRRA program.

Proposal to be presented to Council for works to be included in the Forward Capital Works Program. Dr Jenna Devietti to investigate temporary repairs in the interim.

Some NDRRA work has been done in the vicinity but did not take in the sink in the road.

Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to follow up with Colin Gray (Infrastructure Engineer and Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer)

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council is proposing to put works on the Capital Works Program for next financial year. Dr Jenna Devietti to liaise with Works Manager, Steve Hall, to organise a temporary fix.

ACTION: *Works have been completed for a temporary fix. Council has approved the budget for further works to be carried out.* **Matter closed**

- 3.3 Mr James Stewart advised that the intersection of Cartwright Street and Hardy Street requires around - about to be installed due to a lack of visibility in this area.

Mr James Stewart and Mr Dale Mackenzie to inspect

Ms Denise Elrick advised that DTMR have discussed and don't think a roundabout would fit unless resumption of land is undertaken as well as movement of street lights and power poles. DTMR to continue investigation and report back to the next HRSAC meeting.

Transport and Main Roads advised that a roundabout won't fit. Mr James Stewart advised that he will organise Council Design Department to investigate further.

Mr James Stewart was unable to attend the meeting so no comment was available.

Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to follow up with Design and James Stewart re fit.

Mr James Stewart advised that investigations are continuing with the concern with the possibility of a roundabout however noted that a few surrounding blocks would need to be resumed. Mr James Stewart advised that there could be a possibility to realign the approach from Forrest Beach side of the intersection. Council to organise to get a survey done for Transport and Main Roads.

ACTION: *Mr Jenna Devietti advised that Lidar survey has been carried out and she will organise for the data to be forward onto Transport and Main Roads.*

Ms Denise Elrick advised that Transport and Main Roads are organising a risk assessment on the installation of a mirror at the intersection of Cartwright Street and Hardy Street, Ingham.

- 3.4 Road Safety Implementation Plan 2014/2016

To be carried due to recent election.

Ms Alison Barlow advised that owing to election issues timing is not ideal.

To be reviewed in 6 months.

Ms Alison Barlow advised that a committee has been appointed to work on the Queensland Road Safety Action Plan. Once this has been completed then the Road Safety Implementation Plan 2014/2016 can be reviewed.

ACTION: *Ongoing.*

- 3.5 Mr Jeff Aitchison advised that there have been numerous near misses on Wallaman Falls Road. Requesting a sign at the base and at the other end of Wallaman Falls Road with a UHF channel so that tourists can communicate with other when travelling on Wallaman Falls Road.

Dr Jenna Devietti to investigate.

Dr Jenna Devietti was unable to attend so no comment was available.

Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to follow up with Dr Jenna Devietti.

To be carried.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the request is also being discussed with the Signage

Committee in conjunction with installing signage advising that caravans etc. can't be towed up the range.

ACTION: Dr Jenna Devietti advised that this item is also on the Signage Committee Meeting agenda to be actioned therefore it would be preferred that this item be progressed through the Signage Committee. Matter closed.

- 3.6 Mr Robert Giuliano raised concerns that no further action has occurred regarding the dip located on Abergowrie Road.

Transport and Main Roads to follow up.

Denise Elrick (TMR) has investigated and advised that the matter will be addressed when funding becomes available. Rob Lyons advised that the problem has worsened and is dangerous. Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to discuss with Colin Gray (Infrastructure Engineer) and Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer) to do interim maintenance for safety reasons.

To be carried.

Mr Robert Giuliano and Works Maintenance Supervisor to inspect and investigate possible safety funding for repair works. Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and take back to Transport and Main Roads to revisit.

ACTION: Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council hasn't heard back from Transport and Main Roads following a list of issues and concerns that Council had sent Transport and Main Roads as requested. Ms Denise to continue to push this concern with Transport and Main Roads.

- 3.7 Steve Marbelli advised concerns raised by the farming community regarding the new wide load regulations 14 month trial.

Mayor Rodger Bow to contact Transport and Main Roads compliance officer to organise a separate meeting with Canegrowers to discuss the matter further Refer Doc # 15/01514 [Item 4 – Outwards Correspondence].

As Mayor Rodger Bow was not in attendance no update was available.

To be carried.

Mr Steven Marbelli advised that the 14 month trial still stands to allow movement of agricultural vehicles up to 4 m in width on all roads in Heavy Vehicle Zone 1 in Queensland. Steven Marbelli advised that he will keep HRSAC up dated if anything changes. Council received an email outlining proposed changes and seeks Councils consideration and consent as road managers under the National Heavy Vehicle Law to these proposals.

ACTION: Dr Jenna Devietti advised that consent has been given from Council to continue with the 14 month trial. No further action is required. Matter closed.

- 3.8 Mr Rick Quabba raised concerns with regards to the intersection of Gangemi's Road onto Hawkins Creek Road and is requesting extra line marking at the intersection.

Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to discuss matter with Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer) and Design to scope possible fix with linemarking.

To be carried.

Mr Robert Giuliano discussed the matter with Council's Designer where it was noted that the original linemarking was removed and needs to be put back.

ACTION: Mr Robert Giuliano to forward plan supplied by Council's Designer to Council's Works Engineer for action.

- 3.9 Mr Steven Marbelli advised of safety concerns regarding a drop in the road located on Abergowrie Road just past the Ashton Hotel heading towards Ingham.

Ms Kirrily Low to send an aerial view of the location to Ms Denise Elrick for investigation.

ACTION: Aerial was emailed to Ms Denise Elrick on 3 June 2015. Ms Denise Elrick to follow up with Transport and Main Roads Maintenance Department.

- 3.10 Mr Jeff Aitchison advised that the newly installed cement slab in the middle of the highway heading towards Cardwell Range has caused a speed bump effect and is a safety concern.

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.

ACTION: Ms Denise Elrick advised that she has investigated the concern and believed it had been

since fixed however Jeff Aitchison advised that the cement slab is still causing a speed bump effect.

Ms Denise Elrick to re visit.

- 3.11 Mr Ricky Butler raised concerns regarding an access located on a corner at the end of Fairford Road, Ingham. As the access is in a table drain, it fills up with water therefore anyone turning off has to slow right down could cause an accident for anyone coming around the corner. The water is also hazardous for vehicles traveling on the road as they are veering into oncoming traffic to avoid it.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that inspections and research into a solution had been undertaken in the past by Council and Transport and Main Roads. Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and Mr Robert Giuliano to provide any information he can find to Denise.

ACTION: Mr Robert Giuliano advised that Mr Les Stables from Transport and Main Roads came up and while in the area, inspected this concern. Mr Robert Giuliano provided Les all the past information he could gather for further investigation.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward Correspondence

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

- Complaint received from Joe Chinotti re visibility concern at the intersection of Neames Inlet Road and Farrell Drive, Macknade. Grass blocking the line of sight coming onto Farrell Drive.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the area of concern is outside of the Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) area. Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and advise Dr Jenna Devietti of the outcome.

ACTION: Completed.

Matter closed.

RESOLUTION: That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Mr Robert Lyon

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 Mr Rick Quabba queried the reasoning for police vehicles not pulling completely off the road when pulling up a vehicle.

Mr Geoff Boremann advised that this is a procedure to allow a corridor of safety for the officer and the public.

Matter closed.

- 5.2 Ms Alison Barlow asked if a speed review of Lannercost Street is to be placed on the agenda for Transport and Main Roads to carry out.

ACTION: Dr Jenna Devietti advised that it may be reviewed as part of the Ingham CBD Revitalisation project.
Ms Denise Elrick to raise this with Nicole Smart.

- 5.3 Ms Alison Barlow gave an update on the project to reduce motorbike fatalities.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.4 Ms Alison Barlow gave an update on Queensland Road Safety week and advised that the Department of Transport will be down Lucinda on 18 August 2015, to educate people towing caravans etc. on load limits etc.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.5 Mr Donald Oswin raised concerns regarding the safety of Wilmar staff and the public surrounding the Herbert Street rail crossing and requested Transport and Main Roads to revisit the possibility of installing a boom gate or additional signed for the rail crossing.

ACTION: Ms Denise Elrick advised that she will investigate however it may come back to the owner of the rail crossing.

- 5.6 Mr Donald Oswin advised that there used to be a chain fence between two garden beds near the Herbert Street rail crossing to stop the public from coming near the cane trains and request that it be put back up or something similar.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the request will need to be raised with Council's Public Open Spaces Department.*

- 5.7 Mr Donald Oswin raised concerns regarding traffic coming out from Gilroy Santa Maria College onto Neame Street and illegally turning right instead of left.

ACTION: *Mr Geoff Boremann to monitor.* *Matter closed.*

- 5.8 Mr James Stewart advised the HRSAC that there will be no more Tracked Cane Harvester permits issued through Council for local roads.

Noted. *Matter closed.*

- 5.9 Mr James Stewart asked the HRSAC if they had any questions or concerns regarding the Ingham CBD Revitalisation project.

- Mr Geoff Boremann asked if the heavy/wide load vehicles will still be able to take the same route through town.

Mr James Stewart advised that there shouldn't be any changes necessary and that Council is currently working with Transport and Main Roads on the required clearances.

- Mr Rick Quabba asked if there is still going to be enough room for vehicles to back out of the carparks now that there is only going to be one lane for traffic.

Mr James Stewart advised that there will still be enough carriage way for cars to back out without having to back out into oncoming traffic.

- Mr Robert Lyon queried if there had been concerns regarding the removal of carparks and asked how many would need to be removed.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that there have been a lot of concerns from the public regarding the removal of carparks.

Mr James Stewart advised that Council won't know the exact number of carparks to be removed until the construction plan is done.

- Mr Rick Quabba suggested the implementation of coin operated trolleys for the CBD.

Mr James Stewart noted this as a possibility.

Matter closed.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 7 October 2015, in the Council Chambers

7. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at: 11:35am



Dr Jenna Devietti
ACTING CHAIRPERSON