

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 JUNE 2015

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Wednesday, 3 June 2015

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – HSC), Mr Jeff Aitchinson-(Hinchinbrook Traffic Control - HTC), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mrs Denise Elrick (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Robert Giuliano (Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer - ECTO), Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Mr Frank Russo (Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism – HCCI&T), Ms Kirrily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Relieving HRSAC Secretary); Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services – EMES), Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Services – QPS).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Mr Robert Lyon (North Queensland Bio Energy – NQBE); Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Ms Nicole Smart (Transport and Main Roads – TMR), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 1 APRIL 2015

Meeting held on 1 April 2015, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Mrs Denise Elrick

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 1 APRIL 2015

- 3.1 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that he has raised concerns regarding the current positioning of the 80 km/hr before Challands Street, Ingham, and has requested for the sign to be moved.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that DTMR believe that the shift is not warranted due to the area being out of town. Council to provide DTMR with traffic data for side roads to assist in making final decision.

HRSAC Secretary presented Council's traffic counts for Challand Street – 444 and Martin Street – 508, taken in March 2010. Denise Elrick to provide counts to Transport and Main Roads for consideration in moving speed signage.

Traffic count figures tabled for Challand Street and Martin Street. Denise Elrick advised that DTMR had installed a camera for a couple of weeks to check traffic flows. The existing signage and lane marking seems to be working well. Ms Elrick advised that she would be happy to look at Council figures but advised that current traffic volume doesn't appear to impact on existing speed zones. Frank Martino and Ricky Butler still have concerns re turning into Challand Street from the Bruce Highway and from Challand Street turning onto the Bruce Highway with the 100 km speed zone slow vehicles such as buses and trucks are getting abused by the faster travelling motorists having to slow down. Discussions followed on the "100 Km/hr" sign opposite the turn into Larsens Road being removed and replaced with an advisory "80 km/hr" sign which would give motorists time to prepare to slow down. Frank Martino also asked about the installation of a "Heavy Vehicle Turning" sign in the same area.

Denise Elrick to follow up on.

Denise Elrick advised that Transport and Main Roads installed a camera monitoring the traffic flow for a week and resolved that the change of the current speed sign is not warranted. 100 km/hr at Larsens Road has been identified to be removed. Matter Closed

- 3.2 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

ACTION: 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.

- 3.3 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)

ACTION: 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.

- 3.4 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.

ACTION: 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.

- 3.5 Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Ms Rebecca Coulson from DTMR has been in contact regarding the Community Road Safety Grants - Round Four, to apply for funding for bike & pedestrian safe precinct.

Dr Jenna Devietti to advise further information at the next HRSAC meeting.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that she has been working with Ms Rachel Coulson on preparing the application for extending footpaths along McIlwraith Street and linking to TYTO and Palm Creek bike area.

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

To be carried.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council didn't end up applying for the funding as the works required would cost more than the funding would allow for. Matter closed

- 3.6 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.

ACTION: 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.

- 3.7 Mr Don Oswin requested to change current speed sign on Warrens Hill Road, to a similar setup to the 60km/hr to 100km/hr on Victoria Mill Road.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the speed signage may have changed due to NDRRA works. Dr Jenna Devietti and Mr James Stewart 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 changes to the speed sign on Warrens Hill Road will be made similar to that of the Victoria Mill Road speed sign layout. Works should be completed by the next HRSAC meeting. Matter closed.

- 3.8 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.

ACTION: 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.

- 3.9 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.

ACTION: 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.

- 3.10 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.

ACTION: 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.

- 3.11 Mr Schiappadori has been in for discussions with Council. Mr Schiappadori agrees that some signage is on the road reserve.

Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to organise a meeting with Transport and Main Roads. Robert Giuliano also advised that Jeff Aitchison has some illegal signage in this area as well.

To be carried.

Mr Jeff Aitchison advised that he had been contacted by Transport and Main Roads to either take his signs down or obtain written permission from the land owner. Mr Jeff Aitchison advised that he has since taken the signs down and confirmed that Mr Schiappadori has relocated his signs. Matter closed.

- 3.12 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.

ACTION: 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.

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.

ACTION: 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.

- Correspondence from Transport and Main Roads [TMR] congratulating Council, Bent Rods Car Club Inc. and Trebonne Action Group on our initiative and successful completion of the pedestrian safety project as part of the Community Road Safety Grant.

Dr Jenna Devietti thanked Mr Frank Martino on behalf of the Bent Rods Car Club for their efforts in the success of the pedestrian safety project. Matter closed.

RESOLUTION: That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Mr Frank Martino

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5.1 *Direction has been given from Transport and Main Roads for Council to install "Check Your Speed" signs at Cordelia and Lucinda.*

ACTION: *Noted. Matter Closed.*

- 5.2 *Mr Ricky Quabba advised that he had been watching a show on National Geographic on how America has tackled non disabled people parking in disabled car parks and suggested that Council could think about installing signs with pictures of actual disabled Ingham residents above the parking bays asking non disabled people not to park there.*

ACTION: *Mr James Steward advised that as this is a good idea, a recent review of our signage within our CBD has shown that we currently have too many signs in place. Matter Closed*

- 5.3 *Mr Rick Quabba advised that in U.S.A they have managed to drop speeding number dramatically by installed cameras at traffic lights which takes a photo of the car registration number plate and if they are under the speed limit then they would go into a draw to win a \$100 gift voucher.*

ACTION: *Mr John Tantalo to take this information back to the Ingham Police. Matter closed.*

- 5.4 *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.*

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

- 5.5 *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.*

ACTION: *Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.*

- 5.6 *Mr Frank Martino thanked Ms Alison Barlow and Transport and Main Roads for setting up a safety awareness information stall showing off a blow up car at the recent car show event. Also thanked Mr John Tantalo and the Blue Light Association for their set up of information and activities at the car show.*

ACTION: *Noted. Matter closed.*

- 5.7 *Ms Alison Barlow advised that quad bikes are being closely analysed to determine how to decrease the number of injuries sustained as a result of quad bikes accidents.*

ACTION: *Noted. Matter closed.*

- 5.8 *Ms Alison Barlow advised that Transport and Main Roads have released an informational brochure to aid learner drivers when they first get their licence on what to consider when buying a new car. The brochure can be found at the courthouse.*

ACTION: *Noted. Matter closed.*

- 5.9 *Ms Alison Barlow advised that Queensland Road Safety Week is being held in August 2015. Mackay are holding an event showcasing successful road safety projects where people are invited to come and present their project. Funding is available for travel expenses.*

ACTION: *Noted. Matter closed.*

- 5.10 *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.*

ACTION: *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.*

- 5.11 *Mr Don Oswin advised that during the recent upgrading of tramlines in the Shire, two cameras have been installed at the John Row bridge crossing and the Cartwright Street crossing to catch motorists*

ACTION: *Noted. Matter closed.*

- 5.12 Mr Don Oswin advised that Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd are currently carrying out inductions for returned season workers and has focused on getting workers to report any incidents. Don also advised that Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd are looking at doing a medial release showing a picture of a police officer riding on a cane train which could happen in the near future.

ACTION: Noted. Matter closed.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 5 August 2015, in the Council Chambers

7. CLOSURE Meeting closed at: 12noon



Dr Jenna Devietti
ACTING CHAIRPERSON