

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 APRIL 2013

Meeting Opened: 10:30am on Wednesday, 3 April 2013.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control – HTC), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Geoff Bormann (Queensland Police Service - QPS), Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Mr Chris Byrne (Department of Transport & Main Roads - DTMR), Mr Luigi Cantoni (Australian Pensioners & Superannuants League – AP&SL), Mr Robert Giuliano (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HSC), Mr Bruce Leach (Manager Engineering Services – MES), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Mr Jason Macpherson (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Mr Frank Russo (Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism – HCCI&T), Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Hon Mr Andrew Cripps (MP Hinchinbrook), Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – WE), Mr Peter Luke (Sucrogen), Mr Gerry Southward (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 6 FEBRUARY 2012

Minutes of meeting held on 6 February 2013, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth) and **Seconded by:** Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE)

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 6 FEBRUARY 2012

- 3.1** Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) advised that since the new pedestrian lights have been implemented, some pedestrians have been pressing the button but not waiting for the green light and just walking across causing traffic to stop for no pedestrians crossing. [Item 3.3]

RESPONSE: *Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) advised DTMR that the traffic lights on the Australia Post Office side are inconsistent in the effect that in some instances when vehicle traffic get a red light the pedestrian light remains red.*

Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) to arrange DTMR technical staff to investigate the issue.

Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) advised that he has sent Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) times and date of which the traffic and pedestrian lights have not been in timing with each other.

ACTION: *Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) to investigate and present finding to the next HRSAC meeting of 12 June 2013.*

- 3.2** Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) expressed concerns with people walking in the dark without high visibility clothing or embellishments. Mr Quabba suggested buying high visibility ribbon or sashes and donating them to various community groups so the public could obtain one for free. [Item 3.4]

RESPONSE: *Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) presented various options he had sourced to support above proposal.*

HRSAC Meeting considered Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) proposal to be a good idea which would benefit both motorists and pedestrians and subsequently agreed pursuing options. HRSAC Meeting authorised Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) to approach the local paper – Herbert River Express to arrange a media release, following further discussions with Dr Jenna Devietti (WE).

Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) and Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to further discuss proposal prior to Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) presenting information to the Herbert River Express for consideration as media release in the local paper.

Ms Kिरrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to organise suitable time for Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) and Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) to discuss options to present to the Herbert River Express as a media release.

Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 11 April 2013.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) and Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) to provide outcomes at the next HRSAC meeting of 12 June 2013.*

- 3.3** Mr Luigi Cantoni (AP & SL) advised that disability seniors are concerned that there is insufficient disability parking in the main street of Ingham in particular Lannercost Street and that people without a disability are parking in the few disability parking bays available. [Item 3.8]

RESPONSE: *Mr Luigi Cantoni (AP & SL) suggested putting disabled parking bays near pedestrian crossings to allow easier access to walk across the road*

Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to discuss possible locations along Lannercost Street, Ingham, adjacent to Coles, with Council's Manager Technical Services, Mr Graham Weston.

Mr Bruce Leach (MES) presented report from Manager Technical Services (MTS), Mr Graham Weston, advising that Council is unable to install any disabled parking bays in the Coles area as the extent of works required is far greater than just line marking due to the geometric layout of the footpath and grades associated with the road.

ACTION: *Council's Technical Support to review disabled parking in commercial areas.*

- 3.4** Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service) advising that the children pick up at Our Lady of Lourdes school is getting worse particularly in the afternoons and when its raining. There is currently way too much traffic congestion.

RESPONSE: *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to investigate history of the issues involved to provide HRSAC background.*

Mr Bruce Leach (MES) advised that Council have had discussions with the Our Lady of Lourdes Principal regarding a temporary parking area. A more permanent fix to be considered through the TIDS program. An onsite meeting is scheduled to be held at a later time with Mayor Rodger Bow and Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to represent the HRSAC.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward Correspondence

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

- David Tape [Queensland Bus Industry Council Inc.] – Flashing 40 km/hr Speed Zone on Rural School Buses

ACTION: *Item noted.*

- Alison Barlow [Department of Transport and Main Roads] – Better buckle up seatbelts campaign fact sheet 2013. [Doc # 13/07512] [Item 5.2]

ACTION: *Item noted.*

RESOLUTION: *That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.*

Moved by: Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE)

Seconded by: Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA)

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5.1** Mr Geoff Bormann (QPS) advised that traffic has been caught turning the wrong way at the "one way" signage located adjacent to the Victoria Hotel in Herbert Street.

ACTION: *DTMR to inspect signage in Herbert Street and Lannercost Street and replace and damaged or faded signs.*

- 5.2** Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) advised that the "Better Buckle Up" seatbelts campaign ran in March to raise awareness using visual aids such as signs and advertisements. A copy of the "Better Buckle Up – seatbelts campaign fact sheet" was handed out to HRSAC members. [Item 4 – Inwards Correspondence]

ACTION: *Item noted.*

- 5.3 Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth) advised that there was a car accident at the Macrossan Street, Halifax, intersection over the Easter break. He suggested that a roundabout should be installed to prevent confusion and future accidents. Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) advised that the area is too small to install a roundabout and that DTMR will be installing new signage, line marking and concrete medians with works to commence approximately at the start of the new financial year. DTMR will also be looking at moving the 60 km sign back to the 80 km sign before the bridge on Farrell Road, Bemerside.

ACTION: *Item noted*

- 5.4 Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) advised that the dip located 1.5 km Ingham side of Dalrymple Road, Hawkins Creek, needs repair on the outbound lane. Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) also advised that trees along Abergowrie Road need to be trimmed before the cane crushing season.

ACTION: *Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to log a Works Request.*

- 5.5 Mr Frank Russo (HCCI&T) advised that the first set of culverts located at Haughtys Road, Helens Hill, needs repairs.

ACTION: *Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to log a Works Request.*

- 5.6 Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) requested DTMR to consider moving the 100 km to where the 80 km sign is along Victoria Mill Road. The current distance between 80 km and 100 km seems to be far too long considering there are only cane fields in between. Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) suggested to get rid of the 80 km sign and go from 60 km to 100 km.

ACTION: *Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) to investigate and present outcomes at the next HRSAC meeting of 12 June 2013*

- 5.7 Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) asked DTMR the reasoning behind the two dotted centre lines located in parts on Townsville Road. Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) confirmed that the two dotted lines are to separate the traffic from the centre.

ACTION: *Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) to locate information pamphlets to distribute.*

6. NEXT MEETING

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am on Wednesday, 12 June 2013**, at Council Chambers.

7. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at 11:00am



Mayor Rodger Bow
CHAIRPERSON