

# ***HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

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## MINUTES OF THE HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012

Meeting Opened: 10:30am

### 1. ATTENDANCE

Present were Cr Pino Giandomenico (Chairperson), Cr Andrew Lancini (Observer), Mr Graham Weston (Manager Technical Support), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth), Mr Don Auld (QPS), Cr Maria Bosworth (HSC), Mr Rodger Bow (Vice President, SES), Mr Doug Ladner (SES), Mr Paul Steine (Canegrowers), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control), Mr Luigi Cantoni APSLINC Pensioners), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Ms Kirrily Low (HSC), and Mr Patrick Leonardi (HSC).

### APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr Ricky Quabba and Mr Geoff Bormann.

### 2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

Meeting resolved that the Minutes of the previous Hinchinbrook Road Safety Advisory Committee [HRSAC] Meeting held on 1<sup>ST</sup> February 2012, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

*(Mr Frank Martino and Mr Jeff Aitchinson – Carried)*

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

- 3.1 Mr Rick Butler – Stone River Bus Service – advised that the inverted access into Woolworths from Herbert Street is breaking-up. [Item 5.7]

*RESPONSE: HRSAC Secretary forwarded correspondence to the property owners. No response to date.*

- 3.2 Mr Rick Butler raised the matter of school buses using flashing lights to alert drivers to 40km speed requirement in school zones. [Item 7.3]

*RESPONSE: Correspondence forwarded to Accreditation and Licensing on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012. No response to date.*

- 3.3 Cr Maria Bosworth requested update from Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads [DTMR] representative regards status of widening / line marking at Fairford Road. Mr Gerry Southward of DTMR advised that line marking plans had been forwarded to Council for consideration. [Item 8.12]

*ACTION: Mr David Di Prima to follow-up designs for Fairford Road.*

*RESOLUTION: Chair Pino Giandomenico requested matter be deferred for further discussion with Mr Gerry Southward [DTMR] at 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 meeting.*

- 3.4 Mr Jeff Aitchinson raised concerns with the distances between speed signs along Warrens Hill Road and requested they be reinstated and made consistent and inline with the MUTCD [Item 8.14]

The meeting further discussed placement of the 80km, 60km, and 100 km, signs along Warrens Hill Road, the signs are greater than 300m apart and not consistent with the MUTCD.

*ACTION: Mr Graham Weston to investigate possibility of relocating the 80km sign closer as the distance between the 80km and 60km signs are well over the legal requirements.*

- 3.5 Updating the Road Safety Implementation Plan. This document has not been reviewed since October 2010. Document attached for review [#12/01769].

*ACTION: Road Safety Implementation Plan was distributed to members present.*

- 3.6 Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service) raised concerns with the condition of Stone River Road [potholes and poor road surface] approximately 2kms past the Trebonne State School.

*RESPONSE: Pot holes and road surface has been repaired. (Works Request # 11375 logged 01/02/2012).*

- 3.7 Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post) raised concerns with regards to truck drivers and other motorists blocking the southbound carriageway on the Bruce Highway, by parking in front of Andy's Roadhouse, when floodwaters overtop the Highway.

*RESPONSE: A letter has been forwarded to Ingham Police for consideration.*

- 3.8 Mr Paul Steine (Canegrowers) requested Council investigate the size of car parking bays in town, as Mr Steine believed they were not uniform.

*ACTION: Mr Paul Steine to indicate areas of concern so that Mr Graham Weston can investigate and consider having line marking altered where required.*

- 3.9 Mr Paul Steine (Canegrowers) requested Queensland Police Services provide more information to the Committee regarding new road closed/no entry signage at times of flood/dangerous conditions, specifically what the legal ramifications were for those who ignored the signs. Mr Roger Bow discussed the new "Road Closed" signs being introduced around the State. Mr Robert Lyons raised the issue of signs being left on road long after the water had receded.

*RESPONSE: This issue has been addressed at a State level. On Council controlled road, if the road is clear of water, the public are to contact Council's Engineering Services to authorise signs to be removed. On state controlled roads, DTMR is to send out an engineer to assess the troubled area.*

*ACTION: Information on new road closed signs to be forwarded to HRSAC members.*

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

As per correspondence report tabled at meeting.

Meeting resolved that the correspondence report tabled at the meeting, be accepted as read.

*(Mr Rodger Bow and Mr Paul Steine – Carried)*

##### Outward Correspondence

- Letter to Officer in Charge of Ingham Police regarding concerns with southbound vehicles parking alongside the Bruce Highway.
- Letter to the Feldman Superannuation Fund Pty Ltd regarding damage to existing invert access at the Service Station main entry point (access) off Gedge Street.
- Email to Mr Alan Hunt (Education Queensland) advising HRSAC has noted non-attendance from representative of Education Queensland at recent HRSAC Meetings. HRSAC requests confirmation from Mr Hunt as to whether he will be continuing as representative for Education Queensland, or provide recommendation of suitable replacement.
- Email to Mr Barry Young (Queensland Rail) advising HRSAC has noted non-attendance from representative of Queensland Rail at recent HRSAC Meetings. HRSAC requests confirmation from Mr Young as to whether he will be continuing as representative for Queensland Rail, or provide recommendation of suitable replacement.
- Email to HRSAC Members requesting confirmation to change next HRSAC Meeting date from the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
- Email to Melanie Huggett (DTMR) in response to request for information regarding any significant issues from road safety perspective for the section of the Bruce Highway between Helens Hill Road, Via Ingham, and Rutledge Street, Ingham.
- Letter to Accreditation and Licensing requesting information and / or statistics that may demonstrate a decrease in accident rates since the introduction of New South Wales legislation whereby school buses were required to install flashing lights and 40km signage on buses.

##### Inward Correspondence

- Letter from Hinchinbrook Shire Council in response to the HRSAC correspondence of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011, regarding request for additional street lighting along Miles Street, Ingham.

*RESPONSE: Council considered matter at its General Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011, and resolved that following inspections of lighting about Miles Street, it is considered to be consistent with*

*lighting provided on similar streets in Ingham and therefore due to budget limitations, Council is unable to agree to the request to upgrade lighting.*

*Council also resolved to request Ergon to investigate wattage of all Council street lights during their statewide audit of street lighting.*

- Email from Mr Gerry Southward, DTMR, forwarding copy of the Transport and Main Roads 2011 Northern Region Annual Road Safety Report.
- Letter from the DTMR in response to the HRSAC correspondence of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011, regarding request for an amendment to the speed limit on the section of Bruce Highway approaching Challands Street.

*RESPONSE: As a result of findings from an investigation undertaken on the geometry of this intersection, a speed limit reduction in the vicinity of this intersection is not warranted.*

- Letter from North Queensland Bio Energy Corporation Limited [NQBE] confirming Mr Robert Lyon will represent NQBE on the HRSAC.

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 Mr Paul Steine (Canegrowers) raised concerns about the condition of the road on the other side of Humpty Back Bridge and along Kirkwoods Road – Large ruts and may need warning signs installed.

*ACTION: Mr Paul Steine to lodge a Works Request with Council.*

- 5.2 Mr Paul Steine (Canegrowers) raised safety concerns with the train crossing at Kingsbury cane bridge – The public are not stopping on the red light warning when tippers are crossing the Highway. Mr Steine requests HRSAC consider solution.

*RESPONSE: Concerns to be raised with DTMR representative at the next HRSAC meeting.*

- 5.3 Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post) raised concerns with a large sink hole on McIlwraith Street.

*RESPONSE: AECOM are currently in the design stage for repair works.*

- 5.4 Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post) raised concerns with the manhole on the footpath along Conroy Street which is currently protruding and considered a safety hazard.

*RESPONSE: Mr Lenny Toscano to lodge a Works Request with Council.*

- 5.5 Cr Maria Bosworth (HSC) advised HRSAC that a representative from DTMR has not been present for the last few HRSAC Meetings and that Cr Bosworth is still waiting on a response from DTMR regarding the flooding issue at the Ingham Soccer grounds turnoff on Fairford Road.

*RESPONSE: Noted that the likely reason for non attendance was that the meeting was pushed forward from original date in early April. Letter or email to be sent regarding the attendance of a DTMR representative.*

- 5.6 Mr Don Auld (QPS) informed HRSAC Meeting of the increasing number in pedestrian deaths occurring in the area after attempting to walk home from hotels at night. Meeting further discussed this matter and considered solutions to resolve concerns.

*RESPONSE: Start a designated driver program where the patrons declare to the hotel that they have a designated driver for the night where they will be issued with a wrist band to indicate such. If a designated driver is seen consuming alcohol then their wrist band will be confiscated.*

*Meeting also considered reducing the speed limit through the main street from 60km to 50km. Meeting noted that a submission was lodged with DTMR several years ago but to no avail.*

*Mr Robert Lyon was concerned that once the speed limit is reduced, some of the pedestrian crossings may be removed. Meeting agreed that this issue should be revisited with DTMR.*

*ACTION: HRSAC to forward letter to DTMR requesting consideration to reduction in the speed limit through the main street of Ingham. Suggest reduction from the current 60km to 50km. QPS and HSC to write a letter of support.*

5.7 Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth) advised Meeting that bollards and signs have been left on the corner of Allingham Street from work that has been recently carried out.

**ACTION:** *Mr Graham Weston (HSC Manager Technical Support) to follow-up and arrange removal of the bollards and signs.*

5.8 Mr Luigi Cantoni (APSLINC Pensioners) raised concerns regarding the roots from trees protruding onto road near the parking areas. Noted an incident where an elderly lady had tripped and fallen over the roots grazing her arms and legs.

**RESPONSE:** *Mr Graham Weston (HSC Manager Technical Support) advised that root grinding had been undertaken and that concrete walking paths are currently in the design phase which may resolve the concerns raised.*

5.9 Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) raised concerns with the shoulders and potholes along Tarakan Road as well as Capras Road to Gowrie Creek at Abergowrie. Mr Lyon requested inspection by Council as AECOM has inspected area many times but not undertaken repairs.

**ACTION:** *Mr Graham Weston to follow-up with Council's Maintenance Supervisor, Mr Les Woolley..*

5.10 Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) raised safety concerns with the low dip located on a sweeping corner along Abergowrie Road between rural road number 2815 and 3026 on the inside land travelling towards Abergowrie which could cause an accident if not repaired.

**RESPONSE:** *Mr Robert Lyon to log a Works Request with the Council. Meeting noted that this could be under the responsibility of DTMR if on a state-controlled road.*

5.11 Cr Pino Giandomenico (Chairperson) thanked all members for their contribution to HRSAC and attendance to HRSAC Meetings, and informed HRSAC Members that this will be his last meeting.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Council Chambers.

7. **CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at 11:40am.

Per:

Cr Pino Giandomenico

CHAIRPERSON